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## Funding commitments ‘recognise role of UTAS in Tasmanian economy’

The University of Tasmania has welcomed the election commitment by the Coalition that it would allocate \$13 million for the innovative Sense-T program, based at the University of Tasmania, and that a further \$24 million would be directed into Tasmania’s collaborative Antarctic and Southern Ocean research expertise.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen said both commitments recognised the role of the University in helping to create new economic opportunities and highly skilled jobs.

“Harnessing opportunity from collaborative and effective partnerships through investment in world-leading research is a key way of progressing this,” he said.

“It is important that we continue to build upon the strong support already offered by federal and state governments.”

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