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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Supporting our agricultural leaders of the future

The Tasmanian Government believes that boosting skills within the agricultural sector is a key way to grow and diversify the industry.

The Government has enjoyed a strong partnership with the University of Tasmania and Blundstone to support the Blundstone Scholarship for Agribusiness which aims to help address longstanding issues around the shortage of skilled agricultural experts.

The Tasmanian Government has a plan to grow the value of Tasmanian agricultural production to \$10 billion by 2050 and boosting skill levels is a vital key to help achieve this.

A mid-year application round for scholarships is now open and closes on July 26 for commencing and continuing students undertaking Associate Degrees in Agribusiness in Term 3, 2020.

The scholarships pay up to \$4000 a year to full-time students, for up to two years, or pro-rata for part-time students for up to four years.

These Associate Degrees in Agriculture are aimed at upskilling the people who will staff farms and businesses across a wide spectrum and help give them a competitive edge.

Applications and more information can be found at:

<https://info.scholarships.utas.edu.au/AwardDetails.aspx?AwardId=2610>

Also, congratulations to the 13 students who have been awarded Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural scholarships to study at the University of Tasmania.

The TIA, which is a joint venture between the Tasmanian Government and UTAS, awards the scholarships to help develop the agricultural leaders of the future and support research to boost production.

The TIA works closely with industry partners to ensure the students have real-world experiences to equip them for a successful career in agriculture.

The scholarships are worth nearly \$250,000 in total and are supported by industry donors, individuals and community organisations.

The TIA agricultural scholarship recipients for 2020 are:

- Kara Devlin, Agriculture and Food Systems Scholarship
- Caitlyn Badcock, Driscoll's Scholarship in Agricultural Science

- Hayley Doohan, Alice Baty, Nellie Gillespie, Jordan Burr, Give for Good Scholarship in Agriculture
- Monique Maclaine, Hedley Lux Gregg Bursary in Agricultural Science
- Zoe Byrne, John Turner Memorial Scholarship in Agricultural Science
- Stuart Johnson, David McEwan Scholarship in Agriculture
- Etienne DeKock, Neale Edwards Scholarship in Agricultural Science or Forestry
- Dannielle Chandler, Tasmanian Beef Industry Trust Scholarship in Agricultural Science
- Anna Mackintosh, Costa Honours Scholarship in Agricultural Science
- Laura Febey, Costa North-West Scholarship in Agricultural Science