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Scholarship boosts Tasmania's water industry business skills

A passionate interest in economics and the financial world has seen University of Tasmania's Chris Boon awarded the inaugural 2010 Onstream Scholarship at a presentation in Hobart today.

Twenty-three-year-old Chris is the first Tasmanian student to win the opportunity to work at Onstream – the professional business services firm created to support Tasmania's newly reformed water sector.

The scholarship will provide Chris with important financial assistance in the final year of his Economics degree at UTAS.

The scholarship is designed to nurture, mentor and develop future business leaders.

Onstream's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Christine Mucha said, "Onstream is keen to assist business students to develop and build their knowledge, skills and enthusiasm.

'Scholarship winners will gain strong, practical experience by working on real projects at Onstream whilst completing their degree and this will be invaluable when embarking on their career path after university.

"Chris has a strong interest in economics and finance, particularly in the area of economic analysis. We will offer him projects in the Tasmanian Water Industry to utilise and develop his skills," Dr Mucha said.

For Chris, who is studying his Bachelor of Economics and majoring in Finance and Economic Analysis, winning the Onstream scholarship means he will be able to gain hands on experience and put the theories he has learnt into practice.

"I am passionate about economics and how it plays a part in all aspects of society. It is a fascinating subject to study especially when considering the way that it interconnects with financial markets and filters through to affect people across all demographics."

The Onstream Scholarship will be offered annually to students with outstanding academic and personal qualities.

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