



UTAS student places boost

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The Federal Liberal Government has offered the University of Tasmania funding for up to 1,000 student places in specialised courses that set them up for further study and work. This important announcement is just another example of the Tasmanian Liberal Senate Team's effective advocacy in Canberra.

The Tasmanian Liberal Senate Team said the \$41 million for 500 additional 'sub-bachelor' Commonwealth Supported Places in 2018 and 1,000 additional ongoing places from 2019 would deliver more learning and employment opportunities for students at the University of Tasmania. This important investment will create new opportunities for hundreds of young Tasmanians here in Tasmania.

"We know parts of Tasmania are tackling historically low rates of post-school training. The extra \$41 million that the Tasmanian Liberal Senate Team has secured for UTAS will help turn that trend around because it means the university can offer more associate degree places that lead to more skills and more job opportunities for young Tasmanians," Senator Abetz said.

"By relocating the UTAS Newnham campus to the Inveresk campus in Launceston, redeveloping the West Park campus in Burnie and supporting students with these extra sub-bachelor places, we're giving more Tasmanians more opportunities. The Turnbull Government is committed to lifting Tasmania's education attainment and this extra support will help more students reach their potential," Senator Bushby said.

"These places will directly support our election commitment to invest \$150 million in UTAS facilities and campuses in Launceston and Burnie, demonstrating that the Turnbull Government backs Tasmania. The expansion of UTAS in Northern Tasmania and these places are critical for the development of appropriate skill sets to meet demand for jobs and growth in the state," Senator Colbeck said.

"These extra places will ultimately deliver dividends for Tasmania's workforce and our economy. Across Australia and Tasmania the Turnbull Government has locked in a \$70 million a year targeted loading for regional university campuses to ensure that every student, no matter where they live or study, has the opportunity to succeed. I have long been a champion of keeping more young Tasmanians in the state and it is practical initiatives like this that can make this happen," Senator Duniam said.

The Federal Liberal Government has also announced it will also invest \$15 million to establish and support up to eight Regional Study Hubs nationally, and \$24 million to support 1200 Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships for regional and remote students to undertake science, technology, engineering and mathematics, agriculture and most health courses at undergraduate, postgraduate and vocational level.

