

INFORMATION FOR INDIAN STUDENTS



UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA



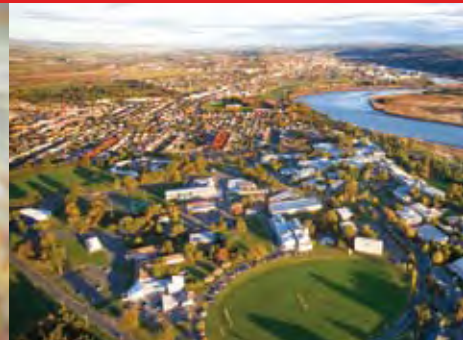
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Hobart UTAS Campus



Thaila, Aquaculture PhD graduate



Launceston UTAS and AMC Campus

why our indian students choose UTAS*

AGE/PRESTIGE OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Tasmania (UTAS) was originally established in 1890, and is therefore the fourth-oldest university in Australia – a true 'sandstone' university, which consistently ranks in the top ten universities in Australia for teaching and learning, and research.

RECOMMENDATION OF FRIENDS, FAMILY AND AGENTS

As UTAS' Indian student population increases, more students are receiving strong referrals from their friends, family and agents about the educational experience and lifestyle in Tasmania.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UTAS has one of the most, if not *the* most generous scholarship scheme for international students in Australia, offering a 25% reduction in registered tuition fees for the duration of the course, based on a student's academic achievement in previous undergraduate or postgraduate studies. These scholarships are available for all postgraduate coursework and undergraduate degrees with the exception of MBBS.

AFFORDABILITY

UTAS offers affordable tuition fees for international students and the cost of living in Tasmania is lower than most other regions in Australia.

COURSE CHOICE

The University is well-known for its distinctive science-based programs and research capabilities, however with over 110 postgraduate coursework degrees and 100 bachelor degrees to choose from, UTAS offers a wide range of traditional and specialised subject interests.

SMALLER INDIAN STUDENT POPULATION

There are approximately 120 Indian students currently studying at UTAS, which now incorporates the Australian Maritime College (AMC).

LIFESTYLE

Tasmania offers a safe, clean, friendly and affordable lifestyle.

*Results taken from a survey of current and recently graduated UTAS Indian students, December 2008.



Science laboratory



UTAS students – Flevy, Kevin & Toby



Australian Maritime College

frequently asked questions

Most of the information below has been compiled from the results of a survey of current and recently graduated UTAS Indian students, conducted in December 2008.

WILL I BE ABLE TO FIND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN TASMANIA?

The short answer is yes, you should be able to. The type of job and how much you can earn will depend on your skills, English ability and how much effort you put into looking for suitable part-time employment. Restaurant jobs (particularly in Indian restaurants) are easy to find but do not pay as well as other types of work. Of the students that completed the survey, 64% currently have part-time jobs (please note that some of those who don't have a job are not currently seeking work).

Examples of part-time jobs held by some of our current Indian students and typical hourly pay rate on a weekday are detailed below (all figures are in AUD\$):

Linux Cluster Setup (IT)	\$31.20
Research Assistant (UTAS)	\$31.58
Delivery Driver (pizza)	\$10.38
Waiter (Indian restaurants)	\$15.50
IT Technician	\$18.00
Service Consultant (financial institution)	\$19.25
Cleaner (bakery)	\$14.00
Customer Service (petrol station)	\$20.00
Service Cashier (supermarket)	\$18.91
Environmental Analyst	\$19.38
Extended Care Assistant (aged care)	\$17.00
Shift Manager (fast food chain)	\$14.50

In most cases, pay rates for weekend work are higher than those for weekday work.

In vacation periods, when students can work full-time, the number of jobs available increases significantly. The main vacation, which is three months in duration, falls in peak tourism season for Tasmania when there are many associated jobs available and also opportunities for work in the agricultural industry during this time. Some students choose to work full-time during the vacation period as their earning capability is greater and they save money so that they do not have to work as much, or at all, during semester periods.

How long did it take students to find their jobs (% of respondents):

Between 1 day and 6 weeks	39%
7–12 weeks	22%
3–4+ months	39%

WILL I BE ABLE TO FIND SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION?

78.6% of Indian students surveyed are living in their preferred choice of accommodation, highlighting the availability of good quality, suitable accommodation in Tasmania. Most Indian students surveyed have opted for either private rental accommodation (48.2%) or TUU Housing which is only available in Hobart (41.4%).

Of the students living in private rental accommodation, most have only two people in their houses and the average weekly rent being paid per person is about \$120/week – however some students are paying as little as \$70–85/week. Most of the survey respondents are living between 1 and 3 kilometres from the main campus (some less than ½ km away) – so within walking distance which saves time and money spent on transport. Compared to other capital

cities, Hobart has a good supply of affordable accommodation within easy reach of the campus.

WHAT ARE THE LIVING EXPENSES LIKE IN TASMANIA?

Current Indian students estimated total monthly living expenses (including accommodation and all living expenses but excluding tuition fees):

Less than \$800/month	27.7%
\$800–\$900/month	20.7%
\$900–\$1000/month	20.7%
\$1000–\$1100/month	6.9%
\$1100–\$1200/month	10.3%
More than \$1200/month	13.7%

All figures in AUD\$.

DOES UTAS OFFER PATHWAY PROGRAMS FOR ENTRY INTO BACHELOR AND MASTERS DEGREES?

UTAS offers a number of entry points into undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. Pathway options such as Associate Degrees, Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas provide opportunities for students to undertake a program of a shorter duration and receive a formal university degree if they are unsure they can financially commit to a longer program. Such students then have the option of continuing on to the next level of study and in most cases will receive full credit i.e. Associate Degree to Bachelor Degree (2+1 or 2+2), Graduate Diploma to Masters (1+1, 1+0.5) etc.

Further information on tertiary level pathway programs, such as Associate Degrees, Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas, can be found at: www.international.utas.edu.au/apps/courseTypes

STUDENT profiles

DON CHACKO PALATHARA

Course: Master of Information Technology

Commenced: Semester II, 2008

Campus: Hobart

There were many factors that led Don from Kerala to choose UTAS as his study destination – cost of tuition, scholarships, smaller Indian student population, lifestyle and course choice amongst others. Don is enjoying the study environment at UTAS and when asked if there is anything he dislikes about Tasmania, Don's reply was "mmm... actually nothing much!" Whilst Don would ideally like part-time employment in the IT field, he has managed to find a job as a cleaner for a local bakery. Don lives in a shared house with two others, only 1km from campus and he found it easy to find good accommodation in Tasmania.

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FLEVY CRASTO

Course: MBA Specialisation

Graduated: December, 2008

Campus: Hobart

When asked if there is anything she dislikes about Tasmania, Flevy from Bangalore's response was "I don't think anyone can not like it." Flevy who has recently graduated is now in the process of looking for graduate employment in Tasmania and while she has not had immediate success, she is willing to stay and keep trying. Flevy was fortunate to have good part-time work whilst studying, working as a service consultant with a financial institution. Flevy chose the private rental accommodation option (residing about 5–10 mins walk from campus) and she advises that living in Tasmania is less expensive than other parts of Australia.

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MUTHUKUMAR NACHIAPPAN

Course: Master of Information Technology

Commenced: Semester II, 2008

Campus: Hobart

Muthukumar, from Chennai, has temporarily made the move from Hobart to Launceston to undertake some very well-paid holiday work that is relevant to his current M.IT course. Within 5–6 weeks of actively looking for holiday employment, Muthukumar found a full-time IT position with the Australian Maritime College (which is now part of UTAS) on the UTAS Career Hub website. Muthukumar has found accommodation in Tasmania to be of a good standard, not difficult to find and less expensive than other parts of Australia and he feels that there is some possibility he may be able to find suitable employment in Tasmania after graduation.

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VISHNU PRAHALAD NANDAGOPALAN

Course: Master of Applied Science (Environment)

Commenced: Semester II, 2007

Campus: Hobart

Vishnu, from Coimbatore advises that his studies at UTAS are providing him with the opportunity to learn from some of the greatest minds in his area of focus. "Given my background in electronics engineering, I had very little understanding of many aspects of environmental science, however the truly motivating lectures helped develop my skills quickly." Vishnu's hard work and dedication have paid off – he's been awarded the Governor's Environmental Scholarship for doing his thesis in Semester I, 2009.

As the result of a referral from a staff member, Vishnu found well paid work as a Research Assistant in his school within 1 week of seeking employment.

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NAFISA SANGA

Course: PhD in Aquaculture

Commenced: March 2005

Campus: Launceston

Having studied in Tasmania since March 2005, Nafisa from Ranchi knows Tasmania (especially Launceston) very well! Nafisa, who is hoping to complete her PhD studies on aquaculture nutrition in early 2009, is satisfied that UTAS has met her expectations. Nafisa has been living in the boarding house of a private school and has also been employed as a tutor for students there. It took Nafisa 5-6 weeks to find this job, by looking for employment ads in the newspaper and on the internet. Prior to this, Nafisa held casual positions in the aquaculture field at UTAS.

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MILAP VORA

Course: Bachelor of Business (major in Accounting)

Commenced: Semester II, 2008

Campus: Hobart

Good recommendations from his brother Vishal was one of the reasons that brought Milap from Rajkot to Tasmania. Vishal graduated with a Master of Applied Science (Environmental Studies) from UTAS in 2007. Since arriving, Milap has thoroughly enjoyed his time studying and living in Tasmania. "The highlights for me so far have been a very good level of education and weather and peaceful life." Milap currently lives in a TUU shared house and rates both the study environment at UTAS and the general living environment in Tasmania as excellent. Parting comments from Milap – "UTAS rocks!"

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STUDENT profiles

PAARTH PATEL

Course: Master of Computing

Commenced: Semester II, 2008

Campus: Hobart



Age and prestige of the University, scholarships and cost of tuition initially attracted Paarth from Ahmedabad to UTAS to study a Master of Computing. "UTAS is living up to my expectations and I find the study environment and living in Tasmania to be excellent." Paarth currently lives in a TUU shared house (which was his first preference) and he finds the quality to be of a good standard. Whilst not currently holding a part-time job when studying, Paarth believes that it will be quite easy to find a job in Tasmania upon graduation if he is able to stay here.

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ABHISHEK CHOPRA

Course: Master of Business

Graduated: August, 2008

Campus: Hobart



After graduating with a Master of Business in August 2008, Abhishek has since returned to his home city of Jamshedpur. Having worked for six months with a Japanese company (Makino) in a technical/managerial role, Abhishek is now working in his family's automotive component manufacturing business. He will soon hold a key position in the company, which has esteemed customers such as Tata Motors. "UTAS specifically provided me with a focus towards education and a complete campus life which assisted me to stay gelled with most of the faculty and derive the best from them – in a place like Tasmania (Hobart) one has minimal chances to get swayed away from the goal of education."

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DEEPAK KUMAR

Course: Bachelor of Nursing

Commenced: Semester I, 2007

Campus: Launceston



Deepak from Punjab quotes "the best environment for study, quality staff at UTAS and a lovely place to live in" as being highlights of his study in Tasmania so far. In addition to his busy studies, Deepak quickly found a job as an Extended Care Assistant with an Aged Care organisation. "I lived in Melbourne for three months and I could not find a single job there. It is very hard to get any job in big cities on the mainland, because I think the number of international students looking for a particular job is very high compared to Tasmania."

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PRAJIT PARAMESWAR

Course: Master of Business & Master of Professional Accounting (Specialisation)

Graduated: August, 2008

Campus: Hobart



Prajit from Panaji, Goa put a lot of hard work and perseverance into searching for graduate employment six months prior to graduating (in August 2008) so that he'd have a position to go straight into. He is currently working as a graduate Financial Analyst with Hydro Tasmania. "I think having good grades helped a lot, because Hydro is known for recruiting the top performing graduates, and I was lucky to be one of them and as a result I got the job. UTAS provides an ideal ambience for study and gives you the perfect platform for doing extra-curricular activities as well – such as pursuing my passion for cricket."

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Contact us

For further information about applying as an international student, or for detailed information on all UTAS courses, campuses, facilities, fees, refund policy, rules of admission and assessment, the ESOS Framework and an overview of the local Tasmanian environment, please contact us:

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