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Agriculture Research Futures for Young Tasmanians

National grants of \$22,000 are being offered for young people between 18 and 35 to find the next big breakthroughs in agriculture, fisheries, and forestry.

"I encourage young Tasmanians looking to build their future in agricultural science to apply - you might be able to make the next game-changing discovery in your field," Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources Richard Colbeck said.

"Agricultural industries are at the cutting edge of resource management science globally, which is an extremely exciting proposition for young people focussed on sustainability.

"Tasmania has some of the best marine scientists in the world at IMAS and one of these \$22,000 grants could help them make the next big breakthrough in the fisheries and aquaculture industries.

"Our researchers at the National Institute for Forest Products Innovation are working every day to change the world with innovations in our sustainable forestry industry.

"And our Tassie horticulturalists are making huge strides into export markets around the world - which have been opened up by the Coalition Government's focus on new Free Trade Agreements.

"Research into improving primary industries allows Tasmania to compete on the world stage and create jobs in our regions.

"The future is bright for our young Tasmanian ag scientists."

Dr Kim Ritman, Chief Scientist at the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources also encouraged young innovators to apply.

"There are 13 industry Science Award categories available this year, with each offering a grant of \$22,000—this is too good of an opportunity to let slip," Dr Ritman said.

"If you have a project concept that provides an innovative solution or approach to a long-standing industry issue, I encourage you to visit the website and discover more."

Each category is generously supported by the research and development corporations, CSIRO and industry organisations as the Science Award partners.

For more information and to apply go to www.agriculture.gov.au/scienceawards.

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