

"This is a fascinating time to explore marine biology in the region as we are seeing major changes due to ocean warming, including the arrival of species usually only seen further north and their impacts on local ecosystems.

"Students who do the course get to go diving as well as observing marine life along the shoreline and will develop keen skills of observation and an eye for detail.

"Many of the students who've done the course enjoyed it so much that they've gone on to the IMAS degree program at the University of Tasmania, which is ranked as one of the best places to study marine science globally," Dr Ling said.

XAS101 is offered with a HECS-waiver meaning students will not attract any extra tuition fees, and successful completion can be used to contribute one unit (12.5%) to a University of Tasmania marine science degree.

To receive a scholarship application pack, [visit the IMAS website](#) or copy the following address into your web browser:
<http://www.imas.utas.edu.au/study/undergraduate/marinediscoverycompetition>

Scholarship applications close at midnight on Sunday 24 Feb 2018.

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