



University of Tasmania Crown Princess Mary 2013 scholarship recipients Simon Knudsen, Katrine Nannestad and Helle Susgaard Mouritzen.

Danish students given royal encouragement

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KATRINE Nannestad has only been in the birth state of her Crown Princess Mary of Denmark for two weeks but she has already been awarded a royal scholarship.

She was joined by fellow University of Tasmania Faculty of Health Science students and fellow Danes Simon Knudsen and Helle Susgaard Mouritzen in receiving the 2013 Crown Princess Mary Scholarship and \$2000 yesterday.

All three students are based in Launceston.

Miss Nannestad is a University of Southern Denmark third year

biomedicine student and said she was overwhelmed to receive the honour.

"I didn't know about the scholarship before I actually arrived here, so it has been a good start," she said.

In Tasmania for one semester as part of an exchange program, she will take both second and third-year units that will give her credit towards her Danish degree.

Miss Nannestad said the money would help cover the cost of the many text books she has had to buy.

Mr Knudsen is studying nursing at the Metropolitan University

College in Copenhagen and Ms Susgaard Mouritzen is a nursing student at the VIA University College in Aarhus.

All Danish students studying at the university are considered candidates for the scholarship and a friend of Princess Mary's father, Professor John Donaldson, helped select the winners.

They were selected on academic merit as well as extra curricular activities and enthusiasm for studying in Tasmania.

The scholarships are aimed at strengthening the ties between Tasmania and Denmark.

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