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Integrated Marine Observing System awarded a further \$25.6 million in funding

The University of Tasmania has been awarded a further \$25.6 million under the *Research Infrastructure Stimulus Package*, to June 2015.

UTAS is the lead institution for IMOS, a national collaboration that deploys ocean-observing infrastructure available for research and teaching in the marine, climate and Antarctic sciences.

IMOS Director Mr Tim Moltmann welcomed the funding decision as a vote of confidence for IMOS as an essential element of the national research infrastructure.

During 2013 there was \$240 million made available under collaborative research infrastructure schemes, and 20 projects have been funded. IMOS was awarded the highest amount, about 11 per cent of the funding available,

Chancellor (Research), Professor Paddy Nixon, said the decision adds further weight to the national and international leadership role that the University plays in this area of science, working closely with the CSIRO and Australian Antarctic Division.

The funding also allows the University to play to our natural strengths and advantages. Continued support for IMOS is vital to keeping our world-class marine,

The provision of high-quality longitudinal data is essential to our understanding of the health of the oceans, Prof Nixon added.

