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QRIC's high-tech donation to the next generation of racing scientists

This year a range of high-tech chemistry instruments from the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Racing Science Centre's laboratory will start a new life at Queensland universities as part of QRIC's regular donation program.

UQ's Institute for Molecular Bioscience will soon welcome two liquid chromatograph mass spectrometers, donated by the QRIC Racing Science Centre to the next generation of chemists and racing scientists.

Samantha Nelis, QRIC Racing Science Centre Laboratory Manager said QRIC stayed one step ahead by ensuring we have the very latest equipment to test for a greater range of prohibited substances regulated under the national rules of racing across racing codes.

"As we acquire new equipment we donate the instruments we no longer need to universities so that chemistry students can have top technology to study and train with." she said.

Alun Jones, Manager of UQ's Institute of Molecular Bioscience said the donations would allow students to learn practical skills, aided by advanced technology they wouldn't ordinarily have access to.

"It's a great contribution to the training of future analytical chemists" Mr Jones said.

With some of the most advanced chemistry technology in the country, the QRIC Racing Science Centre is an impressive and important part of the racing and science community.

Universities across Queensland including QUT, UQ and Griffith have benefitted from the donation program in recent years, designed to contribute to a high standard of chemistry learning and capability in the state, and to train the next generation of QRIC Racing Science Centre chemists.

Along with contributing research, knowledge and experience to the science community, donating technology is one of the ways QRIC contributes to the community of learning as it advances science, the protection of racing animals and the integrity of Queensland racing.

To find out more about the work of QRIC and QRIC's Racing Science Centre, visit www.qric.qld.gov.au

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