

London calling art winner

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LOCAL art student **Deborah Prior** might still be trying to finish her studies, but her work already is making an impression in art circles.

Last week she won a \$12,500 arts scholarship in the SA Youth Arts Board Youth Arts Awards, one of four scholarships awarded across the state for people aged under 27. The scholarship includes a 10-week research and development trip to London.

"It's very exciting and it's a big honour," the Elizabeth resident, 24, said.

"It's good that there are opportunities for young artists."

Prior, who is completing her final year of Visual Arts at the Adelaide Central School of Art, said the trip would allow her to study "gender and identity" to give her work more depth.

"I do a lot of different stuff," she said. "I call myself a drawer, (but) I do small-scale sculpture work."

She first started taking art classes in high school where she had "a few good teachers that really got me into it".

Prior now hopes to establish a career as an artist and will display her work in the Fringe Festival next year.

"Four of us are all finishing (the course) at the same time and we're getting a show in the Fringe," she said.

She leaves for London in May.



EXCITED:
Deborah Prior is off on a 10-week research and development trip to London as part of her scholarship.

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