



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

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CEW awards nine more scholarships to support women leaders

Chief Executive Women (CEW) today announced the winners of nine scholarships for emerging and established women leaders to attend prestigious executive education courses in Singapore and the USA.

The awards are the second part of CEW's 2015 program of 17 scholarships worth a total of \$350,000.

The program, known as CEW Scholars, enables women leaders by supporting them at critical junctures in their careers, from their first management roles to top executive positions. More than 100 women have been awarded scholarships to business schools in Australia and internationally since CEW commenced its executive program for women leaders in 1992.

Among the nine scholarships announced today is the \$40,000 award for a senior woman leader to attend the Executive Development Program at **The Wharton School** at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, USA. The Wharton School is recognised globally for intellectual leadership and ongoing innovation across every major discipline of business education. **Kirsten Molloy**, CEO of the Hunter Valley Coal Chain Coordinator was awarded this scholarship for 2015.

The other eight awards announced today are:

INSEAD Leading for Results Program (Singapore)

- **Samantha Dawn-Bliss**, Detective Senior Sergeant, Queensland Police Service. This scholarship was offered in partnership with the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation to an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander woman.
- **Sue-Ern Tan**, General Manager Access and Optimisation, QGC – A BG Group Business
- **Bridget Sakr**, Chief Commercial Officer, Genworth
- **Melanie McCarthy**, Mine Manager, Mandalay Resources Costerfield Operations Pty Ltd

INSEAD Learning to Lead Program (Singapore)

- **Carly O'Brien**, Team Leader (Professional Services) & Team Leader (Learning Support), Queensland University of Technology. This scholarship was offered in partnership with the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation to an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander woman.
- **Georgia Ellis**, Finance and Information Systems Manager, PanAust
- **Kate Hart**, Manager, A.T.Kearney
- **Lucy Carson**, State Manager, Building Market Vic/Tas, BlueScope

Details of about all the winners in the 2015 CEW Scholars program, including those announced earlier this year, can be found at <http://www.cew.org.au/scholarship-winners-2015>

Applications open for 2016 CEW SCHOLARS program open 1 December 2015.

2015 Scholarship award partners

Centre for Ethical Leadership <https://www.cel.edu.au/>

Women's Leadership Institute of Australia <http://www.wlia.com.au/>

AGSM@UNSW Business School <https://www.business.unsw.edu.au/agsm>

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Chief Executive Women is the pre-eminent organisation representing more than 370 of Australia's most senior women from the corporate, public service, academic and not-for-profit sectors. Its mission is "women leaders enabling women leaders". Through advocacy, targeted programs and scholarships, CEW works to remove the barriers to women's progression and ensure equal opportunity for prosperity.

CEW offers innovative and substantive programs aimed at enabling women's participation and future leadership. These include the Leaders Program, CEO Conversations and the Leadership Shadow. CEW's programs are informed by research, led by CEW members, and generously supported by partners. 2015 marks the 30th Anniversary of CEW.