



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

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CEW to invest \$500K in women leaders

Chief Executive Women (CEW) today announced its program to invest \$500K over the next 18 months on scholarships to enable talented Australian women to take their careers to the next level.

The program, known as CEW Scholars, will allow 16 talented women to attend internationally acclaimed business schools such as Harvard Business School, The Wharton School, INSEAD, and AGSM@UNSW.

“Achieving 50/50 representation in senior roles requires system change. Women need to have equal opportunity to attend career transforming courses. Until equality of opportunity is a reality, CEW will continue to provide scholarships enabling more women to join the C-suite,” said Diane Smith-Gander, President of Chief Executive Women.

New awards to MIT Sloan, USA

The 2016 CEW Scholars program introduces three new scholarships to MIT Sloan’s *Leading Change in Complex Organisations* program for senior executives. Two scholarships will be awarded to senior women working in a Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) industry, and one to a woman in a senior HR role.

In October 2015, the Government announced its commitment of \$100,000 to help fund CEW scholarships and fellowships to support women’s participation and leadership in STEM industries.

“Supporting women to work in these jobs of the future is not just good for our economy – it can bring more women into higher paid jobs and help to reduce the gender pay gap” Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash said at the time.

Speaking on behalf of Audrey Page & Associates, joint CEO’s Michele Jackson and Tricia Shaw said, “we are proud to support the HR scholarship to MIT Sloan to honour the late Audrey Page and her pioneering contributions in the career management industry, in particular the impact she made to many women’s careers. It is a wonderful way to both support HR leaders in the Australian market and to honour Audrey’s contribution as a long serving CEW member.”

2016 CEW Scholars Program

Institution	Scholarship	Course Dates	Applications Open
Harvard Business School	Women's Leadership Forum	6-10 Jun 2016	1 Dec 2015
MIT Sloan	Leading Change in Complex Organisations (HR)	15-20 May 2016	1 Dec 2015
MIT Sloan	Leading Change in Complex Organisations (STEM) (x2)	15-20 May 2016	1 Dec 2015
INSEAD, Singapore	Negotiation Dynamics	16-18 May 2016	1 Dec 2015
Ormond College, University of Melbourne	Vincent Fairfax Fellowship	23-24 Jun 2016, Oct 2016, Mar 2017 and Jun 2017	15 Jan 2016
INSEAD, France	Advanced Management Program (x2)	4 – 29 July or 31 Oct – 25 Nov 2016	1 Feb 2016
AGSM@UNSW Business School	Women in Leadership Program (x2)	28-29 Jul, 15-16 Sep and 3-4 Nov 2016	22 Feb 2016
The Wharton School	Executive Development Program	11-23 Sep 2016	13 Apr 2016
INSEAD, Singapore	Learning To Lead (x2)	5-7 Oct 2016	7 May 2016
INSEAD, Singapore	Leading For Results (x3)	28 Nov-2 Dec 2016	7 Jul 2016

CEW Scholars 2016 program is open for applications for the first four scholarships from 1 December 2015
www.cew.org.au/scholarships

About CEW Scholars

The CEW Scholars program 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. CEW's investment in its Scholars program has grown each year, and 2015, 17 talented women attended leadership courses at business schools in Australia and internationally - an investment of over \$350,000.

Scholarship award partners

Audrey Page & Associates <http://www.audreypage.com.au/>

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

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

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About Chief Executive Women (www.cew.org.au)

Chief Executive Women is the pre-eminent organisation representing more than 370 of Australia's most senior women from the corporate, public, 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 CEW Scholars, the Leaders Program, CEO Conversations and the Leadership Shadow. CEW's programs are informed by research, led by CEW members, and generously supported by our partners. 2015 marks the 30th Anniversary of CEW.

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