



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

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Scholarships for talented Australian women leaders

Chief Executive Women (CEW) today announced the 2018 scholarships on offer in its 26th annual Scholars Program.

The 2018 CEW Scholars Program will send 16 Australian women to internationally acclaimed business schools such as Harvard Business School, Stanford Graduate School of Business, The Wharton School, MIT, INSEAD and AGSM@UNSW.

CEW President Kathryn Fagg said the CEW Scholars Program is designed to fast-track talented women and improve the representation of women in leadership roles in Australia.

“CEW’s scholarship program provides women executives with the skills, networks and confidence to enable them to take the next step in their executive careers.

“Our recent Senior Executive Census found women hold just 21% of roles on executive leadership teams in ASX200 companies, and less than 6% of CEOs are women.

“Achieving a balance of women in senior roles is a necessary step towards ensuring that Australian organisations are drawing on all of the talent available and gaining the benefits of diversity,” said Ms Fagg.

New scholarship focused on leadership style

In recognition of the growing focus on relationships in today’s complex and global business environment, the 2018 CEW Scholars program introduces a new scholarship to attend *Interpersonal Dynamics for High Performance Executives* at Stanford Graduate School of Business.

The course is designed to help executives forge strong and authentic relationships, particularly with people who are different than they are. Stanford GBS says that the course has been voted the most popular elective for 45 years running.

2018 CEW Scholars Program

INSTITUTION	SCHOLARSHIP	COURSE DATES	APPLICATIONS OPEN
MIT Sloan	Leading Change in Complex Organisations	May 2018	13 Dec 2017
INSEAD France	Advanced Management Program	July 2018	13 Dec 2017
Stanford Graduate School of Business	Interpersonal Dynamics for High Performance Executives	June 2018	17 Jan 2018
Harvard Business School	Disruptive Innovation: Strategies for a Successful Enterprise (AUSTRADE)	July 2018	17 Jan 2018
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Harvard Kennedy School/INSEAD	CEW & Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation	September, October or November 2018	1 Feb 2018
AGSM@UNSW Business School	General Manager Program	July 2018	21 Feb 2018
Harvard Business School	Authentic Leader Development	July/August 2018	28 Feb 2018
The Wharton School	Executive Development Program	September 2018	21 Mar 2018
MIT Sloan and IMD	Driving Strategic Innovation	September 2018	28 Mar 2018
INSEAD Singapore	Leading for Results	November 2018	9 May 2018

2018 CEW scholarship applicants will also be considered for one of four places at the mid-year Harvard Club Leaders Program local course – *The Future of Work in the Digital Age: winning through talent, technology & improved productivity*.

CEW Scholars 2018 program is open for applications for the first two scholarships from 13 December 2017 <https://cew.org.au/scholarships/2018-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 150 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 is underwritten by the generosity of corporate sponsors and individual scholarship partners.

In 2017, 21 talented women attended leadership courses at business schools in Australia and internationally as CEW Scholars:

Anna Green (ANZ), Lucia Grambalova (Mulpha Australia), Leanne McDonald (Allianz Australia), Jodie Haydon (Viva Energy Australia), Kate Liley (Goodstart Early Learning), Linda Soars (NSW Health),

Andrea Pidcock (CSR), Noelle Sunstrom (Neuclone), Preeti Bajaj (Schneider Electric Australia), Tennealle O'Shannesy (Seek), Kirsten Rose (BHP), Jo Dooley (Seek), Leigh O'Neill (National Australia Bank), Mary Anne Curtis (Queensland Treasury), Virginia Nelson (Queensland Police), Fiona Lang (BBC Worldwide), Melanie Gates (Ramsay Health), Andrea Kelly (Department of Education and Training), Jahna Cedar (Gumala Aboriginal Corporation), Tiffany Vale (Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage WA), Rebecca Lannen (Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet).

In partnership with Harvard Club Leaders Program, four talented women attended *Digital Innovation and Transformation: The New Imperative for Organisational Success in the 21st Century*: Jennifer Hornery (Cochlear Limited), Majel Hind (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) Doris Gibb (Commonwealth Ombudsman Australia), Vanessa Beggs (YWCA)

2018 Scholarship award partners

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INSEAD www.insead.edu

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

Chief Executive Women is the pre-eminent organisation representing more than 500 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, CEW Connect, Chairman Conversation, CEO Conversations and the Leadership Shadow. CEW's programs are informed by research, led by CEW members, and generously supported by our partners.

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