



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

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International scholarships for Australian women leaders

Chief Executive Women (CEW) today announces its 2019 CEW Scholars Program, which will send 17 talented Australian women to internationally acclaimed business schools such as Harvard, Stanford, Wharton, MIT and INSEAD.

Colleen Harris, Chair of CEW Scholarships Committee says the scholarships are aimed both at helping women fast-track their careers and at improving the proportion of women in leadership roles.

“For Australia to realise the benefits we know that diversity can deliver, we must continue to increase the representation of women in senior executive positions. We must create the critical mass of women in leadership. It’s so important that women are supported in their journey to the C-Suite,” says Colleen Harris.

CEW’s second Senior Executive Census found that between 2017 and 2018 the percentage of women in ASX200 executive leadership teams increased from 21% to 23%. Over the same period, the number of ASX200 female CEOs increased from 11 to 14, while female CFOs went from 17 to 24.

CEW’s scholarships help women executives acquire the necessary skills, networks and capabilities to accelerate their path towards the top jobs.

“Our scholarships send women to the world’s leading business schools, where they get to mix with and learn from some of the best and brightest globally. Not only do the scholars benefit, but so do the Australian businesses and organisations they work for,” said Colleen Harris.

2019 CEW Scholars Program

| INSTITUTION | SCHOLARSHIP | COURSE Dates | APPLICATIONS OPEN |
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| MIT Sloan | Leading Change in Complex Organisations (x2) | 13-17 May 2019 | 12 December 2018 |
| INSEAD France | Advanced Management Program | 1-26 July 2019 | 12 December 2018 |
| Stanford Graduate | Interpersonal Dynamics for | 7-12 July 2019 | 16 January 2019 |

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| School of Business | High Performance Executives | | |
| Harvard Kennedy School and INSEAD | CEW & Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation (x3) | 19-25 October, 15-20 September or 25-29 November 2019 | 30 January 2019 |
| Harvard Business School | Authentic Leadership Development | 28 July-2 August 2019 | 27 February 2019 |
| The Wharton School | Executive Development Program (x2) | 15-27 September 2019 | 20 March 2019 |
| MIT Sloan and IMD | Driving Strategic Innovation (x2) | 22-27 September 2019 | 27 March 2019 |
| INSEAD Singapore | Leading for Results (x2) | 25-29 November 2019 | 3 April 2019 |
| Harvard Kennedy School | Creating Collaborative Solutions | 15-25 October 2019 | 10 April 2019 |
| Harvard Business School | Disruptive Innovation: Strategies for a successful enterprise (x2) | 28 October – 2 November 2019 | 1 May 2019 |

[CEW Scholars 2019 program](#) is open for applications for the first two scholarships from 12 December 2018.

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CEW Scholars program

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 2018, 17 CEW Scholars attended leadership courses at business schools in Australia and internationally: Christine Went, Greenslopes Hospital; Suzy Nicoletti, Twitter; Kate Munnings, Ramsay Health Care; Dalene Wray, OBE Organics, Amy Barouch, icare; Bridie O'Donnell, Office for Women in Sport & Recreation; Katherine Innes, Queensland Police Service, Patricia Latu, Department of Human Services; Fiona David, Minderoo Foundation; Anna Leibel, UniSuper; Louise Adams, Aurecon; Jenni Collard, Indigenous Affairs Group, Prime Minister & Cabinet; Sarah Styles, Cricket Australia; Kia Dowell, Indigenous Business Australia; Lesley Nelson, South West Medical Services; Gillian Cagney, Worley Parsons; and Kirsty Liddicoat, BHP.

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2019 Scholarship award partner

The Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation www.robertysykesfoundation.com

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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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