



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

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New scholarship to support women's leadership in nursing and beyond

A brand new scholarship to boost leadership development for women nurses as they take the next step in their careers has been launched today by Chief Executive Women (CEW).

The annual scholarship, made possible by the generous support of CEW founding member, Bonnie Boezeman AO, and Southern Cross University will support Australian registered nurses to undertake postgraduate education in healthcare leadership.

Ms Boezeman says she created the scholarship in response to the nurse shortage crisis in Australia.

“Modelling has shown that in five and a half years there will be a shortfall of 85,000 nurses in this country, and that number will grow to 124,000 by 2030.

“We need to find ways to support women nurses to develop the leadership skills and capabilities that will help them both advance their own careers and grow the nursing sector as a whole,” said Ms Boezeman.

Since 1992 CEW has provided opportunities for more than 150 talented women across sectors to develop the leadership skills to become the leaders of tomorrow.

“We need to ensure talented nurses also have access to the pathways they need to realise their leadership potential,” said Ms Boezeman.

The inaugural *Bonnie Boezeman AO Leadership in Nursing Scholarship* will allow a nurse to undertake the Master of Healthcare Leadership at Southern Cross University.

“We developed the Master of Healthcare Leadership course a few years ago to empower registered nurses to take that next step in their careers,” said Professor Adam Shoemaker, Vice Chancellor of Southern Cross University. “It is now one of our most popular offerings.

“Southern Cross is delighted to partner with CEW to offer this unique opportunity to women who aspire to be healthcare leaders in this country.”

The scholarship is open to Australian registered female nurses with at least five years of nursing experience.

For more information about the scholarship including selection criteria, please visit <https://cew.org.au/scholarships/bonnie-boezeman-ao-leadership-in-nursing-2019/>

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About the Course

The Master of Healthcare Leadership course equips participants with the skills to help multidisciplinary healthcare teams excel under strategic and thoughtful leadership. The engaging, flexible and interactive online course is ideally suited to professionals working in a health science discipline, like nursing, allied health or mental health. Students can access the materials and conversations at times that suit them around the demands of career and family life. For more information about the course visit www.scu.edu.au/healthcareleader

About Bonnie Boezeman, AO

Bonnie Boezeman AO, is Managing Director of Business Benefits International a consultancy specialising in strategic and marketing advice.

Bonnie Boezeman is the Chair of Shop Reply, Co-Chair of Pacific Opera Advisory Board and was the inaugural Chair of PayPal. She is a board director of the Order of Australia Foundation Association, and on the NSW Olympic Committee.

She served on the boards of NSW State Lottery, Perpetual Trustees, Prudential Insurance, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, Defence Housing Authority, and the Opera Foundation. Bonnie also served on the Ethics Committee of the Mater Misericordiae Hospital.

In 1996, Bonnie retired from Time Warner Inc. after 23 years of international management. She held top positions in Paris, London and Amsterdam before being transferred to Sydney in 1983 in the position of Managing Director and Chairman of Time Life Australia Pty Ltd.

Bonnie was awarded the Centenary Medal in 2003, and was made an Officer in the Order of Australia in the same year for "service to the community as a significant contributor to and fundraiser for a broad range of medical, sporting and cultural organisations, and to the business sector as a corporate leader and executive".

About 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.

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

Chief Executive Women is the pre-eminent organisation representing more than 550 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.

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