



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**2019 CEW Scholar:  
Madeline Vaughan is heading to Harvard Kennedy School**

Chief Executive Women (CEW) announce the winner of a scholarship to study at the highly regarded Harvard Kennedy School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Madeline Vaughan, Senior Programmes Director at Adara Group, will attend the *Creating Collaborative Solutions: Innovations in Governance* program at Harvard this October.

CEW Scholarships Committee Chair, Colleen Harris, says: "CEW's scholarship program helps talented women by supporting them at critical stages in their careers.

"To realise the benefits we know that diversity can deliver, Australia must get a critical mass of women in leadership roles.

"We are delighted to help talented women like Madeline take their leadership skills to the next level through executive education at the world's top business schools."

**The winner**

Madeline Vaughan is Senior Programmes Director at Adara Group, an Australian-based international development organisation.

She works across Adara's Maternal Newborn Child Health, Remote Community Development, and Monitoring and Evaluation streams, and is a member of the organisation's global leadership team.

Madeline says: "The course will help me take a step out of my day-to-day work and stretch my imagination to think about the big picture."

"The world is becoming more polarised, and faith in our leaders is dwindling. We need more than ever a leadership that puts humanity first and works to bridge divides and unite people.

"At Harvard, I'm looking forward to learning from some of the world's leading thinkers in the not-for-profit sector."

**The scholarship**

The CEW scholarship will enable Madeline to attend Harvard Kennedy School, a graduate and professional school that brings together students, scholars and practitioners who combine thought and action to make the world a better place.

The *Creating Collaborative Solutions: Innovations in Governance Program* is designed for leaders in the public, non-profit and corporate sectors who see their roles as reaching across

these traditionally separate spheres to build new structures that can produce significant, valuable change.

The scholarship is part of the 2019 CEW Scholars program, which is helping 20 talented Australian women take their careers to the next level by providing opportunities to study at internationally acclaimed business schools.

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### **About Chief Executive Women ([www.cew.org.au](http://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.*

### **About CEW Scholars ([www.cew.org.au/scholarships](http://www.cew.org.au/scholarships))**

*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 170 women have been awarded scholarships to business schools in Australia and internationally since CEW commenced its executive program for women leaders in 1992. In 2019, 20 scholarships will be offered for talented women to attend leadership courses at international business schools.*

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