



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

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Women leaders: choose your own scholarship

Friday 20 November 2020: Chief Executive Women today launched the CEW Scholarship program for 2021. The program's new format encourages women to choose the scholarship they believe will benefit them most and encourages applications from more diverse sectors and candidates.

For the first time, candidates will have flexibility to choose a course that best suits their needs, aspirations and timetable. The course can be offered by any higher education school, anywhere around the world, delivered either online or face to face.

CEW has also expanded the application window for scholarships. Scholarships will be available to women working in specific sectors and specialties, all year round.

This new format diversifies the program and encourages women from a wide range of sectors to apply, particularly those in not-for-profit and government.

"Australia needs more talented women in senior leadership roles across the whole spectrum of work," said Chair Scholarships Committee, Colleen Harris.

"We have responded to Australia's recovery needs and adapted our flagship CEW Scholarship program to support women to take the next step in their careers.

"The next year will be challenging for all of us. This 'always-open, choose your own scholarship' format lets candidates determine when, where and how they would like to study."

"We believe talented women know what's best for them. A CEW Scholarship lets them decide the skills, experience and networks they need to advance their leadership in 2021," said Ms. Harris

How the 2021 CEW Scholars program works

Multiple scholarships of between \$5,000 and \$35,000 will be offered to successful applicants in the following sectors and groups:

- Entrepreneurs
- Government
- Not-for-profit
- Small business
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM).

Applicants are invited to find a course that they can commit to and meet enrolment requirements. They must also demonstrate why they have chosen the course and how it will benefit them in their current and future roles.

CEW is also offering several scholarships to specific courses:

- Executive managers – Wharton Executive Management Program
- Nursing – Bonnie Boezeman AO Leadership in Nursing Scholarship to Southern Cross University
- Indigenous leadership – CEW and Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation Scholarships to Harvard Kennedy School.

Applications will be 'always-open' throughout 2021, commencing from November 2020. Scholarships will be awarded to successful candidates at two times during the year: May 2021 and again in November 2021.

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About CEW Scholars

The CEW Scholars program enables women leaders by supporting them at critical junctures in their careers. More than 200 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, including CEW members and academic institutions.

2021 Scholarship award partners

ANZ, The Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation, Southern Cross University.

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Founded in 1985, Chief Executive Women (CEW) now represents over 650 of Australia's most senior and distinguished women leaders across business, academia, government, the arts and not-for-profit sectors. Our shared mission is 'women leaders enabling other women leaders'. We strive to educate and influence all levels of Australian business and government on the importance of gender balance. Through advocacy, targeted programs and scholarships, CEW works to remove the barriers to women's progression and ensure equal opportunity for prosperity. CEW's members work actively to realise our vision of a community where women and men have equal economic and social choices and responsibilities.