



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

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CEW Scholars: Rebecca Lannen and Tiffany Vale head to INSEAD

Chief Executive Women (CEW) in partnership with the Australian Government announce the 2017 winners of two scholarships offered to attend the highly regarded Leading for Results program at INSEAD in Singapore.

Scholarship winners will attend the program designed to provide experienced managers with crucial skills for leading people in a globalised environment in November this year.

Minister for Women, the Hon Michaelia Cash, said Ms Vale and Ms Lannen were already recognised as strong leaders in their respective fields and the INSEAD scholarships would help them take their leadership skills to the next level.

“This scholarship will benefit them as individuals and ultimately the lives of other Indigenous women through the new skills they bring back to their roles,” Minister Cash said.

“CEW is delighted to partner with Australian Government to provide talented women with the opportunity to build their leadership skills, enrich their experiences and advance their careers.

“The aim of CEW’s Scholarship Program is to provide opportunities that will fast-track the careers of talented women and improve the representation of women in senior leadership roles in Australia,” said Kathryn Fagg, President of Chief Executive Women.

The winners

Two scholarships, offered in partnership with the Australian Government, were awarded to women managers in public service who are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage or are working for the benefit of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women.

Rebecca Lannen is the Regional Manager for Victoria and Tasmania, Indigenous Affairs Network in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Rebecca is of Papuan New Guinea and Torres Strait Islander heritage and was the 2009 recipient of Secretary’s NAIDOC Excellence Award, in recognition of excellence in service delivery to Indigenous Australians.

“My career goals are to lead change in Victoria and Tasmania to drive better outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Attending INSEAD’s Leading for Results will set the foundation for me to step into the space with more confidence and provide a

framework to make the best use of my position and leadership capability,” said Rebecca Lannen.

Tiffany Vale is the Principal Policy Officer, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage in Western Australia. A Whadjuk woman from the Noongar Nation in southwest Western Australia, Tiffany has worked in the Western Australian public sector for the past 16 years in the areas of justice, equal opportunity, and Aboriginal affairs.

“Within the West Australian public sector it is essential that Aboriginal people participate at an executive level and have the capacity to influence decision making in all areas of public service, in order to develop sustainable long-term solutions. Strengthening my own leadership will enable me to take up the challenge, give confidence to my colleagues, managers, and the community, and effectively undertake an executive position within the West Australian public service,” said Tiffany Vale.

The scholarships

INSEAD’s Leading for Results program provides experienced managers with the crucial skills for leading people in a globalised business environment. It equips participants with a concrete strategy for transforming their leadership abilities, and helps them communicate a compelling vision that can inspire others to perform beyond even their own expectations.

The scholarships are part of the CEW Scholars program, which helps talented Australian women take their careers to the next level by supporting executive education at internationally acclaimed business schools.

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About CEW Scholars (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 150 women have been awarded scholarships to business schools in Australia and internationally since CEW commenced its executive program for women leaders in 1992.

Award Partner: Australian Government

In 2017 the Australian Government, in partnership with Chief Executive Women, is providing funding for four scholarships for talented women working in public service to attend professional development courses at leading international business schools. The scholarship funding is part of the Government’s Women’s Leadership Development Strategy, administered through the Office for Women which is focused on improving gender equality and providing support for women’s economic empowerment, safety and leadership. The partnership with CEW’s scholarship program will enable two senior women in public service to attend Harvard Business School and two women identifying as or working for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander to attend INSEAD in Singapore.

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Chief Executive Women is the pre-eminent organisation representing more than 420 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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