



Chief Executive Women

Women leaders enabling women leaders

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Scholarships for today's and tomorrow's women leaders

Chief Executive Women (CEW) announces its 2020 CEW Scholars program, which will send 20 talented Australian women to internationally acclaimed business schools, including Harvard, Stanford, Wharton, MIT and INSEAD.

"CEW Scholars program helps executive women fast-track their careers and step-up into more senior leadership roles," said CEW President Sue Morphet.

"Women graduate from university in larger numbers than men and have the same leadership aspirations. Yet within our leading public companies – the ASX200 – only 6% of CEOs are women, and women make up only 25% of executive leadership teams.

"Australia must create a critical mass of women in leadership to realise the benefits of gender diversity.

"We should all support talented women on their professional journey. We want women to have equal opportunity to attend career transforming courses.

"CEW Scholarships provide the opportunity for women executives to acquire the necessary skills, and enhance their capabilities to accelerate their path towards the leadership teams.

"Through executive education at the world's top business schools, talented women benefit as do the Australian businesses and organisations that they work for," said Ms Morphet.

2020 CEW Scholars Program

INSTITUTION	SCHOLARSHIP	COURSE Dates	APPLICATIONS OPEN
MIT Sloan	Leading Change in Complex Organisations (x2)	11-15 May 2020	20 November 2019
INSEAD France	Advanced Management Program	6-31 July 2020	20 November 2019

Stanford Graduate School of Business	Interpersonal Dynamics (x2)	22-26 June 2020	20 November 2019
Southern Cross University	Bonnie Boezeman AO Leadership in Nursing	8 July 2020 (starts)	15 January 2020
Harvard Kennedy School and INSEAD	CEW & Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation (x3)	September, October, November 2020 & May 2021	29 January 2020
Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership	CEW & Vincent Fairfax Fellowship	June 2020 – June 2021	29 January 2020
Harvard Kennedy School	Creating Collaborative Solutions	17-23 October 2020	8 April 2020
Harvard Business School	Disruptive Innovation (x2)	30 November – 5 December 2020	29 April 2020
INSEAD Singapore	Leading for Results (x2)	November 2020	13 May 2020
Harvard Business School	Authentic Leader Development	6-11 December 2020	27 May 2020
The Wharton School	Executive Development Program (x3)	1-13 November 2020	3 June 2020

[CEW Scholars 2020 program](#) is open for applications for the first three scholarships from 20 November 2019.

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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 190 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.

In 2019, 20 CEW Scholars attended leadership courses at business schools in Australia and internationally: Madeline Vaughan, Adara; Zak Hammer, QANTAS Airways; Tiffany Slater, National Rugby League; Professor Priscilla Rogers, Wintermute Biomedical; Dr Raji Ambikairajah, Folo; Maryanne Kelly, Queensland Treasury; Jo-Anne Dudley, Turquoise Hill Resources; Alexa Morcombe, Fortescue Metals Group; Sharmila Tsourdalakis, Suncorp; Hilary Goodier, Herbert Smith Freehills; Danielle Coates, Royal North Shore Hospital; Terri Janke, Terri Janke and Company; Donna Bridge, Fitzroy Valley District High School; Prof Jacinta Elston, Monash University; Krista Dunstan, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage WA; Sharon Cowden, Queensland Police Service; Becky Wood, Aurecon; Karen Bozic, Craveable Brands; Jackie Khoo, NBN Co; Sussanah Osborne, BHP Operations Services.

Read more about our 2019 CEW Scholars [here](#).

2020 Scholarship award partners

The Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation www.robertasykesfoundation.com

The Cranlana Centre for Ethical Leadership www.cranlana.org.au

Southern Cross University www.scu.edu.au

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CEW'S 2020 Scholars program is supported by *The Australian*.

About Chief Executive Women www.cew.org.au

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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