



UTS Business School and Stanford Australia Foundation Partnership Announcement

UTS Business School and Stanford Australia Foundation (SAF) are pleased to announce the establishment of the “*University of Technology Sydney and Stanford Australia Foundation Capacity Building and Engagement Series*”, a five-year partnership commencing in early 2019. This partnership will strengthen academic excellence and build capacity in Australia’s not-for-profit sector. UTS is an agent for social change, transforming communities through research, education and practice – ensuring a healthy, sustainable and just society.

Professor Chris Earley, Dean of UTS Business School, noted, “This is a great opportunity to bring together two outstanding and world-class university brands, renowned for Science, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, as well as Healthcare. As a distinctive business school, our mission is to leverage STEM and Healthcare disciplines with the very best of business education and research for a unique perspective and global impact on business, so this program supports this vision perfectly.”

UTS Business School is excited to enter into this partnership with the Stanford Australia Foundation as the Foundation has been instrumental in providing opportunities to leaders in the Australian “For Purpose” sector. To-date, SAF has awarded 24 scholarships providing a residential learning experience at Stanford University, one of the world’s leading educational institutions.

In the first year of this new collaboration, the series will bring four world-renowned Stanford University speakers to Australia, covering a variety of topics integrating business, health, science and the arts. It also will host academic and not-for profit leadership workshops to increase the managerial capacity of the not-for-profit sector. In addition to these opportunities, SAF will continue to offer not-for-profit leaders scholarships to attend Stanford.

SAF scholarships enable senior not-for-profit leaders to step out of the day-to-day and immerse themselves in a way of learning encouraging fresh thinking. They attend with a group of not-for-profit leaders from around the world, making connections and sharing ideas and experiences. SAF scholarship alumni from the past decade recently gathered to reflect on the impact of the Stanford Executive Program (SEP) experience, with recipients confirming it was an inspiring and transformative experience.

Further information will be provided near the end of 2018. For enquiries, please contact Serena Stewart, UTS Business School Advancement on 02 9514 3953, or at Serena.Stewart@uts.edu.au



Key facts about UTS Business School:

We are the first business school in Australia to be awarded five stars in the QS Stars Business Schools, recognising UTS internationally for its high performance in research, graduate employability, teaching quality and infrastructure.

Globally, UTS Business School ranks in the top 100, and 7th in Australia, for Accounting & Finance and Management & Business Studies, and is in the top 150 for Economics & Econometrics in the 2018 QS World University Rankings placing us among the world's leading universities.

We have a 91.5% overall employment rate from our undergraduate programs – the highest in the Sydney region

The UTS Business School represents approximately 30% of UTS annual student enrolments

We have established three courses and opportunities, unique in Australia:

- The Bachelor of Business Administration (Indigenous) is an intensive block-mode program offering opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander professionals from throughout Australia.
- The MBA in Entrepreneurship is unique in Australia as the only MBA designed specifically for entrepreneurs.
- The Advanced MBA is the first MBA of its kind in the world, using studios to explore opportunities, solutions and implementation options for industry partners.

Research Council for the Federal Government – rates UTS Business School as “above world standard” and “well above world standard” in research areas such as applied economics, accounting, auditing, business and management.

Key facts about the Stanford Australia Foundation:

- SAF, since 2008, has been instrumental in the contribution of more than \$400,000 in scholarships (22 to non-profit leaders and two to tech start-ups) to attend executive courses at Stanford University in California, USA
- SAF has tripled the resources invested by leveraging partnerships and relationships, with more than two-thirds of scholarship funding coming from bequests and foundations
- SAF is an active volunteer board consisting of Stanford University alumni

Testimonials:

- “Following EPNL, I committed myself to make a difference for kids suffering with cancer. As Chairman of the Children’s Cancer Institute, Australia, I helped raise \$100 million to build a new cancer research facility in a JV with UNSW and grow the organisation from 67 scientists to over 400. Stanford inspired me to develop my own purpose of ‘Caring for others’, which continues to drive me today.” – Dr. Joe Collins, Findex Investment Review Committee, Client Advocate (EPNL 2008)
- “Be proud, be courageous, LEARN... be what those that doubted you never expect you to be!” – Margo Ward, KidsXpress, Founder and CEO (EPNL 2011)
- “The Fred Hollows Foundation has launched a social enterprise which will see 60 surgi-centres built in Southeast Asia, attracting \$100 million in funding and delivering 1 million surgeries over the coming decade. The SAF scholarship and Stanford program were instrumental in helping me to shape the business plan and convince the Board with both head and heart to gain approval.” – Kirsten Armstrong, Director, Knowledge & Innovation, Fred Hollows Foundation (EPSE 2017)
- “The time at Stanford gave me an opportunity to step out of the day to day, to get a macro view of our organisation and its strategic direction. Coupled with the exposure to world-leading research and best practice teachings meant that when I returned to my organisation it was with fresh eyes and I was better able to see the business as a whole and make important improvements. It was one of the most worthwhile experiences of my professional life.” - Renée Coffey, Australian Indigenous Education Foundation, Deputy CEO (EPNL 2017).