**2021 Laurie Cowled Women in Leadership Scholarship**

**About the Scholarship**

The QUT Business School through the Cowled Foundation is pleased to offer the Laurie Cowled Women in Leadership Scholarship for 2021. This is a unique professional development opportunity designed to foster the education of women from rural and regional Australia to make an outstanding difference, through their leadership, to the future of Australia. Each year this scholarship sponsors a female QUT Business graduate to attend an international leadership experience; an ideal opportunity to expand and enrich their management and leadership skills and interact with successful business leaders from around the world. Previous recipients have been accepted into prestigious international courses such as the Harvard Business School’s Executive Education Courses - [Harvard Women’s Leadership Forum](https://execed.economist.com/harvard-business-school/womens-leadership-forum-2016-06-06) and [Reinventing and Executing Strategy-China](https://execed.economist.com/harvard-business-school/reinventing-and-executing-strategy%E2%80%94china-2016-06-01).

**Laurie Cowled**

Laurie Cowled founded the Cowled Foundation following the death of her husband, N.K. (Ron) Mcnamara in 2005. Having no children and no close relatives, they agreed to leave their estates to charity in perpetuity. The Cowled Foundation aims to foster leadership and scholarship amongst young Australian women.

**Who is Eligible?**

* Female QUT Business School graduates (undergraduate or postgraduate).
* Women who have a rural or regional background, lived rurally or regionally for a minimum of 1 year or currently contribute to the rural or regional sectors.
* Women with 10 years or more experience working in Business.
* Women who are currently working as a senior officer, executive, business unit leader or business owner at a private, public or nonprofit organisation.
* Women who meet the entry requirements to attend the chosen leadership event.

**How to Apply**

* Please complete all sections of this form and attach to it:
	+ A current CV
	+ Copies of any relevant documentation to support claims
* Applications for this Scholarship should be marked ‘Confidential’ and forwarded to:

 **Mail:** Scholarships and Prizes Coordinator

QUT Business School

 Queensland University of Technology

 PO Box 2434

 Brisbane, QLD 4001

**Email:** bus.scholarships@qut.edu.au

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE APPLICATION CLOSING DATE**

**Conditions of the Scholarship**

The Laurie Cowled Women in Leadership Scholarship contributes towards the costs associated with tuition fees and travel to attend an international leadership experience up to a value of $15,000.

The scholarship recipient can nominate a suitable leadership experience for approval by the awarding body. As admission to such events is often selective, this scholarship is conditional on the recipient meeting the entry requirements and being offered a place. Should the recipient be unsuccessful, a similar program may be substituted at the approval of the Executive Dean, QUT Business School.

If successful, the recipient must:

* Nominate a suitable international leadership experience for approval;
* Forward a copy of the application to attend the chosen event to the Executive Dean, QUT Business School for approval;
* Apply to attend the event;
* Provide a report to QUT Business School of their experience on completion of the scholarship and return to Australia;
* Participate in marketing of the scholarship on request by the QUT Business School such as providing testimonials for advertising material.

**Personal Details**

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**Residential Status (please tick one)**

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**Academic Record**

**Tertiary Education:**

1. Please list your previous tertiary studies below, including study completed at QUT.

*NOTE: You are not required to attach academic results from studies at QUT. The Business School will obtain these. By submitting an application, you are granting the QUT Business School permission to provide your results to members of the selection panel only.*

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1. Indicate any additional tertiary achievements that might be relevant to your application. Please provide details and documentation; *attaching a separate page if insufficient space below*.

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**Rural/ Regional Background and/or Involvement in Rural/ Regional Australia**

Please describe your affiliation with rural / regional Australia in detail. In responding to this question, you should provide information regarding your time spent living in rural/regional Australia or how your work contributes to the rural /regional sector. *Please attach separate page if insufficient space below.*

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**Work History**

Please describe your current role as a business leader, senior officer, executive or business owner within a private, public or nonprofit organisation. In responding to this question you should also provide information about any achievements or milestones that you have accomplished within the last 10 years of working within the Business sector. *Please attach separate page if insufficient space below.*

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**How will this scholarship benefit you?**

Please provide a brief statement (150 words) on how this scholarship would help to advance your career, your future career goals and what you hope to gain if successful in obtaining the scholarship. *Please attach a separate page if insufficient space below.*

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**Referees:** Please supply up to two referee reports.

Please indicate below the name, position and contact number of your referees.

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