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## HIA scholarships provide a pathway for female industry leaders

HIA is excited to announce the launch of its new Building Women Scholarship Program in Tasmania. The scholarship program is to support women's leadership development and to redress barriers to females participating in the residential building and construction industry.

HIA Executive Director, Stuart Collins said "We are grateful to the Tasmanian government and Keystone for backing this program which is consistent with the principles of HIA's broader Building Women initiative. HIA Building Women introduces a focus on supporting women in the residential building industry by creating opportunities to enter the industry, recognise the needs of women already working in the industry and acknowledge the contribution of women to the industry."

"The scholarships will help to develop and further careers in building leading to future role models for female industry participants to aspire to, and the creation of a pool of mentors," commented Mr Collins.

Applications are now open for two eligible female applicants to apply for scholarships to complete the 2022 *Tasmanian Leaders Program* with HIA to pay \$6,600 towards the cost of each scholarship.

The *Tasmanian Leaders Program* is delivered intensively over one year with a winning combination of multi-day residentials, two to three day linking sessions and transformative Learning Set Projects. The program is aimed at high potential leaders with a strong drive to become more effective and willing to help make Tasmania a better place for everyone. Entry is by a competitive application process that seeks to select a diverse cohort of participants. The selection criteria are listed on the Tasmanian Leaders website, and are in addition to the HIA scholarship eligibility listed below.

### **Eligibility for a HIA scholarship**

To be eligible the applicant must:

1. Be a female currently employed in Tasmania's residential building industry;
2. Be a current financial HIA member, HIA Associate member or a direct female employee of a HIA member;  
and
3. Provide a supporting applicant statement.

The successful applicant will also be required to produce a written report to HIA on the completion of the program.

### **Next steps**

Applications for the 2022 Tasmanian Leaders Program open Monday June 21. More details regarding the opportunity, and a link to the application form, can be found at [www.tasmanianleaders.org.au](http://www.tasmanianleaders.org.au).

HIA will also be offering a limited number of free short course training places in estimating, contract administration, legal requirements and financial management with more information to follow soon. These places will be available to eligible HIA female members.

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