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### 10 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEURS TO PRESENT THEIR VISION AT ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING INNOVATION EVENT

*Ten scholarships available for brilliant, emerging innovators to present their ideas and enterprise. The winners will connect with and learn from over 40 world-leading global thinkers, futurists, innovators and leaders at Australia's leading, future-shaping innovation event.*

**10<sup>th</sup> May 2016, Melbourne,** Winners of the Creative Innovation 2016 scholarships will be granted the stage to pitch their enterprise at the largest and most prominent innovation event in the Southern Hemisphere.

Creative Innovation is inviting applications from emerging leaders, innovators, social and for-profit entrepreneurs to win one of ten scholarship places to Creative Innovation 2016 Asia Pacific, with the theme, "*The Exponential Shift: Making Transformation happen*". Creative Innovation Asia Pacific 2015 has recently received global attention following the announcement of major award nominations. Ci2015 has been named "Corporate Event of the Year" in the global Eventex Awards and was also named Corporate Event of the Year in the Australian Event Awards.

Scholarship winners will receive prizes to the value of \$10,000, including free attendance to the exclusive event and the rare opportunity to take to the stage and present a 60 second presentation to Ci2016 delegates. The selected winners will also receive a free 3 months Hot Desk membership, mentoring and events at [Dimension5](#) to build upon learnings, insights and networks gained at Ci2016.

Scholarship winners from Ci2015 said the conference not only provided them with an opportunity to present their work, but also meaningful connections, learning and an inspiring environment. A number of previous scholarship winners have gone on to build outstanding enterprises with very positive impact on businesses and communities.

Former scholarship winner Andrew Crowe said: "*The Ci Global conference provided a great environment for the intersection of individuals eager to produce meaningful change. The world needs innovators to lead the way and I left the conference with the tools, ideas, new perspectives and new connections to help me to be one of these leaders.*"

Creative Innovation Asia Pacific 2016 producer Tania de Jong AM says the scholarships are given to emerging leaders to prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow and help them access decision makers across the economy and broader society.

*"We are searching for the most outstanding emerging leaders, disruptors and innovators from across Australia who are creating the future. They are game-changers in society who are not content to just let the future happen, but rather are actively working to implement ideas that make a difference. Leaders that may at times feel afraid or uncertain, yet still rise to confront the needs and challenges of society head on."*

The only forum of its kind, Ci2016 is an interactive community exchanging ideas and experiences on techniques and strategies across sectors, and a forum to gain empowering experiences.

Winners will join big and small businesses, entrepreneurs, educators, creative and government leaders and the next generation of leaders and leading thinkers from around the world, Asia and Australia for 'positive human collisions' to change the course of the future.

Ci2016 combines the talents of over 40 world-class leaders, thinkers and innovators. Ci2016 attendees and scholarship winners will join forces and spend time with **Martin Ford** (USA), *expert in Robot Revolution, Job Automation and the Impact of Accelerating Technology*, **Dr Daniel Kraft** (USA), Faculty Chair for the Medicine and Exponential Medicine program at Singularity University, **Professor Hiroshi Ishiguro** (Japan), *Director Intelligent Robotics Laborator, Engineering Science at Osaka University*, **Ramez Naam** (USA), *CEO Apex Nanotechnologies*, **Dr Abigail Allwood** (USA), *Astrobiologist, Jet Propulsion Lab, NASA*, **Scott Anthony** (Singapore), *Managing partner of Innosight and Harvard Business Review Author*, **Professor Stephen Heppell** (UK), *Chair in New Media Environments Bournemouth University*, **David Gonski AC**, *Chairman ANZ and Coca-Cola Amati*, **Martin Bean CBE**, *Vice Chancellor and President RMIT University*, **Professor Michelle Simmons**, *Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow*, and many more...

Last year's scholarship winners were:

- **Elise Bialylew** (VIC) Founder, Mindful in May
- **Chris Breidahl** (WA) Founder, MyGuru
- **Elliot Costello** (VIC) CEO and Co-Founder, YGAP
- **Steven Farrugia** (VIC) Founder, ShareTree
- **Georgina Gold** (NSW) Creator, Hide and Seek: The Great Inclusion Game
- **Victoria O'Collins** (Singapore), Co-Founder, Australian Science and Innovation Forum
- **Kate Rodgers** (WA), Product Manager, Curtin Challenge
- **Nadine Saadi** (SA), Business Development Manager, Strategiize
- **Kate Weiss** (VIC), Founder, Table of Plenty

Applications now open and close on July 29, 2016. Guidelines are available at:

[creativeinnovationglobal.com.au/Ci2016/scholarships/](http://creativeinnovationglobal.com.au/Ci2016/scholarships/)

Scholarship winners will be announced late-September.

#### About Creative Innovation 2016 Asia Pacific (Ci2016)

Creative Innovation Global is the brainchild of Tania de Jong AM, a leading Australian soprano, thought leader, social entrepreneur and creative innovation expert. She is the Founder of Creativity Australia and Creative Universe. Creative Innovation has had rising success since launching in 2010. Currently in its sixth year, Creative Universe aims to bring together the world's most important thinkers and leaders to share strategies, solutions and best practice. Its specific focus is leadership, innovation, education, technology and science.

#### Event details

**Where:** Sofitel Melbourne On Collins, 25 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

**When:** 7 – 9 November, 2016

**Booking** <http://www.creativeinnovationglobal.com.au/Ci2016/registration/>

**At a Glance** <http://www.creativeinnovationglobal.com.au/Ci2016/at-a-glance/>

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