

## Commonwealth Treasury CIO Andrea Cross announced as 2025 Women Leaders in AI and Data Science Scholarship winner

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Andrea Cross, Chief Information Officer at Commonwealth Treasury, has been awarded the [2025 Actuaries Institute Women Leaders in AI and Data Science Scholarship](#). The scholarship, a joint initiative between the Actuaries Institute and Chief Executive Women (CEW), recognises Ms Cross's exceptional leadership across more than two decades in technology roles spanning innovative start-ups and senior government positions. As CIO of the Australian Government's lead economic advisory body, Ms Cross brings a unique perspective to the intersection of artificial intelligence, data science and public policy.

This scholarship will enable Ms Cross to attend the Stanford Graduate School of Business's Executive Program in Leadership in the United States.

Throughout her career, Ms Cross has specialised in using AI and data science to transform how government delivers services to Australians. Her work spans digital policy development, emerging technology implementation, and leading cross-agency digital initiatives that leverage data analytics to improve citizen outcomes at scale. She is deeply committed to mentoring and empowering women in information and communications technology, helping to pave the way for the next generation of female technology leaders.

"Through studying leadership at Stanford, I hope to achieve a fundamental mindset shift—one that will broaden my perspective and expose me to innovative ways of thinking in a world-class setting. I will bring back these learnings to my role in Treasury to further how we support the Australian public." Ms Cross said.

"The program represents an opportunity to pay that forward—to strengthen my leadership capabilities so I can be an even more effective mentor and role model for the next generation of women in technology."

In an era where AI and data are transforming the global and local economic landscape, effective leadership is crucial. The Actuaries Institute recognises the importance of developing the skills and supporting rich connections for those working in data science and AI.

Actuaries Institute CEO Elayne Grace said: "The scholarship is a testament to our commitment to fostering female leadership in data science and AI. Andrea Cross exemplifies the type of senior executive leader we seek to support - someone who has demonstrated excellence in leveraging data and AI to drive meaningful change across government departments. We are proud to support Andrea in her journey and look forward to the impact she will make."

This is the third year that the Actuaries Institute has offered this scholarship in partnership with Chief Executive Women (CEW).

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