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## **AIST/State Street scholarship winners to focus on leadership skills**

**The Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees (AIST)** is pleased to announce that the recipients of the inaugural 2011 AIST/State Street Leader Development Scholarships are:

**Debby Blakey**, executive manager – member advice, HESTA

**David Buley**, trustee director, NGS Super.

The scholarships – valued at \$10,000 each and sponsored by State Street – allow a trustee director and a fund staff member of AIST to complete educational courses that are relevant to superannuation.

The winners were announced at last night's **AIST 2011 Awards for Excellence** held at Melbourne's Sofitel and attended by about 200 industry members.

Both recipients of the scholarships hope to attend executive leadership courses offered at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Greg O'Sullivan, Head of Sales, Australia & New Zealand at State Street Global Services said the scholarships serve a valuable role in developing leaders in the superannuation industry.

"These scholarships recognise that leadership development is critical to the continued success and growth of Australia's superannuation industry," said Mr O'Sullivan.

"The demands on superannuation fund trustees and executives are increasing. Fund strategies are becoming more complex in response to new regulation and evolving member demographics. In this environment strong leadership skills will be vital to ensure Australia's superannuation industry continues to set international best practice."

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