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Winners of Garry Weaven Emerging Trustee Scholarship

The Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees (AIST) is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Garry Weaven Emerging Trustee Scholarship.

The Scholarship program provides a variety of knowledge and skills-based training to the next generation of trustee directors in Australia's \$1.5 trillion profit-to-member super sector. The 12 month program is sponsored by IFM Investors and supported by AIST and the ACTU in honour of the inaugural and former IFM chair and industry pioneer, Garry Weaven.

The winners of the 2021 scholarship are:

Imogen Beynon Hostplus

Nick McIntosh TWUSUPER

Anastasia Polites legalsuper

Casey Thompson First Super

AIST CEO Eva Scheerlinck said the scholarship would enable the four emerging trustee directors to enhance their leadership skills and understanding of governance in superannuation.

"The trustee director role in superannuation is an increasingly demanding one. This program will further equip the scholarship winners to perform their duties to a high standard and deliver exceptional results to members," Ms Scheerlinck said.

IFM Global Head of External Relations David Whiteley said: "Industry super funds, and pension funds like them around the world, are expected to continue to grow significantly. The Garry Weaven Scholarship program helps emerging directors to continue the evolution of pension capital and the focus on risks to long-term investment returns, including those

ACTU Assistant Secretary Scott Connolly said: "The scholarship is an important recognition of Garry's continuing contribution. It is critical that our movement makes significant investments for the future, given the increasingly complex responsibilities that directors have. Congratulations to the 2021 winners, and we look forward to their contribution to improving workers' retirement savings for years to come."

Activities offered as part of the Garry Weaven Emerging Trustee Scholarship program include:

- Enrolment in the Harvard University Trustee Leadership Forum
- ACTU Super Trustees Forum
- Enrolment in the AIST Trustee Director Course
- Allocation to a suitable mentor
- Membership of AIST in the year of scholarship

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