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FINSIA RECOGNISES LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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The scholarship, valued at \$16,500, assists the winner to undertake a leadership, education, or professional development program.

In 2014, two scholarships were awarded in recognition of the high calibre of the applications received. The winners are Jacki Chorazy SA Fin, Principal at Mercer Investments and Tim Carleton SA Fin, Principal and Portfolio Manager at Auscap Asset Management.

Jacki has a history of giving back to the finance industry and wider community through her involvement in Finsia's Funds and Asset Management Industry Council and Women in Super.

She has focused her research efforts recently on the retirement adequacy challenge, and is passionate about the wealth outcomes of superannuation fund members. "Over the last decade, I have watched my parents and family friends retire and I have seen first-hand the anxiety that can come from the financial uncertainties associated with retirement", she explains.

Jacki plans to use the scholarship to complete INSEAD's Leadership Transition Program. This program appeals to her, because it is "tailored to dealing with that period where you're transitioning from being a subject matter expert to developing leadership skills".

Tim has contributed to the investment community through the establishment of Auscap, an emerging funds management business that has earned a reputation for transparency and integrity. This year the fund was awarded Best New Asian hedge Fund at the Eureka Hedge Fund Awards.

Through the scholarship Tim plans to complete the High Potentials Leadership Program at Harvard Business School.

"My aim is to grow Auscap into a model for the financial services industry" Tim said. He views effective leadership skills as crucial to this and building a business that is "known as the gold standard".

Commenting on the announcement, Finsia CEO Russell Thomas F Fin said, "I congratulate Jacki and Tim on their exceptional applications for this award. They are both outstanding young professionals who have compelling plans to use the scholarship prize money to develop their leadership capabilities."

"Finsia is proud to support and further the careers of young finance professionals who contribute positive cultural change and innovation to the industry" he added.

Applications for the 2015 scholarship will open in mid 2015.

Further information about the scholarship can be found at www.finsia.com/scholarship.

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