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**Multicultural Women's
Business Scholarship
Programme 2018**

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In November 2017, Violet Roumeliotis, CEO of Settlement Services International (SSI) was announced the Telstra Australian Business Woman of the Year. SSI is an award-winning leader and specialist in settlement, community development and employment in NSW and nationally.

SSI is well-regarded as an innovator, collaborator and provider of service excellence in meeting the complex needs of migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable members of the community for over 16 years.

People, prosperity and partnership are at the heart of SSI's approach for achieving its vision of a society that values the diversity of its people and actively supports meaningful social and economic participation to assist individuals and families reach their full potential.

"I feel it is important that women like me, who are fortunate enough to have a position of influence, must help other women. This is really at the core of why we have established this new Multicultural Women's Scholarship Programme for Ignite Small Business start-ups."

SSI is pleased to announce its inaugural round of scholarships. Four women will receive a 12-month package of support, including an individual business facilitator and mentorship from our team of Ignite experts. In addition, they will have direct access to a resource team to provide advice on financial management, administration and compliance, effective marketing strategies and business planning. We also offer wrap around support through our bilingual guides and industry experts in their chosen field. Each scholarship is valued at \$20,000 worth of professional and specialised support.

The scholarships are open to women of all ages from a culturally and linguistically diverse background, residing in the Greater Sydney Area and with a business idea for a product or service.

An independent panel of judges has been appointed, including Telstra (tbc), industry experts and SSI's Ignite Program Manager.

"Each and every day in my work I see strength, courage and the entrepreneurialism of women — I am driven to create an ecosystem of support around them so they, too, can benefit from living in the best country in the world and aspire to reach their full potential." Violet Roumeliotis

The Expression of Interest Process

1. Complete the Expression of Interest Form
2. Produce a video (on your phone) no longer than 5 minutes that outlines:
 - a. Who you are
 - b. What is your business idea
 - c. Why you think it will work
 - d. How the scholarship will help you
3. Provide 2 character referees (these can be personal referees who can speak to your values, character and passion)
4. Upload a copy of your CV
5. Agree to the terms and conditions of the scholarship programme.

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The Selection Process

All EOIs received by the closing date will be considered.

All EOIs will be reviewed by an independent administrator to ensure compliance with the eligibility criteria.

Compliant EOIs will be sent to the independent judging panel for review and shortlisting.

Finalists may be asked to attend an interview to discuss their business idea.

Winners of the scholarship will be announced at the Mosaic Gala on 14 September 2018 and presented on the night.

Expression Of Interest Form

About You

First Name		
Last Name		
Email		
Mobile Number		
Home Address		
	Suburb	Post Code
Gender		
Date of Birth		
Cultural Background		
Date of arrival in Australia		Visa Type:
Are you an Australian Citizen?	Yes No (please circle)	
Are you currently Centrelink Recipient	Yes No (please circle)	
Have you been part of the NEIS program?	Yes, please add date of commencement: ___/___/___ No (please circle)	

What best describes what you are doing now?	Studying	Fulltime or Part time	(please circle)
	Studying	Fulltime or Part time	(please circle)
	Home duties		
	Other (please write down)		
Attach your current CV with two character referees	<input type="checkbox"/> CV attached <input type="checkbox"/> Two referees provided (please tick and provide all information)		
What do you like to do on the weekend?			
Where do you see yourself in 5 years' time?			
If you could do anything you wanted – what would you do?			

About Your Business Idea

<p>What is the industry your business idea will be in?</p>	
<p>What motivates you to operate your own business?</p>	
<p>Describe the product or service of your proposed business</p>	
<p>What makes your idea special?</p>	

<p>What skills or experience do you bring to your business idea?</p>	
<p>What steps have you taken to start your business so far?</p>	
<p>How will this scholarship programme help you?</p>	
<p>Is there anyone else who will be involved in the business? <i>What is their role?</i></p>	
<p>What support do you think is most important for you to start your business? <i>Eg Marketing, sales strategy, financial management, business planning etc</i></p>	

Terms And Conditions

I have read the terms and conditions below and understand the requirements of the scholarship programme.

OR

I would like bi-lingual assistance to understand the terms and conditions properly. (A bi-lingual guide will call you and go through the conditions in language if requested).

The Scholarship programme is valued at \$20,000 AUD in kind professional services and no cash will be provided by SSI for the business costs.

I will abide by all compliance regulations and operate a legal and ethical business if successful in gaining a scholarship.

I understand that the scholarship does not guarantee I will be trading at the end of the programme and I am ultimately responsible for all aspects of my business financially.

I understand that my active involvement and attendance in meetings, training, and appointments is my responsibility to make the most of the 12 months of intensive support offered.

The judging panel's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into on the outcome of the programme.

All materials supplied through the EOI process become the asset of SSI and may be used for promotional materials.

I give consent for my personal information to be used in promotional activities by SSI and the scholarship programme affiliates in marketing the initiative.

I confirm I am of good character and have no criminal convictions or history that would bring embarrassment or SSI into disrepute.

I understand if my circumstance change and I am convicted of a crime the scholarship will be void.

Signed

Date

Name

Witness signature

Date

Witness name

MY CHECKLIST:

I have completed every question in the Expression of Interest Form

I have upload a copy of my CV with two character referees contact information

I have uploaded a video no longer than 5 minutes that outlines:

- Who you are
- What is your business idea
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I have read, signed and have a witness sign my understanding of the terms and conditions for entry.