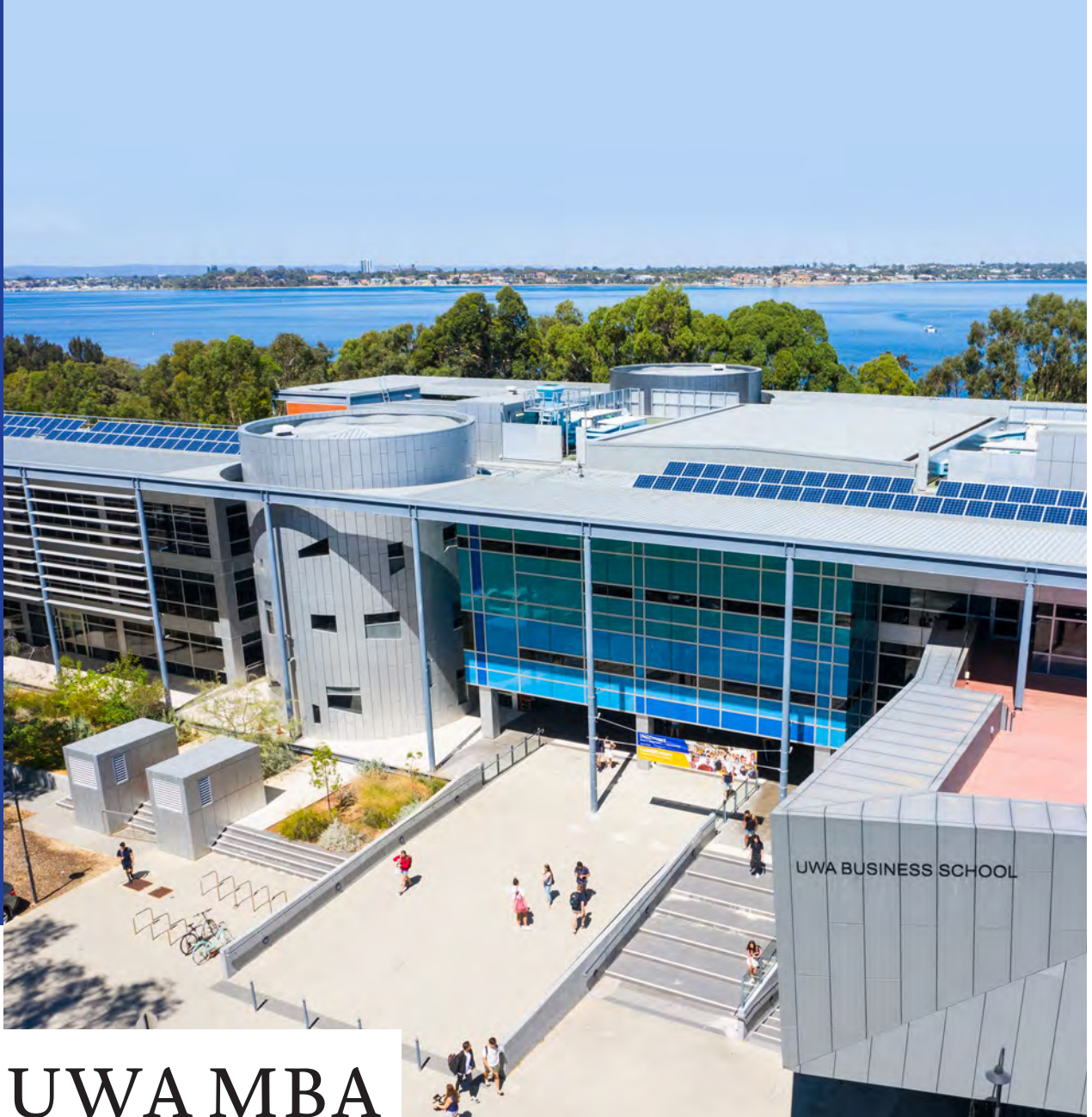




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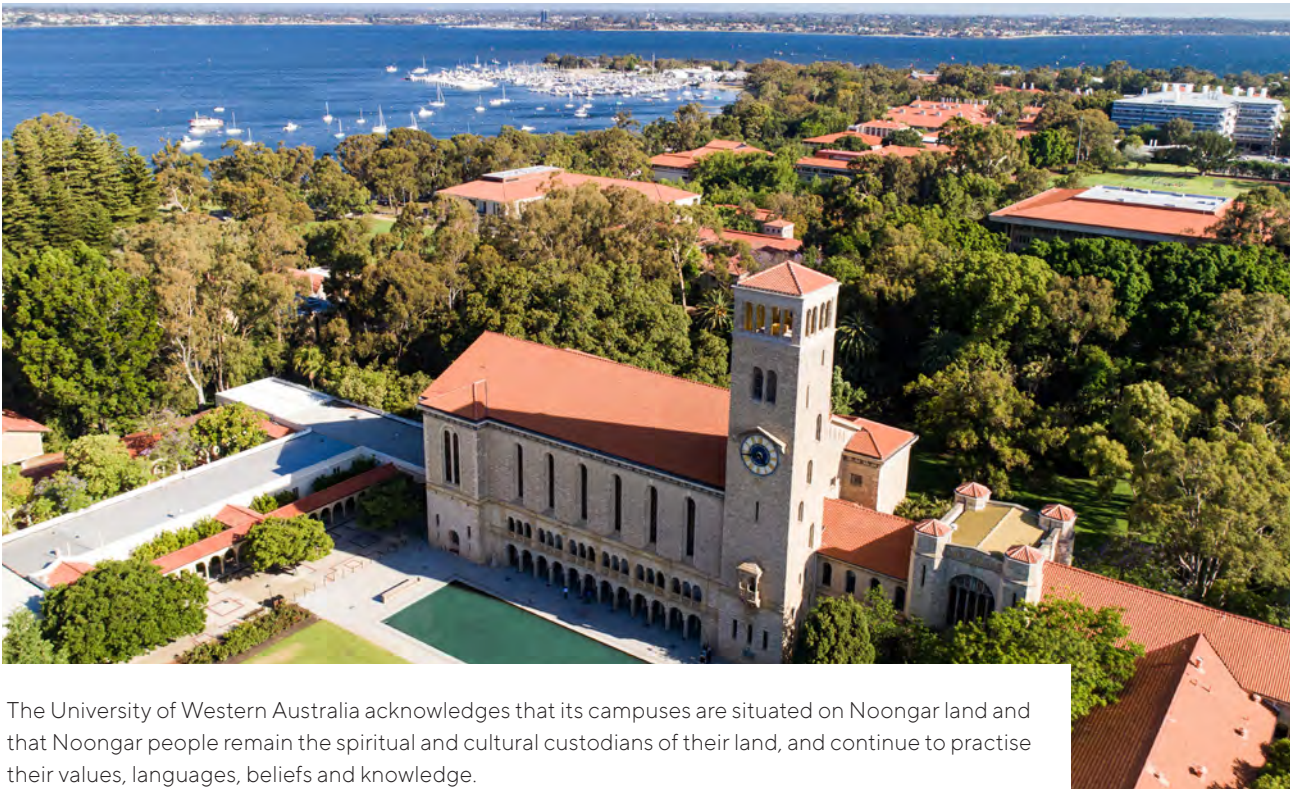
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RANKING IN WA FOR
ACCOUNTING AND
FINANCE (QS 2022)

30+

CORPORATE
SUPPORTERS

Seek Wisdom



The University of Western Australia acknowledges that its campuses are situated on Noongar land and that Noongar people remain the spiritual and cultural custodians of their land, and continue to practise their values, languages, beliefs and knowledge.

A message from the Directors



Professor Allan Trench
Program Director

We would like to introduce to you our impressive MBA students of 2023. This Talent Profile highlights the key achievements of the 2023 UWA MBA graduates and provides your organisation with the opportunity to engage directly with our students. The UWA Careers and Employability Centre can help you connect with our MBA students by participating in recruitment events, the MBA Mentoring Program, and industry presentations with direct networking opportunities.



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“The (Top 100) result is testament to the UWA MBA Program, our dedicated professional staff, the MBAs themselves and our fantastic MBA alumni who remain engaged with the MBA Program and give back through guest lectures and participation in career-focused MBA events.”

PROFESSOR ALLAN TRENCH



Dr. Paul Crompton
Program Director



UWA MBA Program

UWA is ranked in the top 100 universities globally for its MBA program and consulting career placements for graduates (QS Career Specialisation Rankings 2021).

The MBA career specialisation rankings collect data from more than 37,000 global employers, as well as from millions of research publications, and seek to analyse the career placements of MBA graduates globally.

In the QS Career Specialisation Rankings 2021, UWA performed strongly in the assessment of research strength, combining full time MBA research and MBA specialisation research.

The MBA Program also performed strongly in career placements, which combines insights from graduates on everything from entering industry to starting their own businesses.



UWA MBA Mentoring Program

This is a personalised mentoring program to connect MBA students with business and industry leaders.

Embrace the unique opportunity to be part of the UWA MBA specifically designed one-to-one mentoring program, linking you directly with senior business executives and experienced business leaders.

This bespoke program assists MBA students to build stronger networks through the sharing of your mentor's knowledge, experiences and development of your career plans.

This six-month program comprises a series of one-on-one meetings between a student and a dedicated industry mentor such as a senior executive of a medium to large organisation. Some of our current mentors are CEOs and senior business leaders from a wide range of industries.

If you would like to participate as an MBA mentor for the 2023 program, email mbacareers@uwa.edu.au

Graduate Outcomes



**#1
IN OCEANIA FOR
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
AND ALUMNI
OUTCOMES¹**

**UWA MBA GRADUATES
EARN THE HIGHEST
SALARIES NATIONALLY²**

**UWA'S MBA PROGRAM
IS RANKED TIER ONE IN
AUSTRALIA³**

¹ QS World University Rankings 2023 Global MBA Rankings

² QS World University Rankings 2021 Global MBA Rankings

³ CEO Magazine 2023 Global MBA Rankings



Connect with your future employees

The UWA Careers and Employability Centre offers a range of services developed with your needs in mind. Our innovative, customised services can help you increase your brand awareness, interact with students, and recruit directly from the UWA MBA talent.

Industry presentations and networking opportunities on campus

Industry presentations provide a direct line of contact to some of WA's most prominent and successful industry leaders. Gain up-to-date information and resources from leading companies who profile their business and provide valuable updates on market conditions and roles in MBA-relevant sectors.

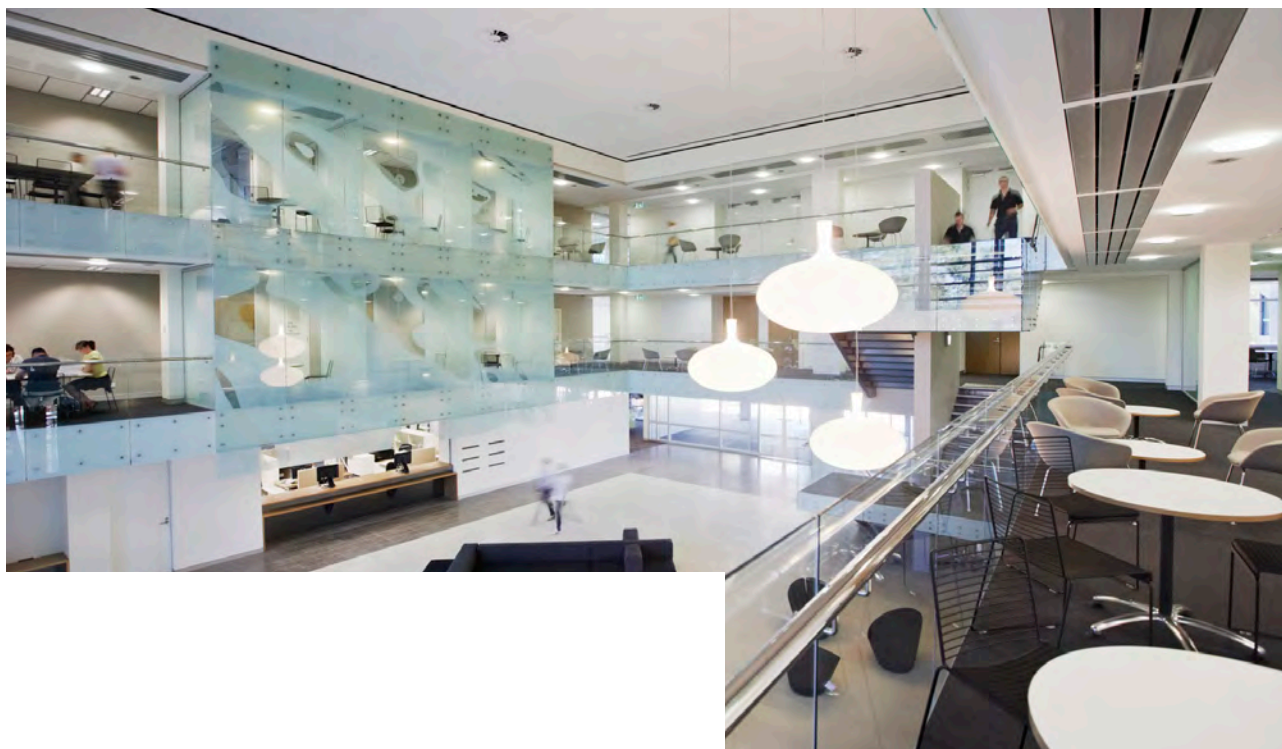


Meet our 2023 cohort

| 12 years, average experience in areas such as:

Accounting
Advisory
Consulting
Engineering
Finance

Health
Data Science
Law
Management



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Education and Credentials

Specialization in Occupational Health and Safety Management | **Universidad Tecnológica Nacional**

Bachelor of Civil Engineer | **Universidad Nacional del Sur**

Pablo arrived at Australia ten years ago from Argentina where he completed a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and worked managing construction sites and designing multi-storeys building structures. Upon arrival to Australia, he started to work for Alcoa where he had performed a variety of roles, starting as a junior planner and working his way up to become a Maintenance Superintendent.

Along the way in his successful career, he has developed skills in working as part of a team as well as a leader. His attention to detail, enthusiasm and commitment for working is well recognized and he thrives in new challenges. His strategic thinking and problem-solving skills shine when creating shutdown plans and managing projects. He focuses on the end goal of the project and use his leadership to maintain the team together ensuring the work is completed on schedule and within budget.

Pablo is keen to complete his MBA and venture in different industries like oil and gas or green energy as well as higher leadership roles.



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Education and Credentials

Master of Occupational Health and Safety Management | **Curtin University**

Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapist) | **Curtin University**

Fiona is a people-focused, strategic problem solver specialising in the energy and natural gas sector. With over 16 years, of improving frontline Health, Safety & Environmental performance, her true passions lie in collaboration, coordinating chaos and facilitating change. With diverse experience across the natural gas value chain, she has held key roles in construction through to commissioning and operations; including onshore, offshore and arguably one of the most globally significant carbon sequestration projects.

Growing up working in the family-owned agriculture business, Fiona developed a love of the land and the outdoors from a young age. Starting her professional life in the health sector as a Physiotherapist, she quickly found her talents in working with people and building high performing cross-discipline teams. With a thirst for personal growth and technical challenges, she completed a Master of Occupational Health and Safety and transitioned to the energy sector.

Fiona has spent over ten years, working for Chevron, a global energy company, where she is known for her ability to tackle unusual projects that involve complex, adaptive problem solving, tight deadlines and diverse stakeholders. Fiona is now completing an MBA, to build on her strengths in leadership and cultural change, grow her business acumen and sharpen her energy transition strategy skills.


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CPA Australia – Certified Accountant

Specialist in International Accounting and Auditing Standards | **Jorge Tadeo Lozano University**

Bachelor of Accounting | **Politecnico Grancolombiano University**

Jairo Bernal is a global finance executive with over 20 years' progressive experience within the natural resources industry, leading international projects in four continents. Jairo has a proven track record of success in managing complex financial operations and assisting with navigating the challenges of cross-border business from exploration through to construction, and operation.

Jairo holds various finance-related undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications including a master's degree. He started his career in a Big Four accounting firm servicing resource clients, then he moved to the UK to work for the Oil and Gas industry with projects in South and Central America. In 2011, he moved to Australia to join the mining industry, where he has held multiple senior finance roles in ASX-listed mining companies with international and domestic projects, building teams from scratch and streamlining financial processes. Jairo has a strong cultural awareness and benefits from speaking English, Portuguese and Spanish.

Jairo is the Head of Finance for the Australian subsidiary of the global lithium giant SQM (Chemical and Mining Company of Chile), currently building the Mount Holland lithium project in WA, a multi billion-dollar, multi-asset battery grade lithium hydroxide project comprising of a mine, a concentrator and a refinery, where he leads the planning, resourcing and execution of the financial strategy of the company within the region.


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Education and Credentials

Master of Arts (Leadership) | **University College London**

Qualified Teacher Status (Teach First) | **Canterbury Christ Church University**

Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy) | **University of Nottingham**

James has spent the last five years, helping to build one of the fastest-growing education companies in Africa, focused on expanding opportunities for high quality and affordable education, and currently serving over 1,000 schools across Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ghana and Rwanda. Most recently, as Managing Director for the company's business in Liberia, he led a team of 30 working in partnership with the government to design and implement programs delivering improvement to the public education system.

James is an accomplished leader with a track record of building high-performing and resilient teams in a range of contexts. He spent the first ten years, of his career in teaching and school leadership, helping to raise the quality and educational outcomes of underperforming schools in London. He has demonstrated a consistent ability to deliver results in highly challenging and resource-constrained environments.

Through undertaking the MBA program, James intends to consolidate the leadership and management experience he has gained in the first 15 years, of his career, whilst learning more about the power of commercial mindsets to solve society's biggest problems. He is particularly interested in the role of philanthropy and the impact investing as drivers of innovation.

Having relocated to Perth in January 2023, James is looking for new opportunities to put his experience to work in either the public or private sector.



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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Construction Engineering) – First Class Honours | **Curtin University**

Jakub is a civil engineer with more than a decade of experience in design, construction and project management. For the last ten years, he has been managing and delivering major projects in the resource sector for Rio Tinto, Roy Hill and most recently BHP.

Throughout his career Jakub has been involved in all stages of project delivery and has gained valuable experience in contract strategy and commercial negotiation. He has enjoyed the unique challenges of delivering projects in the remote WA environment and values the first-hand experience he gained whilst based on-site during the construction of Rio Tinto's flagship Gudai-Darri mine.

Through his MBA, Jakub is seeking to further develop his leadership and business management skills; applying theory to practice in his current and future roles. Jakub thrives in fast paced and challenging environments and is committed to developing his career into leadership and eventually executive roles. He looks forward to the future and the opportunities it presents.



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Education and Credentials

Graduate Certificate of Business (PR) | **Queensland University of Technology**

Bachelor of Social Science – Graduated with Distinction and a Dean's Commendation for High Achievement | **University of Queensland**

Certificate Investor Relations | **Australasian Investor Relations Association**

With a decade of experience in corporate affairs, Jessica's expertise lies in communications, external and media relations, corporate governance and sustainability. She has worked for leading ASX companies including Fortescue Metals Group, and has significant experience in government, specifically with former prime minister Kevin Rudd AC. With a proven record of working effectively in high-pressure environments, Jessica is the person you want on your team in a crisis.

Jessica's corporate and political backgrounds have afforded international exposure, including working with teams in China and Germany, as well as with the Foreign Minister and Prime Minister. This background gives Jessica a unique perspective into business, competing international perspectives and cultural sensitivities.

Currently completing her MBA at UWA, Jessica is working to enhance her practical business and leadership skills. Jessica is focussed on expanding her knowledge of business strategy and economic management, as she explores new industries.



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Education and Credentials

Certificate in Business Administration – High Distinction | **The University of Western Australia**

Australian Institute of Project Management | **Certified Practising Project Director (CPPD)**

Masters of Mechanical Engineering – Distinction | **The University of Western Australia**

Bachelor of Science (Science and Economics) – Distinction | **The University of Western Australia**

Jak is a driven professional with a diverse background in engineering, economics, and social entrepreneurship. He grew up on a farm in Esperance, WA, where he developed his strong work ethic.

After studying engineering and economics at UWA, Jak gained experience in design engineering, capital projects, risk management, and consulting. He has demonstrated his ability to think strategically, communicate effectively, and work collaboratively to project and business goals.

Jak's keen interest in entrepreneurship and commitment to impactful delivery led him to found a social enterprise that provides capacity building and support to trauma-affected students and NDIS participants. He believes everyone should have access to the tools and resources they need to support them reaching their full potential.

With his diverse skills, experience, and passion, Jak is a valuable asset to any team. He is dedicated to his work, his community, and making a positive impact in the world.



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Education and Credentials

Master of Engineering | **Federation University Australia**

Heather-Mae is a highly skilled mining leader with a proven track record of developing and implementing innovative solutions to complex challenges.

Renowned for her exceptional problem-solving abilities, Heather-Mae has a talent for leading teams to achieve exceptional results.

Since joining Rio Tinto in 2020, Heather-Mae has held several key roles within the company, including AHS Production Superintendent responsible for ~250 reports and more recently Mining and Technology Superintendent. In her current role, she is responsible for leading the development and embedment of new technologies to enhance safety and productivity for Rio Tinto's Gudai-Darri mine.

Throughout her career, Heather-Mae has demonstrated a strong commitment to safety and sustainability, playing an instrumental role in developing and implementing safety programs and promoting sustainable mining practices. In her most recent work Heather-Mae is exploring battery electric haul trucks which is a testament to her innovative and forward-thinking approach.

In addition to her professional achievements, Heather-Mae is a passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion in the workplace. She has been actively involved in efforts to create a more diverse and inclusive culture and has served as a mentor both internally and to Queensland's Women in Mining and Tech Girls Movement Foundation.



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Education and Credentials

Master of Technology (Applied Geophysics) | **Indian Institute of Technology**

Graduate Certificate in Cyber Security & Cloud Management | **Charles Stuart University**

Professional Certification in Data Science | **IBM**

Bachelor of Science (Physics) | **MJP Rohilkhand University**

As a true visionary in geoscience, Subhash is passionate about exploring new technologies and cutting-edge solutions to tackle the challenges facing the energy and technology sectors in the era of digital transformation. He's currently working alongside regulatory bodies to establish policies for the efficient use of geoscience data, leveraging the power of artificial intelligence and machine learning to deliver optimized outcomes.

Subhash's passion for solving complex problems, communicating effectively with stakeholders, and developing strategies for change has led him to pursue an MBA. He's committed to fostering a culture of growth and development among his colleagues, and he takes great pride in mentoring and coaching the next generation of leaders.

Looking ahead, Subhash is eager to apply his strategic thinking and expertise to a wide range of industries involved in digital transformation and cyber security. He's dedicated to creating positive change, driving innovation, and delivering outstanding results that truly make a difference.



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Education and Credentials

Master of Science (Project Management) | **Curtin University**

Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical) | **Curtin University**

With a background in chemical engineering, Robert is an accomplished project management professional delivering manufacturing and technology projects for global companies in the mining and manufacturing industries. Robert's career successes have been driven by technical aptitude with emotional intelligence and charismatic people skills to manage a diverse range of stakeholders and deliver excellent business results. His experience with stakeholders extends to government regulators, global customers and communities around mining and manufacturing operations.

Robert is a driven person and strives for continued professional growth, with a thirst for knowledge and a capacity to adapt. Robert is passionate about leading in the decarbonisation and green energy economic transformations that are the answers to the biggest challenges of our time. He is looking to leverage the additional skills gained through the MBA course to enable this further.

Robert enjoys finding and implementing sustainable ways of working throughout the industries that he has been involved in and has undertaken environmental projects that have led to positive results for people both inside and outside the business. He is talented in working with people and leading high achieving teams to push the envelope on what is possible. As a result, Robert has successfully led teams to deliver innovative solutions with breakthrough results for the businesses he has worked in.



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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Mechanical) | Curtin University

Andrew is a highly motivated, culturally aware, people-orientated leader with over 13 years' expertise in global delivery projects. With experience leading diverse teams of 30+, Andrew has enhanced safety culture whilst delivering projects on time and on budget to operational excellence standards. Andrew's unique operational, technical and commercial acumen has enabled him to successfully partner with varied customers across Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and the Middle East.

Andrew's ability to create meaningful connections and foster collaboration between cross border international teams allows him to ensure the team has a single purpose and goal. Delivering double digit profit while keeping people at the heart has been key to Andrew's success while working for one of the Europe's largest industrial manufacturing companies.

Commencing his career in research and design engineering, Andrew's career journey accelerated across manufacturing, production delivery, system integration and site operation execution roles. This grounding of technical expertise along with extensive leadership and management experience provides Andrew the ability to tailor his engagement style for each stakeholder group which helps drive influence and alignment.

Andrew looks forward to being able to apply his combination of global business experience, leadership, stakeholder engagement and technical grounding to orchestrate positive goal driven change in executive management roles.



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Education and Credentials

Registered Liquidator | Registered in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001

Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Professional (RITP) | Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association's (ARITA) Advanced Certification

Bachelor of Commerce (Majoring Accounting and Marketing) | The University of Western Australia

Aaron is a Partner of Hall Chadwick Chartered Accountants, where he has spent his professional career delivering strategic corporate advisory and specialist accounting outcomes. He has solved problems across a diverse range of industries including natural resources, technology, transport, professional services, and construction.

A masterful relationship builder, Aaron exemplifies open communication and empathetic listening, which he harnesses to create a profound understanding and forge trust. From this base, Aaron has championed people to be authentic, develop themselves, work collaboratively, and exceed expectations. Aaron diligently pursues personal growth and development. His thirst for knowledge has seen him excel in complex problem solving, negotiation, and leadership, which he pairs with proven technical skills in accounting, finance, and business development. A unique skillset ensures Aaron can engineer out of the box solutions to any problem.

Aaron is transforming Hall Chadwick into an adaptive and future-focused organisation, where he is proud to make change in areas of human resources and organisational purpose. His MBA studies have already been extremely rewarding and are assisting his contribution to the WA community. Aaron eagerly anticipates his further studies and life experiences, knowing he can continue to grow with those around him and take knowledge into the boardroom.



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Education and Credentials

Graduate Certificate of Business | **The University of Western Australia**

Certificate IV Property Services

Sales and Property Management Registration

Property Management Rent Roll Sale and Merger

Throughout her 20-year career, Rebekah's experience is predominantly within property, gaining a wealth of experience in both small-to-medium enterprises and larger corporate firms. A pivotal moment within her career was the formation of her own property business. Against the backdrop of the GFC, Rebekah and her husband organically built a property management rent roll, consisting of nearly 400 properties, which they sold to a major competitor after ten years, of trading.

Bek exercises sound emotional intelligence and instantly creates a sense of ease with those she meets. This ease generates the space for true relationship building and connection. She doesn't take herself too seriously, relying on her sense of humour and social ease to draw people into lively conversation. Bek's ability to read the boardroom proves useful where key decisions can be fraught with uncertainty. She sets the tone for high intensity situations, remaining composed; Bek thrives in a fast-paced atmosphere. Having a measured approach to life and operational process allows for greater understanding and greater outcomes.

Bek has desire to succeed coupled with passion for finding and overcoming significant professional challenges. Post MBA, she looks forward to leading and inspiring others and has a vision to push herself in various roles of distinct responsibility. She is excited at the concept of adopting a lead role in managing projects of significant capital and social value. Bek loves the concept of delivering tangible results - where sustainable growth outcomes are visible to all.



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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy) | **Curtin University**

With over 20 years, of professional experience, spanning the healthcare and resources industries across Australia and the UK, Deneil is a highly adaptable and motivated individual with a wide breadth of skills.

Having specialised as a paediatric physiotherapist, Deneil has a unique ability to see the long-term consequences of an issue, action or problem. This has shaped her ability to think strategically. Together with her background in neuro development, this professional experience has given Deneil a deep understanding of people, their drivers, behaviours and personal challenges. Fostering collaboration over competition, she thrives when working in a team, and is committed to helping others to see their potential and reach their aspirations.

An innovator and a visionary at heart, Deneil is well regarded in Perth's start-up community. She founded a successful event company as well as building and testing a technology product, using testing and agile project methodologies.

Across her career, Deneil has shown a talent for unpacking and analysing complex problems and developing strategies to optimise organisations. She is looking for a role where she can draw on a diverse range of methodologies to help organisations have a meaningful and positive impact on humanity and the environment.



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Education and Credentials

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Bachelor's in Industrial Engineering – Distinction | **Latina University of Panama**

Cesar is a highly experienced and dedicated data and analytics senior leader with a proven track record of success in various fields, including business administration, sales, finance, analytics, and stakeholder engagement. With an a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from the Latina University of Panama, Master of Data Science from UWA, and a strong passion for technology, innovation, and leadership, Cesar is commitment to the development and implementation of purpose-driven data strategy.

As a natural leader, Cesar excels in team management, collaboration, and problem solving, effectively leveraging the diverse skills and perspectives of team members. Cesar is a strong advocate for under represented groups, actively promoting diversity and inclusion in the workplace and community.

Cesar is a consensus-builder, adept at fostering positive relationships with stakeholders and aligning their objectives with organisational goals. He is always on the lookout for new and innovative ways to optimize processes and drive growth, demonstrating a keen eye for continuous improvement.

With his unique blend of technical expertise, leadership abilities, and unwavering dedication to driving growth and improvement, Cesar is well-positioned to make a significant impact on any organization. His commitment to diversity, inclusion, and stakeholder engagement sets him apart as a forward-thinking and conscientious leader in the field of Data and Analytics, poised to guide organizations in developing sound data strategies post-MBA.



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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science & Business Management) | **University of Westminster**

Lulu is an accomplished change leader, with 20 years, of international experience at premier institutions within finance and energy sectors. In her current role at Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), Lulu is responsible for leading change on a \$100 million major wholesale electricity markets reform program, which aims to address energy security and market effectiveness challenges to shape a more sustainable energy future for WA.

Lulu began her career in the UK having been selected for the highly prestigious graduate development program at the Halifax (Lloyds Banking Group). Subsequently, she held various roles within the technology sector before progressing to business transformation to bring about successful change through people. Lulu is credited with strong interpersonal skills and visionary leadership empowering people through open and transparent communication. She is a creative problem solver who values team collaboration to encourage development of innovative ideas and solutions to complex issues.

Outside of her professional life, she is passionate about having a positive impact on the lives of others and the world around her. She co-founded a charity called Christianna Foundation aimed at improving education opportunities for underprivileged children in Nigeria, towards the objective of breaking the cycle of poverty through the attainment of education. She is a keen photographer who loves telling stories through the lens of a camera.



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Education and Credentials

Chartered Professional Engineer and National Engineering Register | **Engineers Australia**

Diploma of Public Works | **IPWEA/Black Swan Institute**

Diploma of Project Management | **Central Institute of Technology**

Bachelor of Engineering (Civil Engineering) | **The University of Western Australia**

Arnan is a civil engineer with 12 years' experience in the local government industry, specialising in project delivery and contract management. Currently working as a line manager within the City of Joondalup's Engineering Services team, Arnan is responsible for the delivery of the council's civil Capital Works Program worth circa \$18 million and management of their transport asset class portfolio valued at more than \$750 million. He has a successful track record of project and program delivery, and leading project teams to deliver projects through his critical thinking ability and ability to empower and engage others.

Having been exposed to leadership from a young age through leading small groups, youth committees and music bands at his local church to being a team leader and a line manager professionally, Arnan is a leader with high sense of emotional intelligence and a passion for nurturing others to reach their potential. He has a strong drive to achieve excellence and thrives in a fast paced and dynamic environment.

Arnan is a lifelong learner who strives to continually develop himself as an individual and a leader. He has embarked on the MBA journey to expand his business acumen and seek new opportunities and challenges.



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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) | **Curtin University**

Daniel is an experienced health care professional who thrives working in high pressure environments. Being outcome focused, Daniel has demonstrated ability to implement change in a complex system, by building strong relationships and fostering stakeholder collaboration to achieve results. In his current role as a senior leader at a tertiary public hospital, he provides direction on organisational issues and manages multiple projects while maintaining daily operations and service delivery.

Daniel relishes working in a team and is passionate about providing a workplace where employees grow and thrive. He has been integral to the implementation and maintenance of successful cultural change within his department. His drive to build strong, effective relationships and ability to plan and deliver services in optimised and novel ways have been key to his successful career.

Daniel loves working on complex problems, communicating with stakeholders and developing strategies for change. He has undertaken the MBA to grow his business acumen and build on his leadership skills. He is looking to diversify his industry experiences to be better equipped as a future leader in the provision of contemporary health care.



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Education and Credentials

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Graduate Diploma of Applied Tax Law | **The Tax Institute (Australia)**

Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Accounting) | **The University of Western Australia**

Resham is a Chartered Accountant with nearly a decade of experience in Australian public practice. She has worked for firms ranging from small boutiques to national second-tier firms, gaining extensive experience in business consulting, tax advisory and compliance, financial analysis and reporting, risk assessment and management, and business process improvement in a broad range of industries.

As a client manager at a second-tier accounting firm, Resham has established herself as an effective leader with exceptional communication skills. She has established a specialist cryptocurrency team in her current organisation, which she leads to high performance through her inclusive and efficient leadership style. The team is known for its effectiveness and agility, demonstrating Resham's ability to build and lead successful teams. Resham firmly believes that innovation is essential for business success and strives to foster out-of-the-box thinking among her team. The strengths that have helped her excel in her career are her critical thinking abilities, problem-solving skills, teamwork ethic, and her passion for learning.



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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical) | **The University of Adelaide**

Shannon is a project professional with over 15 years' experience in project management, commercial strategy and business development. Shannon has worked on a variety of major and mega-projects across the LNG, iron ore and copper sectors in Australia and Philippines.

Shannon is currently the Business Development Manager for Bechtel, a multi national engineering and construction firm where he is translating business strategy into collaborative new relationships and outcomes for mining clients.

Prior to joining Bechtel, Shannon worked for BHP in Adelaide and Perth, where he developed diverse and high performing teams responsible for delivering innovative commercial strategies within BHP's major projects portfolio.

With a background in chemical engineering, Shannon has always had a passion for solving complex, multi disciplinary problems in the energy and resources sector which has honed his critical thinking skillset. He also excels at communicating and negotiating with stakeholders to achieve organisational consensus – a critical skill for converting strategy into meaningful outcomes.

Upon completion of his MBA, Shannon wishes to progress into senior management and executive level roles where he can deploy his experience, enthusiasm, leadership and analytical skills. His next challenge will be to deploy these skills to help energy and resources companies transform as they navigate emerging challenges including the energy transition, food security, de globalisation and international security outlook.

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Education and Credentials

Doctor of Philosophy | Materials Science & Engineering | **University of Toronto**

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Evelyn's multifaceted capabilities have allowed her to perform a role in corporations few traditional engineers have ever fulfilled. Her portfolio in her current management role encompasses developing company-wide innovation strategy, leading collaborative research in new product development, inventing new products that have evolved into intellectual property, running forensic engineering investigations, and providing client recommendations on improving asset integrity. Evelyn's combination of technical aptitude, strong communication skills and relationship building have provided the basis for ongoing client rapport and recruitment of new clients.

Following obtaining her PhD in engineering from the University of Toronto, Evelyn amassed experience in operations, research and development, consulting, and academia on five continents in countries spanning Canada, Japan, Finland, Zambia, and Australia. Adapting to each new environment, she found it energizing and demonstrated the ability to respond to unexpected change with grace, learning to replicate successes and taking negative outcomes as an opportunity to learn and improve. Evelyn found that being adaptable, resourceful, and having a good sense of humour work well in achieving positive results.

Because of Evelyn's balanced and versatile skillset, she was selected to champion Corporate Social Responsibility in her current role. She further launched and led an original CSR initiative embraced by her entire organisation of 300+.

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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Engineering (Environment) | **The University of Western Australia**

Bachelor of Geoscience | **The University of Western Australia**

Shiyeng is an energy professional with over eight years, of experience working at Woodside. She has previously worked as a consultant for the mining industry optimising supply chain operations and as a field engineer in the East Coast of Australia. Her work involves leading the frontline workforce and being adaptive to respond flexibly to changing requirements. Shiyeng was most recently responsible for the engineering design and delivery of a successful \$200+ million offshore drilling operation.

Shiyeng enjoys problem solving and driving change systematically. She is driven to succeed and has been recognised for taking personal accountability in delivering innovative and value-driven business outcomes. She has earned a reputation for her ability to connect with people, easily building rapport across the organisation with her respectful and patient nature. Shiyeng regularly works in multinational teams and understands the intricacies of a multicultural workforce. She is also an avid supporter of diversity.

Shiyeng is passionate about developing and leading others and is determined to have a positive impact on the lives of others and the world around her. On top of her day job, she is a graduate coordinator for her function where she finds leading, developing and enabling people highly rewarding. Shiyeng has undertaken the MBA as she is eager to find new challenges to broaden and extend her commercial capability, as well as applying technology to enable sustainable energy solutions.



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Education and Credentials

Advanced Diploma (Contemporary Music) | **Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts**

Diploma (Contemporary Music) | **Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts**

Bachelor of Arts (Creative Advertising & Graphic Design; Photography & Illustration) | **Curtin University**

Rachel is interested in where artistic innovation can take WA. She has built her career on investigating this, be it through clever business modelling, collaborating with government on cultural policies, and in facilitating the right organisational structures, cultures, and financial strategies such that artistic professionals and sectors are given optimal conditions for excellence and inventive outputs.

Rachel understands the economic, social, and cultural ripples created by impactful placemaking experiences and vibrant entertainment, which is critical to the enrichment and quality of life of individuals within cities. Professionally, she has worked as a bass guitarist, band leader, graphic designer, and dabbled in photography, website design, creative direction, branding, and marketing. Rachel previously ran a small business, leading a team of musicians and managing clientele to provide live music experiences for events. One of her proudest professional moments was launching a nine-piece Christmas show band in the height of the 2020 pandemic, turning a profit in its first season of performance, as well as securing two major clients that year in a time where event entertainment budgets were restrictive.



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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering and Commerce (Mechanical Engineering, International Business Economics, Corporate Finance) | **The University of Western Australia**

Pier is a chartered engineer in project management and has a diverse range of experience and skills including cost, management, and program risk management. He has developed his skills on various and complex construction project for major clients and notable large-scale endeavours. The projects he has been involved in include Chevron's Wheatstone gas project, the Royal Australian Airforce's new pilot training system facilities, and BHP's low level rail bridge replacement project.

With his proven versatility, Pier has demonstrated his ability to adapt and excel in a variety of construction projects. He is currently coordinating and managing the existing utilities interfaces for Perth's new 22km rail line for the Public Transport Authority. This requires critically analysing engineering designs and working closely with the client and a diverse range of utility stakeholders including Telstra, NBN, Western Power, Optus, ATCO Gas, APA Infrastructure Group, Australian Gas Infrastructure Group, and Axicom.

Pier believes that effective stakeholder relationships and strategic problem solving are crucial to the success of any project. He is passionate about the role of data and analytics in optimising and refining company processes at all levels of operations. He believes that macroeconomics, automation, and disruptive technology play an integral role in defining business strategies and he advocates for the integration of these concepts into businesses. As a leader, Pier believes in the power of empowering his team members and guiding them to utilise their unique strengths to reach their full potential.

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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Commerce (Entrepreneurship Major) | **Curtin University**

Sam is a Consultant in the Perth Health and Wellbeing Management Consulting team at PwC. As an MBA candidate, Sam made a significant career transition through the networks and learnings he developed along the way.

In a previous professional capacity, Sam was the proprietor of a liquor retail business which focused upon specialty product offerings and deep community engagement. He had the opportunity to grow and eventually sell his business, which allowed for an opportunity to pivot into a completely new industry. He has over a decade of CRM experience, primarily developing this skill in the hospitality and wine trade. Still very passionate about wine, Sam continues to explore and develop his education in this field in his spare time. Sam's other aspects of small business acumen in problem solving, strategy and business development were amplified in his academic experience throughout the MBA program.

When he started as a candidate in 2022, Sam had no idea the impact that the MBA experience would have on his life. The personal and professional development he has undergone as well as the relationships he's forged are what he attributes to achieving his latest professional opportunity.

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Education and Credentials

Graduate Certificate (Project Management) | **Curtin University**

Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors
 Bachelor of Commerce | **Curtin University**

Ben is a management consultant with KPMG and possesses over six years' experience working in the public, private and non-for-profit sectors in both a consultant and client-side capacity. Ben's expertise primarily resides in leading the design of functional strategies and the subsequent delivery of back-office transformation initiatives. Recently, Ben has worked closely with senior executive teams to lead teams in the delivery of projects pertinent to organisational restructures, post-merger integrations, and enterprise-wide technology implementations.

Between tenures with KPMG, Ben joined BGC to further enable the groups' transformation of its HR and IT functions in preparation for a potential divestiture. In aiding the turnaround of a truly iconic WA business, Ben reinforced his strong interest in strategy development, enterprise-wide transformation, and the reality of working with others to solve complex problems through creative, evidence-based solutions.

Upon completion of his MBA, Ben aspires to further his career in management consulting or corporate management by exploring opportunities where his passion for curiosity, life-long learning, and a commitment to achieving tangible results is shared by a high-performing organisation.



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Education and Credentials

Graduate Certificate in Business | Curtin University

Sallie has over 15 years, experience in legal services and contract administration substantially at one of Australia's leading law firms and an ASX 20 mining company.

Sallie has excelled in competitive and high intensity environments that have required acute attention to detail and strong analytical capacities. With this motivating her enrolment in UWA's MBA program, Sallie is focused on developing her strategic management capabilities and business acumen towards complementing her existing strengths.

Sallie spent 12 years, in legal services with Gilbert + Tobin as well as a law practice in the UK, prior to moving to Fortescue Metals Group where she specialises in contract administration, management, and negotiation. Amongst her recent experiences count board paper preparation and presentation in seeking approvals for contracts of ~\$600 million, Sallie was integral from prequalification to execution. She is passionate about strong corporate governance and compliance, seeing this as drivers of firm economic value and success.

Sallie has further recently gained experience in advisory and support to a European domiciled financial intermediary mandated by sovereign investors investigating an Australian based infrastructure investment opportunity.

Post completion of her MBA, Sallie is open minded to exploring prospective new career opportunities that may extend from strategy consulting to capital markets oriented roles.



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Education and Credentials

Masters of Professional Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) | **The University of Western Australia**
 Bachelor of Science (Engineering and Economics) | **The University of Western Australia**

Ross is an aspiring young professional with a background in mechanical engineering and economics. Having developed a strong foundation in the engineering consulting industry, including both technical and managerial roles, Ross is looking to leverage his broad skill base and move toward a career in strategic consulting and executive leadership.

A key driver for Ross is to "help companies be the best they can be". He is passionate about enabling firms to provide the best outcomes for their customers or clients, whether that be in the business world or in other areas of interest such as education or healthcare.

Ross values integrity, collaboration, and meaningful personal relationships. These values have allowed him to be an effective and valued team member and leader throughout his career. Ross is at his best when working as part of a cohesive, like-minded team and applying critical thinking and reasoned decision making to work towards a common goal.

Outside of work, Ross enjoys spending time with friends and family, exercising and generally staying active. Ross focus during the MBA program is to further develop his leadership skills and deepen his knowledge of executive business practises to prepare himself for the next stage of his career.



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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Engineering (Civil/Structural) – 1st Class Honours |
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Richa grew up in Melbourne, Australia, where she completed her Bachelor of Engineering in Civil/Structural Engineering.

Having worked at Chevron for almost a decade, Richa has breadth of experience. She has completed technical problem solving, organisational change management, site, and project management roles. Her success in these vastly different positions is a testament to her adaptability, conscientiousness, and ability to learn quickly.

Her current position as a project lead involves working with multi disciplinary teams to develop new technical solutions that enable retrofitting parts to existing subsea assets. This requires guiding the team towards qualification and development of new technologies to land on a working solution. Richa does this by maintaining line of sight to the bigger picture to ensure decisions are aligned with overall strategy.

Her prior roles, including those within change management and on site, demonstrated and honed her ability to communicate effectively at all organisational levels.

Her unique skills are active listening and relationship building. These skills enable her to gain alignment with teams and influence stakeholders.

Richa enjoys working with people, problem solving and learning. She is open to both interstate and international opportunities, and broader leadership roles.



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Education and Credentials

Chair, Western Australian Section Society
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Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical Engineering) – 2nd Class
Honours | **Curtin University**

Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) – 2nd Class Honours |
Curtin University

Leon is a process engineer who has had a successful track record working as a consultant for oil, gas and mining projects and as a metallurgist in mining operations (planning, scheduling and sales). With over seven years, of professional experience, Leon has developed a strong foundation in project management, process optimisation, and data analysis.

Outside of his professional work experience, Leon is the Chairperson of the Society of Petroleum Engineers - Young Professionals division. In this role, Leon has demonstrated leadership, organisational and communication skills and has spearheaded initiatives to further develop young professionals.

A highlight of Leon's career has been the opportunity to work on both subsea and land based projects, across six of the seven continents, delivering exceptional results for a diverse range of multinational clients. Leon has most recently worked on the Scarborough and Dorado offshore energy projects, where he was recognised for his approach to problem solving and strategic decision-making.

Leon's interest in strategy, project development and financing grew through his involvement with the development of corporate finance and business cases. Utilising his existing industry knowledge in conjunction with his interests enables him to provide valuable, effective and commercial advice to companies. Leon intends to accelerate his capabilities in financial models and business strategy through his MBA.



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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Science (Chemical Engineering) | **Hanyang University**

Associate Degree of Engineering (Applied Chemistry) | **Dong Yang Mirae University**

Certificate (Korean Language) | **Seoul National University**

With a background in chemical engineering, Vinod is a project manager with 15 years of experience delivering several large capital projects in the oil and gas and petrochemical industry. After completing his undergraduate studies in Seoul, he began his career at a multinational South Korean engineering, procurement, and construction company. He later joined Malaysia's national oil company where he oversaw the development of a US\$27 billion integrated crude refining and petrochemical complex, from its inception phase up to successful operation.

Vinod has held key engineering and construction management roles, facilitating multi disciplinary technical teams to produce diverse execution plans and deliverables in both greenfield and brownfield projects. Having worked with top-tier global operators and contracting firms, Vinod has gained a deep understanding of their respective challenges, business drivers, and strategies. He strongly believes in the importance of emotional intelligence and empathy to detect and address the challenges and motives of others to resolve conflicts. Throughout his career, Vinod has developed and delivered optimal technical and commercial solutions for projects by leveraging on his ability to effectively engage with stakeholders at all organisational levels.

He aspires to champion sustainable and clean energy initiatives to create positive social impact while ensuring continued value creation.



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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (Honours) and Commerce (Finance) | **Monash University**

Diploma in Project Management

Certificate IV in Project Management

A commercial professional with close to a decade of experience in the resources and energy sector, Sandra is passionate about driving business growth and success through collaboration, problem solving and innovative ways of working.

Sandra's exposure to strategy and market analysis has led her to cultivate a strong skill set across areas of business development, project management and commercial management. With experience leading teams across the Asia Pacific region, Sandra thrives on learning about international business operations in a culturally diverse environment.

A key player within the Mineral Resources Commercial team, Sandra has a proven track record in winning new business, executing commercial strategy, optimising profitability, and collaborating cross-functionally to deliver innovative solutions. Committed to building strong relationships based on trust, Sandra aims to deliver exceptional win-win commercial outcomes for all stakeholders.

A recipient of the 2023 UWA MBA Mining Leaders Scholarship, Sandra has undertaken additional study to amplify her existing skill set in leadership and strategic operations. With aspirations to progress into senior leadership and future executive-level roles, Sandra wishes to continue exploring commercial, operational, corporate development and strategic roles in Australia and internationally where she can build authentic connections and drive business growth.



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Education and Credentials

Instrumentation and Control Engineering |
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With the philosophy of enjoying the present to shape the future, Hari lives the moment to make it eventful and seeks pleasure in doing things. He remains calm and composed even in challenging situations and comes up with the best possible ideas to handle those challenges.

Hari is a control system engineer and has been with METS sector, designing products aimed at improving productivity and safety in mining operations. As part of global organisations, he worked in India, Australia, the UK and the US and quickly adapts to the team and the environment. He is very efficient in coordinating and collaborating not only with the teams working in different time zones, but also with customers and suppliers. His project and team management skills were evident when he built a new team, acquired projects and successfully delivered them.

As an engineering specialist in Caterpillar, he standardised the software modules for all the electronic components used in all machine products, thereby reducing development time and improving quality. He used his knowledge on various process methodologies such as 6-Sigma, Agile and Caterpillar Production System to improve process maturity, eliminate waste, achieve quality and increase velocity.

After completing MBA, Hari would like to take up strategy and execution role in energy and resource sector. Equally important for him is that he wants to complete five more levels in saxophone to give his son a healthy competition.



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Education and Credentials

Master of Laws (LL.M.), Mineral Law and Policy | **University of Dundee**

Wendy is an Australian lawyer and respected expert on African mining law and policy (LLM), native title, gender policy in mining, and community engagement. She is passionate about the power of domestic resource industries to drive economic change and empowerment within African countries. Her focus is on broadening economic development, elevating skills and supporting the creation of thriving African owned and managed mining industries.

Wendy has led large-scale projects across countries and cultures and is comfortable navigating unfamiliar social and political territories. Wendy succeeded where many wouldn't:

- On ground in post-Gaddafi Libya, working to plant the seeds of a mining industry as a trusted advisor among Libyan government, industry, and corporate partners;
- Project managing an Australian government funded initiative to build capacity in Ghana's mining sector, leading the establishment of an executive short course and LLM in mining law and policy for the University of Ghana;
- Leading research and publication of global reports on the Libyan mining sector beyond oil, mining codes and gender potential across Africa, customary law and cultural heritage protection in Ghana and Western Australia and
- Establishing what was the largest indigenous land use agreement of its type in Australia at the time, successfully negotiating between 5 Native Title claimant groups and three levels of government.



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Education and Credentials

Certified Accountant | CPA Australia
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Alison is a finance professional with extensive and diverse experience across mining, global mining service, banking and non-profit organisations. She is able to quickly adapt to new environments across different countries and cultures, understand business processes, as well as deliver changes and improvements for group-level competencies.

Alison is an adaptive finance leader. During her time with a global mining service company, CEO appointed her to the company's US subsidiary for two months to standardise the accounting and operational process. During her time she led a local finance team successfully injected \$10 million cash flow. Alison is determined to find better solutions and business processes to mitigate risks for recurring.

Alison sees the needs of others is generous with her time, energy and possessions. Alison remains calm and optimistic in complex and difficult situations, promoting a safe environment and enabling the team stay positive.

She thrives when providing ongoing improvement for both business processes and technology. In the past, she helped drive ERP systems changes for Asia-Pacific through plan, design, and implementing stages.

Alison commits herself to keep curiosity for the unknowns and trusts that pursuing new knowledge and skills in diverse areas will help her broaden her horizons and help others.



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Education and Credentials

Bachelor of Science (Physiotherapy) | The University of Notre Dame

Josh is a driven and passionate professional who brings a unique perspective to his role as a consultant within Deloitte's Operations and Transformation team. With over four years, of experience as a physiotherapist, Josh has developed a diverse skill set that he leverages to make valuable contributions to his team.

Throughout his career, Josh has worked in various clinical environments and worked to develop policies and guidelines for healthcare providers in both metro and rural setting. Josh's approach is focused on achieving person-centred, cost-effective solutions that deliver positive results for all stakeholders.

Upon completion of his MBA, Josh seeks to drive change across the healthcare industry, focussing on transforming services to effectively navigate the challenges of tomorrow.

Outside of work, Josh is an avid sports fan, particularly of his North Melbourne Kangaroos. Josh believes in maintaining a healthy work life balance and spends his time playing social sports or outdoors with his family.



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