

SA 'new economy' business leaders win ILF grants

Thirty-six SA business leaders looking to further their professional goals have received \$372,000 for national and international courses from the Industry Leaders Fund.

SA Australian business leaders with an eye on the future have received about \$372,000 towards their choice of local and international professional education courses.

A record 36 grants were awarded to scholars by the Industry Leaders Fund at a ceremony at the Adelaide Convention Centre last night.

Now in its tenth year, the ILF program has awarded 178 grants totalling \$2.1 million and provides a platform for the state's entrepreneurs and leaders to fast-track their careers.

Companies creating intellectual property, rather than physical goods, were among the successful applicants in this year's grants program, according to ILF chief executive Geoff Vogt.

More than one third work in "new economy" businesses with intellectual property driving growth in sectors such as space, IT, aeronautics, systems engineering and marketing research. "This year's list reflects the state's exposure to the new economy with companies producing intangible IP or innovative products which are internationally known.

"These leaders will be integral to boosting South Australia's economy with the grant scheme demonstrating a creation of 1657 new jobs in scholars' businesses in the state and another 1754 interstate at January 2019.

"The scheme is an efficient job creator on international standards with the average grant cost per job created calculated to be less than \$1000 since the scheme began in 2009," Mr Vogt said.

The new scholars will attend programs offered by Harvard Business School, INSEAD, Oxford's Said Business School, Melbourne Business School, the University of Adelaide, Stanford Graduate School of Business, the University of South Australia and IMD (Switzerland).



Neumann Space CEO Herve Astier. Picture

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Neumann Space chief executive Herve Astier received \$12,000 for towards a US Harvard Business School course on launching new ventures and jump-starting innovation for entrepreneurs and business owners. Lot Fourteen-based Neumann Space this year won \$850,000 in funding to support its growth and development through the state innovation and skills department's Research, Commercialisation and Start-up Fund. The company, which is working on an ion thruster to move satellites around in space, also raised \$2 million in seed funding for its research and development and is among the local companies underpinning SA's ambitions for space research and technology initiatives.

"The course is perfectly suited to the plans we have for Neumann with our space initiatives. I also volunteer my time with start-ups and entrepreneurs in SA, where I could apply some of the knowledge," Mr Astier said.

FULL LIST OF RECIPIENTS

Herve Astier, CEO, Neumann Space: \$12,000 for Launching New Ventures: Jump-Starting Innovation for Entrepreneurs and Business Owners, USA Harvard Business School.

Amanda Baldwin, general manager -investment, G'Day Group Holdings (formerly Discovery Holiday Parks): \$9000 for Negotiation and Competitive Decision-Making, USA Harvard Business School.

Nicholas Berry, CEO, Seed Terminator: \$20,000 for Executive Development Program

Transforming to strategic leadership, North-western Kellogg USA.

Iain Cartwright, principal engineer: spacecraft and mission, Myriota: \$6000 for Professional Management Program, University of Adelaide.

Adrian Cerchez, CEO, Chem-Supply: \$16,000 for Advanced Management & Leadership Program, Said Business School, University of Oxford.

Joanna Chronis, CEO, Logic Plus: \$20,000 for Owner/President Management, Harvard Business School USA.

Tarnia Conti, COO, Lightforce: \$5000 for Innovation for Transformation, Professional Certificate Flinders University – NVI.

Katherine Donaldson, managing director, Praxis Aeronautics: \$9000 for Professional Management Program & Defence Industry Study Course, Adelaide University & Department of Defence.

Penni-Anne Donato, managing director, Allin Towbars: \$5000 for AICD's Company Directors Course.

Bronte Eckermann, director, Eckermann and Associates: \$9000 for Your Venture: Essentials of Leadership, London Business School.

Bill Efrosinis, business owner, Autumn Fruits: \$10,000 for Agri-Food Tech & Internet of Farms Traction Tour, KPMG Victoria.

Adam Faulkner, CEO, Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority: \$6000 for Future Thinking and Strategy Development course, Melbourne Business School.

Aaron Fiora, marketing director and business development manager, Littlehampton Bricks and Pavers: \$9000 for Advanced Management Program, Melbourne Business School.

Sarah Hibbard, operations chapter lead (marketing and communications manager), Consilium Technology: \$8000 for International Marketing & Strategy Program, Zürich School of Management.

Julia Johnson, marketing and communications manager, Myriota: \$15,000 for Executive Program for Growing Companies, Stanford Graduate School of Business USA.

Tania Jolley, CEO and joint founder, DNA Security Solutions: \$9000 for Influence and Negotiation Strategies Program, Stanford Graduate School of Business USA.

Donald Kay, owner, Don Alan: \$7000 for Transformative Leadership Program,

University of Adelaide.

Gary Krix, CEO, Krix Loudspeakers: \$15,000 for Executive Program for Growing Companies,

Stanford Graduate School of Business USA.

Jonasz Marek, operations manager, Klein Tools Australia (formerly Mumme Tools): \$4000 for Professional Management Program, University of Adelaide.

Stephen McGrath, head of finance, Peregrine Corporation: \$8000 for High Performance Leadership Program, Said Business School, University of Oxford.

Mary Mercuri, export/quality manager, Ennio International: \$10,000 for Aligning Strategy and Sales, Harvard Business School USA.

Brett Miller, co-founder & CEO, Ati Implants: \$16,000 for Advanced Management & Leadership Programme, Said Business School, University of Oxford.

Jason Nagy, managing director, Logic Plus: \$9000 for High-Performance Leadership (HPL),

IMD Switzerland.

Karen Nelson-Field, executive director, founder, Centre for Amplified Intelligence: \$8000 for Driving Profitable Growth, Harvard Business School USA.

Alana Newell, head of production, Rising Sun Pictures: \$8000 for the Business of Entertainment, Media, and Sports, Harvard Business School USA.

Rhona Parker-Benton, director, Lavender Farm plus retail shop (agri-tourism): \$7000 for

Virtual Cosmetic Chemist Internship (Institute of Personal Care Science) and AICD's Company Directors Course.

Steven Patriarca, infrastructure procurement lead, Naval Group Australia: \$7000 for three subjects of the University of Adelaide MBA.

Andrew Ramsey, CEO, Hands On SA (trading as Mobo Group Australia): \$7000 for Transformative Leadership Program, University of Adelaide.

Vito Rinaldi, managing director/founder, Blue Crystal Solutions: \$20,000 for Owner/President Management Program, Harvard Business School USA.

John Salerno, managing director, Dedicated Systems Australia: \$8000 for Driving Profitable Growth, Harvard Business School USA.

Ben Smit, CEO, Teamgage: \$11,000 for High Potentials Leadership Program, Harvard Business School USA.

Matthew Stead, CEO, Resonate Consultants: \$16,000 for The Corporate Entrepreneur Driving Innovation and New Ventures, Stanford Graduate School of Business USA.

Gregory Stevens, general manager, growth & defence, Toolcraft Australia: \$8000 for MBA, University of SA.

Virginia Suttell, chief financial officer, Cooper Energy: \$12,000 for Strategic Leadership Programme, University of Oxford UK.

Michael Waite, CEO, Shoal Group: \$16,000 for Executive Program for Growing Companies, Stanford Graduate School of Business USA.

Jane Wang, commercial analyst, OZ Minerals: \$7000 for Enterprise Executive Program, University of Michigan, Hong Kong.