



Government, Industry, Academia unite to support Women in AI Awards 2021

SYDNEY, Nov 19th - With the deadline for entries fast approaching, the [2021 Women in AI Awards](#) continue to gather support across the Australian Business Community.

From Western Sydney University and the University of Sydney, to Lockheed Martin Australia, the Minerals Council of Australia and the Department of Industry, Science and Resources, support for the awards cuts across both industry and sector lines alike.

Lockheed Martin Australia: "Applying AI to the security of Australia and its national interests requires the *very best* AI practitioners that Australia can produce. Lockheed Martin Australia is honoured to sponsor the Women in Defence AI Award, and to promote the critical role AI practitioners play in the future security of the Nation." - **Dr Tony Lindsay**, [STELaRLab](#).

[Professor Jean Yang](#) at the **University of Sydney** agrees: "The WAI awards promote and support diversity, equity, and inclusion in AI by celebrating the outstanding women who are working in the field. By showcasing these women, the awards help inspire the next generation of women to pursue AI-related careers."

The WAI Awards 2021 honours top Australian and New Zealand female innovators in AI. Hosted by multi-award-winning STEM journalist and Science and Technology Editor for NITV, [Rae Johnston](#), the awards will be held on February 23rd at the Sydney Museum of Contemporary Art.

Individual winners will benefit from endorsement, prestige, recognition, opportunities for collaboration, and extensive media exposure. The Grand Award Winner, and both runners-up, will also benefit from a cash prize, and one-on-one meetings with industry, academic and government leaders, and venture capitalists.

"Artificial intelligence has the potential to bring great change to the world and it is vital that we plan ahead so that we capture the benefits while mitigating the disruptions. Women in AI will play an important role in the coming years in guiding the development of this important technology and that is why I am delighted to be the Patron of the Advisory Group for the inaugural WAI Awards." **Julie Bishop** - Chancellor ANU & Former Foreign Minister of Australia.

For a full list of supporters and awards categories, plus information on how to enter, please visit www.womeninai.co/waiawards2021aus-nz.