

Media statement

New leadership program to advance women in digital health

Women advancing their careers in digital health are invited to apply for a new leadership program launched today by the Australasian Institute of Digital Health.

The Women in Digital Health (WiDH) Leadership program is accepting applications for selection into this specialised program. Applications are due 11.59pm AEDT, Monday 10 January 2022.

The six-month program is designed to enable women to realise and develop their leadership potential to advance the capability of organisations to achieve *healthier lives, digitally enabled*.

"There are so many brilliant women in our sector, at various stages of their career. We've built this program to cater for women at all stages of their leadership career journey", said AIDH CEO Dr Louise Schaper.

"I'm excited to see the 25 participants in the first cohort (and the cohorts to come) take on this program and take their careers to the next level. They will all have a personalised learning program which includes six one-hour individual coaching sessions, in addition to their peer learning."

Participants will also complete small group projects of impact on the digital health community as part of their learning outcomes in the program. They will be supported by the Institute's team of mentors Prof Wendy Chapman, Janine Cox, Dr Ruth de Souza, Berne Gibbons, Tricia Liebke, Dr Magdalena Simonis and Dr Monica Trujillo.

Professor Wendy Chapman, AIDH Board member and Director of the Centre for Digital Health Transformation at Melbourne University built a similar program in the USA.

"I believe Australia can build on the success of the US program. The team have worked hard to customise the content and experience for leaders in Australia and I am looking forward to working alongside our mentors and the participants," Prof Chapman said.

The program is guided by an advisory committee of executives from the Institute and its program partners. These members are Prof Wendy Chapman, Prof Dorota Gertig, Dr Amandeep Hansra, Jenny Parker, Dr Silvia Pfeiffer, Kate Quirke, Angela Ryan, and Dr Louise Schaper.

The program is supported by Institute partners Alcidion, EY, COVIU and Telstra Health.

Further details can be found at <https://digitalhealth.org.au/womenindigitalhealth/>

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