



Award recipients for 2013 at the awards ceremony.

Front row left to right, Richard Inwood, Tindo Solar; Peter Charlesworth, Minelab; Pia Goetjens, BGC Contracting; Shane Kelly, Kelly Engineering; Ben Marsh, Redarc; Hamish Hogben, TI Automotive; and back row left to right, Peter Cox, Gelista Gelati; Alexander Jenner-Oshea, S J Cheesman; Mark Coupe, FTE Solutions; Jenna Barnes, Nyrstar; Andrew Downs, Sage Automation; Stephanie Morris, Madeleine Pharmaceuticals; Dale Roberts, KOJO; Tom Clifford, Detmold; Jeremy Hawkes, Bowhill Engineering.

FUND LOOKS TO NURTURE FUTURE INDUSTRY LEADERS

The task of identifying and nurturing future industry leaders in South Australia is not an easy one.

But it is something the Industry Leaders Fund (ILF) has taken on with outstanding success.

Established in 2009, as a non-government, not-for-profit initiative, the ILF has become the pre-eminent body for investing in the development of individuals with the potential to enhance South Australia's prosperity.

The ILF offers grants to help those with leadership aspirations to achieve their aims sooner than would otherwise be possible.

The grants are intended to support individuals who can demonstrate their:

- leadership potential through a history of roles at work or in the broader community
- interest in sharing the benefit of their talents, knowledge and achievements with industry and the community.

Successful recipients receive up to \$50,000 to develop their leadership skills, experience and knowledge, and are entitled to become members of the exclusive ILF Grantee network.

Education and training is conducted in training establishments or can be provided on the job or at other work places.

Grants go towards study at the prestigious Harvard Business School in Boston, US; Mt Eliza, Melbourne Business School; Shinka Management Lean Manufacturing Japan Study Tour; INSEAD Business School in Paris, France; Wharton University in Philadelphia, US; University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide.

"I believe the characteristics exhibited by true leaders include vision, superior communication skills, passion, a powerful drive to succeed, strong inter-personal skills, strong ethics and a willingness to contribute to the community," said Geoff Vogt, ILF Chief Executive.

Manufacturing, mining, engineering, electronics and pharmaceuticals are all South Australian industries that have benefitted from ILF grants.

Last year, \$205,000 was awarded to 16 of the state's most talented applicants in the organisation's fourth year of annual grants funding.

This represents a 105 per cent increase on grants awarded in 2012.

"The Board was impressed by the high-calibre and diversity of applicants, hence the record number of grants.

"We want grant recipients to go on to generate wealth-creating, world-competitive, value-adding opportunities in South Australia.

"Hopefully they will re-establish a head office mentality in Adelaide."

"The ILF is rapidly gaining recognition by business leaders and the significant achievements of grantees to date is both humbling and rewarding," Geoff said.

Potential applicants for grants in 2014 are encouraged to contact the ILF and look for more details at

Applications close on Friday, 30 May 2014.