





MEDIA RELEASE

New Coles scholarships to support property industry future leaders

Coles Group is partnering with the University of Melbourne to offer for the first time two scholarships that will support outstanding students become leaders in Australia's property industry.

The Coles Group Scholarship will go to high achieving Master of Property students at the Melbourne School of Design. The financial assistance allows the recipients to focus on their studies for the two-year masters program, removing barriers to full participation in all aspects of university life.

Coles Group and the University are together committed to exploring areas of potential property research collaboration and to support excellence in future practitioners entering the field. The property industry has a key role to play in the development of sustainable communities from both a social and environmental perspective.

Coles' Chief Sustainability, Property and Export Officer, Thinus Keevé, said the scholarships will help build industry capacity and reward high-performing students. "We're proud to be working with Melbourne University to support property students by enriching their educational experience with industry-based learning.

"As part of Coles' commitment to Win Together with the communities we serve, we're also pleased to be supporting students with a Coles-sponsored scholarship for the Masters in Property program.

"Coles is passionate about helping our team members to develop their careers, and this partnership will help the next generation of experts to establish their careers in this dynamic and rewarding industry."

Professor of Property at the University of Melbourne, Piyush Tiwari explains "We welcome this partnership with Coles and look forward to engaging closely in our academic activities. Their generous gift, in the form of two scholarships, will provide students with life-changing opportunities and faculty with resources to make a difference."

Applications will open for start year 2022. For more information, visit the scholarships website. For more information on the Coles Group Scholarships visit <u>scholarships.unimelb.edu.au</u>

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For more than 100 years Coles has been dedicated to delivering quality, value and service to Australian families. Coles Group is a leading Australian retailer with more than 2500 stores, employing more than 120,000 people across our supermarkets, liquor stores, convenience outlets and also offering Coles Online shopping and financial services. We process more than 20 million customer transactions each week, providing our customers with products from thousands of Australian farmers and suppliers.

Coles has an ambition to become Australia's most sustainable supermarket and we are passionate about supporting the communities we serve through partnerships, sponsorships and fundraising.

To learn more about Coles Group visit www.colesgroup.com.au

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

At the University of Melbourne, we're passionate about activating the next generation of built environment professionals, providing a world-recognised education. Our staff and students are busy visualising exciting and relevant ways of programming our cities and regions.

We teach across the built environment fields, making us unique among Australian universities, and part of a select group worldwide. This mix of expertise enables us to prepare our graduates to design solutions for an unpredictable future.

The Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, incorporating the Melbourne School of Design (MSD), is a creative and leadership-oriented built environment faculty in Australia's foremost research-intensive university.

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