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## **FINTECH LOOKS TO SUPPORT WOMEN PURSUING STEM CAREERS**

Nimble, one of Australia's first and most successful Fintech's, is offering \$5,000 cash scholarships for two Australian females entering higher education in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths) field.

According to the UNESCO report *Cracking the code: Girls' and women's education in STEM*, only 35 per cent of STEM students in higher education are women.

Applicants are required to submit a short statement, essay and proof of enrolment to Nimble for judging prior to January 31, 2020.

"At the heart of Nimble's business are people, technology and mathematics so while there are many initiatives worthy of support, our team are very passionate about the idea of helping women in a small way to pursue STEM related education and training," said Nimble CEO, Gavin Slater.

On top of being underrepresented in STEM fields, women also experience a substantial gender pay gap.

Using data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) has calculated the national gender pay gap as 14.0 per cent for full-time employees, a difference of \$241.50 per week.

"We hope to be able to do even more to help address this problem in the near future while encouraging more interested women into STEM careers," said Gavin Slater.

"We are really looking forward to reading some of the fantastic entries we expect to receive and wish all the applicants the best of luck."

Interested parties are encouraged to visit <https://nimble.com.au/scholarship/> to find out more about the application process and judging criteria.

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