

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Title:

Boardroom Decision-Making and Global Grand Challenges.

Project Summary:

Corporate boards are facing increased stakeholder demands around important societal issues such as climate change, slavery and human rights, gender equality, and depleting natural resources. These issues take boards into unfamiliar territories with limited lessons from the past being able to guide them.

This raises important questions:

- i. How do boards acquire the right knowledge and skills to engage with today's grand challenges?
- ii. What barriers hinder board understanding of sustainability issues, and how can corporate governance and policy reforms strengthen their capacity to address them?
- iii. How should boards effectively integrate these issues into their strategic decision-making?

The proposed project aims to build future boardroom capabilities in Australia (practical) and publish high-quality publications (theoretical).

Preferred Applicant Skillset:

We are looking for a self-motivated PhD candidate with excellent problem-solving and communication skills. Candidates with an educational background in governance and/or sustainability, qualitative research methods and exposure to boardrooms are desired, given the complexities associated with working with corporate elites.

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