



WORLD RUGBY WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS – 2018-20

World Rugby announced the [12 recipients of its Women's Executive Leadership Scholarship](#) for 2021 on 8 March, taking the number of scholarship awarded to 49 in total. The previous 37 recipients are detailed below.

2018 Scholarship recipients (roles as of 2018)

Ada Milby (Philippines) – Member of World Rugby Council and the Asia Rugby Executive Committee, Secretary General of the Philippine Rugby Football Union and former captain of the Philippines in sevens and 15s

Samantha Feausi (Hong Kong) – Head of Women's Rugby Development for Hong Kong Rugby Union and former Hong Kong captain in sevens and 15s

Maha Zaoui (Tunisia) – General Manager of the Fédération Tunisienne de Rugby and member of the Executive Board, responsible for women's rugby

Rolande Boro (Burkina Faso) – President of the Fédération Burkinabe de Rugby and former Burkina Faso player

Dr Araba 'Roo' Chintoh (Canada) – Provincial Director and member of Rugby Canada's Board of Directors who played for Canada at women's Rugby World Cup 2002

Jillion Potter (USA) – A player for USA for nearly 10 years, who played at women's Rugby World Cup 2014 in 15s and led Team USA to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games in sevens

Maria Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago) – Honorary Secretary and member of the Trinidad and Tobago Rugby Football Union Executive Committee, a sevens player for Trinidad and Tobago

Marjorie Enya (Brazil) – Confederação Brasileira de Rugby Board member, representative of women's rugby community, member of the Development Committee, Women's Rugby Director for Paulistana Rugby Federation (São Paulo), former Brazil women's sevens team manager and Services Manager for Rugby Sevens at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Maria Catalina Palacio Gaviria (Colombia) – CEO of Federación Colombiana and President of the Antioquian Rugby Federation

2019 Scholarship (roles as of 2019)

Cate Sexton (New Zealand) – Head of Women's Rugby Development at New Zealand Rugby

Vela Naucukidi (Fiji) – Women's Development Manager for the Fiji Rugby Union, former President of the Fiji Women's Rugby Union (2007-12) and current Secretary since 2013



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Jane Schmitt (Australia) – Director and board member of Queensland Rugby Union

Cybele Druma (Papua New Guinea) – Former CEO of the Papua New Guinea Rugby Football Union and President of the National Capital District Rugby Union

Gemma Fay (Scotland) – Head of Girls and Women's Rugby with Scottish Rugby

Katharina Kueß (Austria) – Vice-President and head of women's rugby in Austria, a player and coach

Annelies Acda (Netherlands) – Rugby Nederland Board member and Rugby Europe Women's Rugby Committee member

Irina Arkhytska (Ukraine) – Secretary General for National Rugby Federation of Ukraine

Regina Lunyolo (Uganda) – Chairperson of the Uganda Women's Rugby Advisory Committee and committee member for the Gender Equality and Diversity commission of the Uganda Olympic Committee

Edvige Manga (Senegal) – Deputy Secretary General of Fédération Sénégalaise de Rugby

María Fernanda Vázquez Villatoro (Mexico) – Manager and Board member at Wallabies Rugby Football Club Mexico

Lauren Rothwell (Bermuda) – Board Member and Public Relations Officer for Bermuda Rugby Union and national team player

Lettizia Alcaraz (Argentina) – Women's Rugby Development Manager of the Northeast Rugby Union and former international player

Soledad Galleguillos (Chile) – Development Manager of Women's Rugby and former international player for Chile, coach and educator

2020 Scholarship recipients (roles as of 2020)

Beth Onesemo (Samoa) – Board Member, Board of Directors, Samoa Rugby Union

Nicki Nicol (New Zealand) – Chief Operating Officer, New Zealand Rugby

Angela del Pan (Spain) – High Performance Operations Manager, Federación Española de Rugby (FER)

Su Carty (Ireland) – IRFU committee member and World Rugby Council member

Vanessa Doble (South Africa) – Head of Legal and Compliance and Company Secretary of SARU, World Rugby Council member



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Ando Niaina Herimahefa (Madagascar) – Women's Referee Manager, Girls School Rugby Manager, Malagasy Rugby

Keisha-Ann Down (Jamaica) – Vice-Chairman, Jamaica Rugby Football Union

Jenn Heinrich (USA) – President and CEO of Rugby Oregon, CEO and co-founder Girls Rugby, Inc

Sisy Quiroz (Peru) – CEO, Union Peruana de Rugby

Nitzia Formoso (Uruguay) – National women's team manager, Union de Rugby del Uruguay