# **Women in Economics Network logoMentoring program for women economic students**

Economists are central to decisions affecting the wellbeing of the community, and yet women are underrepresented in these influential roles.

Increasing female representation depends on attracting and retaining women in the ‘economics pipeline’.



The ACT WEN and BETA built a mentoring program to provide women studying economics at ANU with:

* A role model
* A broader perspective on career option
* An insight into practical applications of economics

Various sources of evidence suggest the mentoring program had a material impact on students’ decisions to continue with economics.

**70 per cent** (n=30) of student respondents agreed they were more likely to pursue a job in economics due to the program.

