

# HARVEY NORMAN YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



## STUDENT PROFILE

### Can you introduce yourself and share your area of study at Western Sydney University?

My name is Shaymaa Ayouch, and I am currently a first-year student at Western Sydney University. I am studying in the School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences working towards a Bachelor of Computer Science degree.

### How has being part of the Harvey Norman Young Women's Leadership Academy and receiving a scholarship supported your university journey?

The Harvey Norman Young Women's Leadership Academy has supported me by providing mentorship and guidance for the potential future leaders of Western Sydney University. It has supported me throughout the year with relieving the stress of needing to pay off my HECS. This creates an extra motivation to focus on my studies and to continuously prove why I was awarded the scholarship.

### What would you like to do after you graduate, and where do you see yourself in ten years?

After I graduate, I would like to be in an entry position level job, such as an internship to gain valuable experience to develop my professional portfolio. I envision myself in 10 years working as a cybersecurity specialist, contributing to protecting digital systems and data while continuing to grow as a leader.

### Why do you think programs like the Harvey Norman Leadership Academy, which encourage young women in leadership, are important?

Leadership workshops are important to drive and motivate young girls to lead with effective confidence and motivation. Programs like Harvey Norman Young Women's Leadership Academy are important for young women to learn, lead and succeed. They provide opportunities to build essential leadership skills, build confidence and unlock potential, while creating role models who can inspire. These programs nurture young women to step forward as leaders to create meaningful change in their professional paths and communities.

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### Can you introduce yourself and share your area of study at Western Sydney University?

My name is Nargis Khalili and I am currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Laws/ Bachelor of International Studies at Western Sydney University.

### How has being part of the Harvey Norman Young Women's Leadership Academy and receiving a scholarship supported your university journey?

Being part of the Harvey Norman Young Women's Leadership Academy and receiving a scholarship has significantly supported my university journey both academically and personally. The scholarship has eased the financial burden of tertiary education, allowing me to focus more on my studies and extracurricular involvement without the added pressure of part-time work. Through mentorship, networking opportunities, and leadership training, I've gained skills in communication, resilience, and strategic thinking that have enriched my university experience and prepared me for life beyond graduation. The sense of community and encouragement from other ambitious women has been incredibly motivating, reminding me that I'm part of a network committed to driving change.

### What would you like to do after you graduate, and where do you see yourself in ten years?

After graduating I plan to complete my legal training and work as a solicitor, ideally in human rights, family or international law. In ten years, I see myself working globally either in diplomacy or with an international organisation and using the law to support justice and advocate for vulnerable communities.

### Why do you think programs like the Harvey Norman Leadership Academy, which encourage young women in leadership, are important?

Programs like this are important because they empower young women with the skills, confidence, and networks needed to lead. They help close the gender gap in leadership and inspire women to pursue roles where they can create meaningful change.

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### Can you introduce yourself and share your area of study at Western Sydney University?

My name is Maryam Hadi, I graduated with class of 2024 Auburn Girls High School and I am currently studying a Bachelor of Speech Pathology at the Campbelltown Campus of Western Sydney University.

### How has being part of the Harvey Norman Young Women's Leadership Academy and receiving a scholarship supported your university journey?

Taking part in this program has been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I am very grateful to both Harvey Norman as a donor and partner of the University to grant special and valuable opportunities like these to Auburn Girls High School students like me and assist us financially, socially and mentally with the difficulties of undertaking tertiary education.

### What would you like to do after you graduate, and where do you see yourself in ten years?

After graduating, I hope to see myself as a productive and helpful speech pathologist in the community and social industry, possibly working with paediatric clients as I enjoy growing and learning with young people, but I am also open to creating new experiences with the wiser and elderly populations, too. In 10 years, it would be interesting if I complete my PhD as I know I have always wanted to be a writer and publish something I am passionate about, such as science, health and psychology.

### Why do you think programs like the Harvey Norman Leadership Academy, which encourage young women in leadership, are important?

In this world and especially in today's society women have been gradually finding their voices and pushing boundaries and undermining systems to achieve their dreams and goals, all the while inspiring one another to persevere. I believe that programs such as these are essential in empowering young women to strive for their personal best while unlocking their potential. After all, my school's motto is Learn, Lead, Succeed!

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MARYAM HADI  
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“We should never  
be the same,  
but we should always  
be ourselves.”

MARYAM HADI