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Prestigious award winner

Illawarra TAFE Institute business services graduate Jessica Koots has snared a prestigious international BBM Ltd Scholarship.

Ms Koots, 22, is one of 20 Australians to be awarded a BBM Scholarship through WorldSkills Australia. She will travel to the United Kingdom and undertake a two-week corporate leadership development program.

Here, she will be tested mentally and physically by undertaking tasks that endeavour to build practical leadership skills.

These include an expedition into the hills of north Wales and sinking a ship by a simulator in Portsmouth.

BBM Ltd (formerly known as the Big Brother Movement) was established in 1925 with the vision to help young British boys ("brothers") to maximise their potential and fulfil their spirit of adventure while undertaking a trade.

Today BBM Ltd supports the youth of Australia in a variety of vocational areas.