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Australia's top tech talent

Talent International has chosen six Australian technology practitioners to represent the country in a competition that will see Virgin's Richard Branson and Apple co-founder Steve Wosniak choose one individual to receive a five-day business mentoring workshop at the Branson Centre for Entrepreneurship in South Africa during Global Entrepreneurs Week in November.

Sebastian Eckersley-Maslin, founder of BlueChilli received the inspirational leadership award - the agency has a \$10 millions tart-up fund, while Amber Blumanis, creator of app Stopover received the rising start award. Other gongs went to James Nathan, founder and CEO of Food Orbit (community impact); Ken Taggart, founder of Chatty Kids with Philip Andrews, co-founder, Liquid State (digital content, shared); and Filip Eldic, co-founder of [BlueDot Innovation](#) received the best start-up award. Final winners in the Talent Unleashed Awards will be announced simultaneously in Auckland, Sydney, Hong Kong and Singapore on July 31.