Perth & Singapore Programs

The Graduate School of Management (GSM) offers doctoral programs that lead to the award of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA). Admission to the programs is competitively based upon prior education, research and work experience.

The GSM offers a preliminary program, the Master of Management Research, which prepares students to undertake either the PhD or DBA.

The PhD is the recognized qualification for those seeking an academic career. This degree is concerned with original research that advances our understanding of the business world through the development or restatement of theory.

The DBA is designed to serve the needs of professionals in the private and public sectors who wish to expand their skills in analyzing organisational issues and in evaluating policy proposals. Individuals holding academic positions in business and management schools may also benefit from the degree. The guiding premise for the DBA is that the advanced analysis of organisational and policy issues is best served by an intensive program of study that provides:

1. Specific preparation in the range of research methodologies applicable to the area of organisational analysis and managerial research writing;
2. A structured doctoral research program;
3. A program which, through formal classes and seminars, provides a facilitative environment which maximizes the opportunities for doctoral students to complete their course of studies.

Course Requirements

a) Master of Management Research
The Master of Management Research consists of coursework units that lead to the development of each candidate’s area of research, an appropriate research methodology, and an understanding of the relevant literature. Students undertake the following units:

- Management Research: Principles and Processes
- Qualitative Methods in Management Research
- Quantitative Methods in Management Research
- Literature Review and Criticism
- DBA Proposal and Defence

Candidates must pass each of these units with a minimum grade of 65%. The last unit will require candidates to defend their thesis before a research panel.

b) The DBA
The DBA requires students to write a thesis of up to 70,000 words and to attend research seminars.

The thesis will normally focus on a topical and relevant management issue and is expected to make a significant contribution to an understanding of management knowledge and practice.

c) The PhD
Students must meet the entry requirements of this program and undertake research on a full-time basis. The research culminates in a thesis of up to 100,000 words. Those unable to undertake studies on a full-time basis must initially enroll in the DBA.

Once these students have demonstrated research competence of a high level, arrangements can be made for them to complete the PhD.
Admission Requirements

The University may accept as a candidate for the PhD a person who has:

- An upper class Honours degree;
- or
- A Masters by Research degree;
- or
- A recognized preliminary research program (such as the MMR).

The Faculty may accept as a candidate for the DBA any person who has completed the MMR or meets the other PhD entry requirements.

The Faculty may accept as a candidate for the MMR any person who has:

- a) an undergraduate degree in the field of business or a cognate area;
- or
- has completed a postgraduate qualification in the area of business or a cognate area;
- and
- b) substantial and appropriate professional experience;
- and
- c) a pass in any test prescribed by Faculty.

All applicants should complete an application form and include all original documents. In addition, applicants should submit a five to six page summary on their proposed area of research, outlining why they are interested in this area and how they might undertake the research.

International Applicants

Entry requirements are as above, however, international applicants for whom English is not a native language or whose first degree was not taught in English must have an acceptable level of competency in English such as a TOEFL score of at least 590 or IELTS of at least 7.0.

Admission Periods

MMR and DBA students are admitted at the commencement of Semester 1. PhD students may be admitted at other times.

Tuition and other Fees

Perth Program

Domestic Students

The fee for the MMR is $1,800 per unit or $10,800 for the Master of Management Research.

DBA fees are covered by the Postgraduate Research Training Scheme.

International Students

For international students studying in Perth, the cost of the MMR and the DBA is A$9,500 per semester. The first installment must be paid in advance prior to being issued with a Confirmation of Enrolment which is needed to secure a student visa.

International students should expect to pay A$14,000 - $16,000 per year to cover living expenses while studying in Perth.

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) provides a limited number of scholarships for postgraduate students from developing countries. Further information on these scholarships is available from the Australian Commission in your home country or at the following:

AusAID Information Centre
GPO Box 887
Canberra ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA

Tel: 61 2 6206 4000
Fax: 61 2 6206 4880

Singapore Program

The tuition fee for the first year is S$6,600 per semester. The tuition fee for each of the second, third and fourth years is S$5,500 per semester.

Students whose candidacy continues into a fifth or sixth year must pay S$4,400 in January of each of these years.

Fees are payable in January and July, respectively, for each semester.

Please note, all tuition fees are not inclusive of GST.

There is an application fee of S$52.50 (inclusive of GST).

Doctor of Philosophy

Students interested in a thesis-based PhD are welcome at the GSM. These should apply directly to the GSM Director of Doctoral Programs.

The GSM will provide a supervisory role for interested PhD students based on staff’s availability and the area of research under consideration by the potential student.

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