The DBA Program

The Graduate School of Management at The University of Western Australia offers a Doctor of Business Administration course that is designed to provide students with an advanced course of study at the doctoral level. It is research-based and is intended to equip the student with analytical skills and the ability to conduct in-depth research in a business environment.

The DBA is particularly designed to serve the needs of professionals in the private and public sectors who wish to expand their skills in analysing 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 program structure 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 maximises the opportunities for doctoral students to complete their course of studies.

Course Structure

The DBA consists of 2 Stages:

**Stage 1: Master of Management Research**

Stage 1 of the DBA comprises the Master of Management Research, which is a coursework component equivalent to one year of full-time study.

Students require a minimum mark of 65% in each of the following units to be admitted to Stage 2 of the DBA:

- Management Research: Principles and Processes 791
- Qualitative Methods in Management Research 792
- Quantitative Methods in Management Research 793
- Literature Review and Criticism 797
- DBA Proposal and Defense 794

Candidates will be required to defend their proposed thesis research topic before a special doctoral research seminar.

Candidates who do not proceed to the thesis stage, but who have completed the requirements of the Master of Management Research will be awarded the Masters degree.

**Stage 2: Doctoral Thesis**

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.
Admission Requirements

The Faculty may accept as a candidate for the DBA any person who – has completed an undergraduate degree from UWA or another approved institution in the field of commerce or a cognate area, or has completed a postgraduate qualification in the area of management.

In addition, an applicant would normally have substantial and appropriate professional experience.

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 570 or IELTS of at least 6.5.

Admission Periods

Perth and Singapore Programs

Students may be admitted at the start of Semester 1 (January/February).

Tuition and other Fees

Perth Program

Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents

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

Stage 2 is covered by the Postgraduate Research Training Scheme.

International Students

For international students, the cost of the DBA is A$9,000 invoiced twice a year on a semester basis. The first installment must be paid in advance prior to being issued with a Confirmation of Enrollment which is needed to secure a student visa. International students should expect to pay A$15,000 -$15,000 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: 616 276 4703
Fax: 616 276 4695

Singapore Program

There is an application fee of S$52.50 (inclusive of GST). The tuition fee for the first year is S$6,600 per semester.

The tuition fee for the second, third and fourth year is S$5,500 per semester. Fees are payable in January and July respectively for each semester.

Students whose candidacy continues into a fifth or sixth year must pay S$4,400 in January of each of these years. Please note, all tuition fees are not inclusive of GST.

Doctor of Philosophy

Students interested in a thesis based PhD, are welcome at the GSM. Individuals wanting to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy should apply directly to the GSM Director of Doctorate Programs. GSM staff will support a supervisory role for interested PhD students based on the staff’s availability and the area of research under consideration by the potential student.

How to Apply

Applicants should complete the Application Form and mail it with supporting documentation to:

Perth Program

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Graduate School of Management
The University of Western Australia
35 Stirling Highway
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AUSTRALIA
Telephone: +618 6488 3980
Facsimile: +618 6488 1072
Email: gsm@gsm.uwa.edu.au

Singapore Program

The DBA Secretary
PSB Academy
HBD Hub BizThree
490 Lorong 6, Toa Payoh #08-10/11
Singapore 310490
Telephone: 6885 1066
Facsimile: 6352 2614
Email: gina.chua@psbcorp.com
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