The Graduate School of Management (GSM) is seeking new ventures to work with senior postgraduate student teams as part of an MBA learning program, September to November 2005. As a result of participating in the Program, each venture will be presented with an investment-quality business plan.

An important objective of the GSM unit is to make a value added contribution to early stage Western Australian ventures seeking venture capital to support growth.

As part of the GSM’s MBA Course, the Entrepreneurial Management and Venture Capital unit provides senior MBA students with the opportunity to engage hands-on with Perth-based companies with the potential to be “VC investable”.

In Western Australia, it is widely acknowledged that our entrepreneurial spirit has truly come of age*, and no one recognises this more than the GSM. We’re educating the Entrepreneurs of the future, and are seeking to attract companies from the following industries to participate in the Venture Capital Program:

- Biotechnology and Biopharma
- Data storage and security
- Enterprise software and services
- Healthcare services and IT
- Internet products and services
- Networking and communications
- Medical devices and technology
- Semiconductors
- New materials and composites
- Energy and Water
- Wireless applications and services

Join us for an informal information session and networking function to learn more about the program, understand the perspectives of the local venture capital community, and obtain insight from a past venture owner who has participated in the program.

This session will be held on Tuesday 30 August 2005 at the office of Ernst & Young. The unit begins September 6, 2005.

What are we looking for?

- Early stage growth businesses
- Seeking venture capital to fast track business development

*In a recent survey featured in the May 5 – 11 issue of the BRW Magazine, no less than 97 per cent of Australians admire entrepreneurs who go out and start up their own business. 78% of those surveyed also believe Australia needs more entrepreneurs and would be happy for their children to go and do something entrepreneurial.