



PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (MBA)

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

PURPOSE

The Professional Leadership Development Scholarship is a Business School funded initiative established to provide a professional development opportunity to administrative staff and to enhance the capability of the University to achieve its strategic purpose.

ELIGIBILITY

The Scholarship is open to University of Sydney employees in a Professional or Academic leadership role, who are involved in the broader purposes of the University including its contribution to Australian society. All applicants are subject to the selection criteria as detailed below.

VALUE AND TENURE

The scholarship covers full tuition fees for the normal duration of the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program and is tenable for up to three years of part-time study. The recipient must maintain a minimum enrolment load of three units (18 credit points) of study per year. The tuition fee will be cleared following census dates each semester. Recipients receiving this award are required to pay their Student Services and Amenities fee (SAF).

SELECTION

The following outlines the steps involved in the selection process:

1. Applicants are required to complete the online application form and submit their curriculum vitae, a copy of their academic transcript and a one-page statement of motivation that addresses what the applicant hopes to achieve professionally and personally by completing the MBA. In addition, applicants should submit a further one-page statement addressing the scholarship selection criteria:
 - leadership experience and potential;
 - problem-solving acuity;
 - ability to work in a diverse group; and
 - international orientation.
2. All applicants will initially be assessed by the MBA Selection Committee which consists of the Director, MBA; Manager, Management Education; and, Program Coordinator, MBA. Those applicants deemed eligible for the program by the MBA Selection Committee will be required to attend an interview with the MBA Selection Committee to confirm their eligibility for the degree.
3. The MBA Selection Committee will shortlist a maximum of 3 applicants on the basis of how comprehensively they meet the selection criteria.
4. The shortlisted applicants will be invited to be interviewed by the Provost's 'Scholarship Assessment Committee', chaired by the Dean of the University of Sydney Business School (or delegate). The Provost's Scholarship Selection Committee will determine the candidate to whom the scholarship will be offered.



SELECTION CRITERIA

An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree must:

- Have a bachelor's degree, graduate diploma or other AQF Level 7 qualification with a minimum credit (65%) average, or equivalent at an institution approved by the Business School and at a standard acceptable to the School; and
- Have met the work experience requirements of the Business School (at least 3 years work experience and experience in a management position); and
- Submit a 'Statement of Motivation'; a one page statement outlining what the applicant hopes to achieve professionally and personally by completing The University of Sydney Business School's Master of Business Administration; and
- Attend a selection interview with the MBA Selection Committee to establish the candidate's suitability for the degree; and
- Attend an interview with the 'Scholarship Assessment Committee' to assist the committee to determine their nominee for the scholarship award.

In exceptional circumstances, the School may admit you without these qualifications if, in the opinion of the School, you have qualifications and evidence of experience and achievement sufficient to successfully undertake the award.

In addition, applicants for the scholarship must submit a one-page statement addressing the following scholarship selection criteria:

- leadership experience and potential;
- problem-solving acuity;
- ability to work in a diverse group; and
- international orientation.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The scholarship must be taken up in the semester in which it is offered.
- The scholarship holder is not permitted to defer or suspend their enrolment in the degree to receive the scholarship.
- The scholarship holder must maintain a continuous enrolment, no leave of absence is allowed, except under exceptional circumstances such as a medical condition which limits the student's capacity to undertake study. Such requests must be supported by the Director, MBA.
- In the event that the scholarship holder changes degree or discontinues study the scholarship is no longer tenable.
- If the scholarship holder leaves the employment of the University of Sydney they will no longer be entitled to scholarship support. The scholarship holder can continue with the Master of Business Administration after leaving the University's employment, however they will need to make alternative payment arrangements directly with the University to cover the tuition fees for the unfinished units of study in the program.
- The award is conditional on the scholar meeting all regulations of the coursework program.
- To retain the scholarship, the holder must also achieve a 75% Credit Grade average each semester.
- The scholarship may not be held concurrently with other University scholarship funds awarded to assist with the student's tuition fees.
- The scholarship holder will be invited to promote the MBA program in which they are enrolled and represent the Business School at student orientation, marketing events and corporate networking events.

NB. Students receiving this scholarship and enrolled in part-time study may be subject to income tax. Please check with the Australian Taxation Office for more details at www.ato.gov.au