

# Doctor of Business Administration (DBAR) - DBA

CRICOS code (International applicants): 077414G

	<b>On-campus</b>	<b>Distance education</b>
		Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)

- determine and apply appropriate research methods to business management problems
- critically evaluate business research studies in order to assess their quality and applicability in improving the effective handling of business management problems
- acquire and utilise knowledge of behavioural, policy and strategic issues to improve the effectiveness of their own organisations
- identify, analyse and evaluate internal and external environmental influences on organisations in order to develop strategic plans for the management of change and development
- demonstrate superior oral and written communications skills relevant to business
- link the educational experience directly with their own workplace experience.

## Admission requirements

Candidates for entry into the Doctor of Business Administration must meet each of the following entry criteria to the satisfaction of the DBA research program coordinator:

- (1) a coursework Masters degree or equivalent level from a recognised institution
- (2) 5 years full-time equivalent work experience, including at least 2 years full-time equivalent work experience in a managerial position, as determined by the DBA research program coordinator
- (3) submission of a satisfactory preliminary research proposal, as determined by the Higher Degrees Review and Admissions Committee.

### Notes:

Admission to the Doctor of Business Administration is dependent upon the Faculty's capacity to supervise the proposed dissertation. Prospective candidates should consult with the DBA research program coordinator before preparing their preliminary dissertation proposals. Research concentrations within the Faculty of Business and Law are updated periodically. The current list is available at the [Faculty of Business and Law](#).

Candidates for admission to the Doctor of Business Administration must meet the University's English language proficiency requirements for postgraduate students. Please refer to Section 2.2.4 of the [Admissions Policy](#).

## How to apply

Applications for [Research Master and Doctorate programs](#) should be made directly to USQ.

### DBA Selection Criteria

Please refer to the [DBA Selection Criteria document](#) for further details.

### International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

## Program fees

### Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

**International full fee paying place**

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

**Research training scheme (RTS)**

All Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens commencing a higher degree research program will have their tuition fees paid for by the Australian Federal Government under the Research Training Scheme (RTS). The RTS place entitles a student to a maximum period of four years exemption full time or 8 years part time on tuition fees for a Doctorate program and 2 years exemption full time or 4 years part time for Masters by Research programs. As part of the enrolment process students are required to submit proof of citizenship and transcripts of all previous academic study

Should students wish to change their proposed research topic, they must apply for permission to do so to the DBA research program coordinator, stating their reasons and providing a new research proposal.

It is recommended that Australian students visit their supervisors at least once each year while they are completing their dissertation. For overseas students, visits by Faculty staff could be arranged through the University's agents/partners, subject to minimum numbers.

### **Exit points**

Students must maintain good standing in this program. Please refer to Section 2 of the [Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Policy](#).

Students who do not maintain good standing in the Doctor of Business Administration program, *or* who fail [BUS8402 Research Methodology 2](#), *or* who do not meet the requirements for satisfactory progress in their research dissertation will be permitted to exit with a lesser qualification provided that they have met the requirements of the relevant program..

A student who completes successfully [BUS8401](#), [BUS8402](#), [BUS8403](#) and [BUS8404](#) may, upon application, exit with the Postgraduate Certificate in Business Research.

### **Exemptions**

Normally no exemptions will be granted in this 24-unit research program. However, an applicant may have specialist knowledge built up in their previous Master's degree or in a MBA specialisation as well as extensive working experience in their area of interest. This will enable the DBA research program coordinator to give the candidate up to 4 exemptions for the MBA specialisation courses based on their completed postgraduate studies and relev



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