



## **Professional Leadership Development Scholarship (Executive MBA)**

### **Conditions of Award**

#### **PURPOSE**

The Professional Leadership Development Scholarship is a Business School funded initiative established to provide a professional development opportunity to senior 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 senior 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 Executive MBA program and is tenable for up to 18 months of full time study (intensive mode). The recipient must maintain a minimum enrolment load of two units (24 credit points) of study each semester. The tuition fee will be cleared following census dates each semester. The student services and amenities fee (SAF), travel, residential and all other non-tuition costs are payable by the scholarship holder.

#### **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 Executive MBA. In addition, applicants should submit a further one-page statement addressing the scholarship selection criteria:
  - leadership experience & potential;
  - problem-solving acuity;
  - ability to work effectively in a diverse group; and
  - international orientation.
2. All applications will initially be assessed by the Executive MBA selection committee which consists of the Director, Executive MBA; Manager, MBA Programs; and, Program Coordinator, Executive MBA. The Executive MBA selection committee will shortlist a maximum of 3 applicants on the basis of how comprehensively they meet the selection criteria.
3. The shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an in-person interview with the Executive MBA selection committee to confirm their eligibility for the degree.
4. Those applicants deemed eligible for the program by the Executive MBA selection committee 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 an Australian Qualifications Framework Level 7 or higher qualification with a minimum credit average (or equivalent) at an institution approved by the Business School; and
- Have met the work experience requirements of the Business School (approximately 10 years of professional leadership experience); 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 Executive MBA; and
- Attend a selection interview with the Executive 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 & potential;
- problem-solving acuity;
- ability to work effectively 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, Executive 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 Executive MBA 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% Distinction 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 Executive MBA program in which they are enrolled and represent the Business School at student orientation, marketing events and corporate networking events.

The student services and amenities fee (SAF), travel, residential and all other non-tuition costs are payable by the scholarship holder.

*NB: Students receiving this scholarship and enrolled in part-time study may be subject to income tax. Please check with Australian Taxation Office for more details: [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)*