Indigenous Australians Leading in Business Global Executive MBA Scholarship

Conditions of Award

Purpose

The University of Sydney Business School is committed to addressing the under-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in senior leadership positions. The Indigenous Australians Leading in Business Global Executive MBA Scholarship has been established with the goal of accelerating the rate at which Indigenous Australians move into senior leadership roles within all forms of Australian enterprises.

Eligibility

The Indigenous Australians Leading in Business Global Executive MBA Scholarship is open to all domestic students who successfully gain entry to the Global Executive MBA. Applicants for the scholarship should:

- be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; and
- be accepted as such by the community in which they live, or formerly lived.¹

Admission requirements

An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree must:

- Have a bachelor’s degree, graduate diploma or other AQF Level 7 qualification, or equivalent at an institution approved by the School and at a standard acceptable to the 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’s Executive Master of Business Administration; and
- Attend a selection interview with the Global Executive MBA selection committee to establish the candidate’s suitability for the degree.

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 of the degree.

Value

One scholarship is available for award each year.

The scholarship is valued at the total cost of tuition fees for the Global Executive MBA.

The scholarship is tenable for the 1.5 year span of the degree, where the Recipient fulfils requirements for the award of the degree. The Recipient must maintain a full-time enrolment load of two units (24 credit points) of study each semester as a minimum.

¹Applicants should submit a personal confirmation of Aboriginality, recognised within their own incorporated community organisation and be signed by the appropriate signatory under their Common Seal.
Prior to census date and after the Recipient has completed their semester enrolment, the Recipient's fee statement will reflect that their tuition fee is liable to Third Party. Scholarship payment is applied to the Recipient's tuition fees following the semester census dates of 31 March and 31 August.

The Recipient receiving this award is required to pay their Student Services and Amenities fee and the relevant in-country fees for each residential Unit of Study. In addition, the Recipient must pay for their own travel to and from the locations of delivery for each Unit of Study.

Selection Process

The following outlines the steps involved in the selection process:

Applicants are required to complete the online application form for admission to the Global Executive MBA.

Applicants must use the online application form to submit their curriculum vitae, a copy of their academic transcript, a copy of their passport photo page, and a one-page statement of motivation that addresses what the applicant hopes to achieve professionally and personally by completing the Global Executive MBA.

In addition, applicants should submit a personal confirmation of Aboriginality, and a further one-page statement addressing the scholarship selection criteria. Applicants should:

- outline how they have advanced the wellbeing and rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and
- describe their vision for how completion of the Global Executive MBA will further contribute to positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

All applications will be assessed by the Global Executive MBA scholarship selection committee which consists of the Director, Executive MBA; Manager, Executive Programs; and, Program Coordinator, Executive MBA.

Those individuals interviewed by the Global Executive MBA selection committee and offered a place on the degree will be eligible to be considered for the award of the 'Indigenous Australians Leading in Business Global Executive MBA Scholarship'.

The Global Executive MBA Selection Committee will nominate one candidate for award to the Dean, the University of Sydney Business School, on the basis of their application, supporting documentation, statement of motivation, performance at interview and their statement addressing the scholarship selection criteria.

Conditions/prohibitions

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.

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 Executive MBA program in which they are enrolled and represent the Business School at student orientation, marketing events and corporate networking events.

The balance of tuition fees, 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