

DOCTORATE OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (DBM)

Programme Overview

The DBM qualification is ideal for self-motivated business managers and leaders who have proven themselves in the workplace but seek more intellectual challenges.

As a doctoral candidate, you will have the opportunity to solve complex issues by following a rigorous research process that will contribute innovatively to the body of knowledge in the area of management and/or leadership.

What can you expect?

The DBM aims to develop the necessary knowledge and leadership skills needed for our future business leaders. The chosen area of research must fall within the discipline of leadership and management, underpinned by exceptional and methodical research and academic rigour.

Prospective candidates must meet the requisite entry requirements and should be curious, independent thinkers, conversant with research, and eager to make a significant contribution to the field of leadership and management.

Entry Requirements

DBM applicants are required to provide:

- A completed application form
- A resume/curriculum vitae
- Motivation letter
- Certified copies of the degree certificate and academic transcript of their relevant Master's degree from an accredited institution, with a mark of at least 65% for either:
 - both the modules and dissertation of coursework
 - for the dissertation of a full research project
- Statement of research intent: This one-page document should briefly outline what the applicant intends to research. Upon submission, the Higher Degrees and Research Committee (HDRC) will evaluate the candidate.

Programme Structure

Provisional Registration: Once you have provided relevant information for the application process, you will be provisionally registered for the DBM. Candidates are required to meet the following conditions before they are fully registered:

Bridging Programme: Candidates who graduated with an MBA NQF Level 8 qualification are required to complete an intensive 2-day bridging programme to assist them to transition to an NQF 10 Level programme.

Advanced Research Methodology Module: All provisionally registered candidates are required to attend a 3-day Advanced Research Methodology module that will prepare them for the DBM.

Outputs for the DBM programme

Candidates who are fully registered for the DBM Programme are required to:

- Submit a thesis that makes an original contribution to the body of knowledge in the area of management and/or leadership
- Produce a research paper, co-authored with her or his supervisor, accepted for publication in an accredited journal