EXECUTIVE DOCTORATE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
EDBA
OUR EDBA

The University of Liverpool Management School (ULMS) provides a stimulating student experience, combined with thought-provoking insights from our academic staff. The School strongly believes that postgraduate students are a vital component of the research environment.

Our Executive Doctorate of Business Administration programme aims to develop world-class scholar-practitioners. Graduates will be able to integrate the knowledge they develop into their own professional contexts.
WHY CHOOSE ULMS FOR YOUR EDBA?

The University of Liverpool is part of the Russell Group of Universities – acknowledged as the UK’s leading establishments for excellence in teaching and research. We hold the gold standard triple accreditation from the AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS, and we live by our vision to be a globally connected Management School advancing influential knowledge leadership through our transformative research and teaching to better business and society.

An EDBA at Liverpool

Today’s business environment is highly globalised and complex, with disruptive change potentially lurking around every corner. In this environment, effective leaders need to be able to make sense out of a morass of sometimes conflicting information and help their organisations solve truly challenging problems.

The University of Liverpool’s Executive DBA places great emphasis on highly relevant, workplace-based research by producing truly actionable knowledge, in the context of the student’s organisation.

The programme provides an exciting experience for working professionals who wish to improve their practice and advance their careers.

Supervision: experienced faculty

The DBA culminates in an original piece of research based on a critical project undertaken in a student’s organisation or other workplace context. Students will be supervised by Management School faculty who are highly-experienced in research and/or scholarship. Students can expect to be both supported and challenged as they develop their thesis projects.

Turning theory into practice

This professional doctoral business programme produces a qualification which, whilst being equivalent in status and challenge to a PhD, is more appropriate for those pursuing professional rather than academic careers.

Rather than focusing on creating narrowly defined and theoretical scholarly research, the Executive DBA’s practically-oriented approach is highly beneficial to working professionals.

It allows the immediate integration of actionable knowledge and critical thinking skills into students’ working environments.

A city with business at its heart

A city that’s become famous for its commercial influence and cultural impact worldwide, Liverpool is the perfect place to bring business teaching, research and practice together.

Professional networks and a global community

Join our ULMS community and gain access to a number of professional networks which bring together students, alumni and faculty to explore industry practice and the latest research in specific industry areas.

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**Part-time Programme**  
4.5 years minimum

The programme will be split into two stages:

**Stage 1**
The taught, pre-thesis stage consists of 4 modules, to gain 180 credits at Level 7.

**Duration:** 2 years

1. **Introduction to Doctoral Research (45 credits)**
   - Philosophy of management research
   - Conceptualising and problematising
   - Leadership and scholarly practice.

2. **Working with Literature (45 credits)**
   - The function of literature in a DBA thesis
   - Concepts, theory and theory-building
   - Enquiry questions and management actions.

3. **Research Methods (45 credits)**
   - Evaluating and executing research methods in business and management
   - Qualitative research methods
   - Quantitative research methods.

4. **Designing Scholarly Practitioner Research (45 credits)**
   - Researching with integrity
   - Constructing research designs
   - Explaining and justifying research designs.

In Stage 1, modules are delivered in ‘blended’ mode. Each module involves a 3 day face-to-face workshop in Liverpool, complemented by remote study.

In order to progress to Stage 2, students must complete all four Stage 1 modules, and achieve a mark of 60 in the ‘Research Proposal’ assignment in the ‘Designing Scholarly Practitioner Research’ module.

Students who pass the taught modules but do not meet this requirement will exit the programme with a Postgraduate Diploma in Management Research Methods.

**Stage 2**
The doctoral (thesis) stage, consists of 360 credits.

**Duration:** 2.5 - 5.5 years

In Stage 2, students work remotely on a research project of relevance to their own professional context, under the direction of their thesis supervisors.
Study in a world class location

Join the Management School and you’ll find yourself in a unique city full of character, with a global reputation for sport, music, architecture and a wealth of culture for you to explore. City life in Liverpool was voted the UK’s best in the 2018 Whatuni Student Choice Awards. Student reviews described the city as ‘really lively’, ‘friendly’ and an ‘amazing city, filled with amazing people’.

The University campus is located in the heart of the city of Liverpool, close to many major transport links.

For more information on life in the city visit: liverpool.ac.uk/about
Entry requirements
Applications are welcomed from well qualified graduates who would typically hold a UK first degree or equivalent in the First or 2:1 class, in a relevant subject, as well as:
- MBA/Masters in business and/or management (or a related discipline)
- At least 5 years of significant experience working at a senior level within an organisation, or as a consultant.

Fees and Applying
For more information about fees, and to apply, please visit:
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