

[PHD]

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY SPECIALISING IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

As a **PhD** student at the UCT Graduate School of Business (GSB) you become an essential member of the school's research community. You will graduate from the programme with an internationally recognised and respected qualification and will be able to demonstrate thought leadership in your specialisation. In line with our research mission of “engaged

inquiry in a complex world,” we expect PhD candidates to make an original contribution to theory, while also addressing practical organisational or social challenges. While the primary guidance to PhD candidates is provided by the PhD supervisor, fellow PhD students and other faculty provide a rich network of support and interaction.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



3 TO 5 YEARS
EXPECTED DURATION



5 X 3-DAY WORKSHOPS
PER YEAR ON THEORY AND
METHODOLOGY – OBLIGATORY
FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS



20 HOURS MINIMUM
COMMITMENT PER
WEEK REQUIRED

**FOSTERING IMPACTFUL RESEARCH, BRIDGING THEORY
AND PRACTICE**



STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PHD PROGRAMME ARE EXPECTED TO:

- Participate actively in the GSB Research Calendar, especially in their first year of registration;
- Take responsibility for ensuring that they develop sufficient momentum in advancing their research;
- Agree with their supervisor and regularly reconsider a set of commitments and a timeline, which is to be outlined in a signed Memorandum of Understanding (the MOU needs to be revised and signed every year);
- Keep their supervisor updated about progress within suitable, agreed timeframes;
- In the first nine months of registration, develop a formal research proposal, which will be presented to GSB faculty and students and then submitted to the Faculty of Commerce's Higher Degrees Committee;
- Take a proactive approach to identifying their learning needs and to implementing suitable responses; and
- As appropriate, actively participate in the academic life of the GSB through, for example, lecturing, research seminars and / or co-supervision of MBA research reports.



1 OF 3 BUSINESS SCHOOLS
IN AFRICA WITH TRIPLE CROWN
ACCREDITATION



3 RESEARCHERS RATED
BY THE NATIONAL RESEARCH
FOUNDATION AS
"INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED"
AND 5 AS "ESTABLISHED"
RESEARCHERS



5 DECADES OF EXCELLENCE
AND ACHIEVEMENT

MAKE AN ORIGINAL AND RELEVANT CONTRIBUTION TO KNOWLEDGE

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