PhD Program

PhD Admissions Profile
Class of 2017

ACADEMIC PROFILE
Average Undergraduate GPA 3.55
Average Graduate GPA 3.72
Average GRE 325
Average GMAT 699

GENERAL
Women 40%
International Students 66%
Average Age 28

ACADEMIC EMPHASIS

20% Marketing
17% Accounting
15% Finance
12% Information Systems
12% Organization and Management
14% Operations & Decisions Technologies

(Total number of students: 59)
PREPARING FOR AN ACADEMIC FUTURE:
The Merage School PhD program prepares individuals for teaching and scholarly positions in academic institutions. Small and highly individualized, the doctoral program allows students to pursue their own areas of interest.

Admission is highly competitive, and only full-time study is allowed. Areas of concentration closely parallel the strengths of the School’s faculty and include: Accounting, Finance, Information Systems, Marketing, Operations and Decision Technologies, Organization and Management, and Strategy. The program reflects the School’s philosophy that a focused disciplinary orientation is necessary to pursue research on complex business issues in this changing global environment.

In addition to research opportunities, students may take advantage of instructional methods in effective teaching techniques for management education. The doctoral program is divided into two phases, qualification and dissertation. The qualification phase provides students with a foundational knowledge in their area of specialization. The dissertation phase requires the completion of a significant original research project which demonstrates the candidate's research creativity and potential for a future academic career.

Admission is in the fall quarter only, and the application process must be completed by the preceding January. Requirements for admission are: previous academic excellence (minimum of bachelor’s degree required), letters of recommendation, results from the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), English proficiency exam (for international students), and a statement of purpose.

Qualified students admitted to the doctoral program are offered a five year financial support package covering tuition, fees and a living stipend. This support is provided through a combination of fellowships, teaching assistantships, and research assistantships, subject to terms described in the acceptance letter.