



**TSB** | TSHWANE  
SCHOOL FOR  
BUSINESS & SOCIETY  
TSHWANE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY  
EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

# Doctor in Business Administration



Tshwane University  
of Technology  
*We empower people*

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# Director's Message

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The purpose of this qualification is to develop impactful leaders through pioneering business research and workplace innovation.

A Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) is equivalent to a PhD, but with a distinct focus on applied research rather than pure theoretical study. The primary goal of a DBA is to design practical business solutions that address real-world challenges, and then evaluate, test, and refine those solutions. Through this process, DBA candidates generate new, actionable knowledge—meeting the ultimate criterion for earning a doctoral degree.

At TSB, DBA candidates are carefully selected to ensure their research has maximum impact on business, government, and society. Selection also considers the availability of expertise and research capacity at the school to guarantee that each candidate can be effectively supervised throughout their doctoral journey.

Prof H. Mathebula  
Director, Tshwane School for Business and Society

## Why TSB?

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The Tshwane School for Business and Society offers a doctoral programme that focuses on developing and preparing professionals for strategic leadership roles. Living in a challenging and transitional global economy, we train our graduates to develop the vision, insight and courage to be thought leaders in business and society.

The doctoral programme is grounded in the real-world and is geared towards finding solutions to current challenges businesses, society and the government are facing. Though a doctoral degree is theoretical in its nature, we focus ours to have practical implications and outcomes.

## Is a DBA the right qualification for me?

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Yes, if:

- You would like to develop both personally and professionally and want to push your limits to achieve your goals.
- You want to delve deeper than you did for your MBA.
- You are interested in shaping policy and business practice.

# Admission Criteria

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- A duly completed application form
- A Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) or an equivalent Master's degree in Management where you completed the degree with a final mark of 60% or more.
- Submission of a preliminary doctoral proposal that complies with the protocol set by TSB.

## Special requirements

If you have a special need, please contact the Admissions Office before you complete your application. We will do our best to accommodate this; however, we cannot make any guarantees.

# Further Selection Criteria

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If the preliminary doctoral proposal is acceptable, you will be invited to register for an Advanced Research Methodology Module at TSB.

You can apply to be exempted from this module if you have successfully completed a full master's dissertation or doctoral theses, or by providing proof that you were exposed to research methodology learning with the same outcomes and at the same level as that of the TSB module.

*\* Acceptance is also subject to available capacity according to the Student Enrolment Plan (SEP) as well as supervision capacity. Applicants will be informed of their status per official letter from the Office of the Registrar, alternatively, they can check their application status on the TUT website, [www.tut.ac.za](http://www.tut.ac.za).*





## Programme Offering

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The DBA is a research degree, meaning there is no taught component for credit and the degree is assessed solely on a thesis presented for examination. You will be expected to conduct research in line with your proposal. The doctoral programmes can be completed within a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 5 years.

## Fee Structure

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Please contact the Student Accounts Department at [MthombeniSP@tut.ac.za](mailto:MthombeniSP@tut.ac.za) for a quotation.



# Important Dates

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Applications for the TSB DBA programme:



For more information go to [www.tsb.ac.za](http://www.tsb.ac.za)

## Application Process

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- 1. Meet the admission criteria**
- 2. Apply online at [www.tsb.ac.za/apply](http://www.tsb.ac.za/apply)**
- 3. Pay the non-refundable application fee.**

Please note proof of payment needs to be in an electronic format (PDF ONLY) in order for you to upload this to the application form.
- 4. Complete the Advance Research Methodology module or get exemption.**
- 5. Defend your proposal**

After successful completion (or exemption) of the Advance Research Methodology module, you will be invited to defend the proposal at a panel organised by TSB where the final suitability of the study will be determined.
- 6. Decision and feedback**

A final decision will be made by the selection panel. The Admissions Office will notify you of the outcome provided there is no outstanding documentation.

*Please note: Only online electronic applications will be considered. Emailed, faxed or posted applications will not be accepted.*



## Get in Touch

To find out more, visit our website [www.tsb.ac.za](http://www.tsb.ac.za) or contact the Research Office

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