



**Sobey School
of Business**

Saint Mary's University

Call for applications: PhD in Business Administration, Sobey School of Business (Accounting, Finance, and Management)

The Sobey School of Business PhD program in Business Administration at Saint Mary's University is seeking applicants from across the world with exceptional academic credentials and the drive to excel at scholarly research.

About the program: For over 20 years, the Sobey School of Business has delivered a rigorous and innovative doctoral program designed to train the next generation of high-impact scholars. With a large team of internationally renowned faculty, the Sobey PhD program has been recognized for its effectiveness, innovative structure, and curriculum.

The Sobey PhD program is housed in the largest and most comprehensive business school in Atlantic Canada, and produces enthusiastic, research-experienced, and well-published graduates who are eminently employable and capable of making an impact on business research in Canada and beyond.

Our PhD program is a full-time program that offers three specializations in business administration: Accounting, Finance, and Management. Our program emphasizes the skills necessary to conduct cutting-edge research and teach at the highest level. We provide a collaborative, supportive and intellectually stimulating research environment for discovery and dissemination of scientific knowledge applicable to the business community.

Content and structure: Our program helps students develop the teaching, research, and knowledge mobilization skills they need to thrive in an academic career. To that end, our program is structured into three distinct, but interrelated components: course work, a comprehensive examination, and a dissertation.

The first two years of the program are dedicated to building theoretical and methodological expertise through a series of six core courses common to all streams, as well as two specialization-specific courses. Elective offerings allow students to pursue their academic interests and further develop their expertise. Students will also take a course dedicated to learning how to teach in a contemporary university environment, giving them the practical skills needed to thrive as an educator.



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Upon successful completion of course work, students write their comprehensive examination, which serves to integrate what students have learned. Following this, students begin pursuing their dissertations full time, giving them the opportunity to conduct novel research under the guidance of internationally recognized faculty.

In addition to the formal curriculum, an ongoing program of invited speakers exposes students to forward-looking ideas from leading scholars in all fields of business and related disciplines.

Faculty and support: Our program takes a “hands-on” approach to student support. Faculty members and program administration work closely with students, ensuring that each individual is supported from the moment they apply to the program through to launching their careers, and everything in between.

Students learn from faculty members who are leading scholars in their fields. They publish in and serve on the editorial boards of some of the top journals in finance, accounting, and management, including *Accounting Review*, *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, *Academy of Management Journal*, *Management Science*, and many others. Furthermore, we routinely host visiting professors and guest research speakers from top international business schools, in addition to our full-time faculty.

Financial support: Accepted PhD students are provided with fellowships. In addition, financial support is offered through teaching and research assistantships. Additional scholarships are available for qualified applicants.

About the Sobey School of Business: Established in 1934 as the Faculty of Commerce at Saint Mary's University, the Sobey School of Business is Atlantic Canada's largest and most respected business school. It is fully accredited by the AACSB — an accreditation held by only 5 percent of business schools worldwide, and by EQUIS — an accreditation of both quality and internationalisation held by less than 2 percent of business schools worldwide. Also being a PRME champion, the Sobey School of Business embeds the UN's Sustainable Development Goals in all of its programs with a view to achieving an impact with purpose.



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In the Sobey School of Business, students can embark with over 2,700 students on a fast track to their future, with small class sizes, a close-knit campus and over 80 full-time faculty members. With over 40 percent of undergraduate students and over 75 percent of graduate students originating from 80 different countries, the Sobey School of Business is widely respected as an institution that integrates and fosters global perspectives among its students and within the community. The Sobey School of Business, through active learning and the creation and mobilization of scholarships, prepares citizens of the world to lead entrepreneurial, sustainable businesses and communities.

About Halifax: Halifax is Nova Scotia's cultural and entrepreneurial hub. A seaside city that comes alive with student life. With seven post-secondary institutions, it has continuous flow of bright minds from around the globe. The climate, moderated by the Atlantic Ocean, abundance of natural and historical sites, and undeniable hospitality on the East Coast, makes Halifax a perfect student city.

Admissions: Applications are due by 15 February 2024 for a September 2024 start. Visit our [requirements and deadlines page](#) to learn more. To apply for our PhD program, please visit our [online application portal](#).

Further information: For more information about the program, please [visit our website](#), or contact our program at sobeyphd@smu.ca.