DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS
The program provides senior-level executives with an opportunity to learn rigorous research methods that can be applied to real world, multi-disciplinary problems and areas of inquiry. Designed to be compatible with working professionals’ schedules, the DBA offers executives:

- The opportunity to partner with world-class faculty researchers to examine relevant topics of interest.
- A network of top-level practicing executive classmates.
- A flexible program designed to be compatible with executives’ professional obligations.
- A publication-oriented approach that provides the basis for authoring papers, articles, cases, and other publications, such as books.
- The highest form of academic credential in the business field, which means that graduates will be highly sought after for part-time or full-time teaching positions at accredited, respected business schools nationwide.
- A chance to practice and consult as a thought leader in a given field.

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Three-year, cohort-based, part-time resident program.
- Meets on campus two days per month (Friday and Saturday) from February through May and August through December.
- Substantial interactive, online activities between meetings.
- Research is practice-inspired by the actual complex issues facing DBA participants’ businesses.
- Full, 72-credit-hour doctoral program at a nationally respected research university and AACSB accredited business school.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of 12 years’ work experience.
- At least five years experience in a senior managerial role, significant individual contribution or executive capacity.
- Graduate degree and/or professional certification preferred.
- A statement of purpose, preliminary application, resume and higher education transcripts.
- Approval of the DBA committee.

### ABOUT THE FACULTY

USF’s Muma College of Business boasts a world-class research-driven faculty who are thought leaders in a number of fields. Their work is recognized beyond the university and is consistently featured in industry publications. Faculty members hail from the most prestigious universities in the world, including: Harvard Business School, New York University, University of Southern California, University of Houston, University of Florida, Florida State University, Delft University (Netherlands) and Vanderbilt University.
ABOUT USF AND TAMPA BAY

• The University of South Florida is one of only 49 public doctoral universities also designated as community-engaged by the Carnegie Foundation.
• USF’s Muma College of Business is accredited by AACSB International.
• USF’s Muma College of Business was ranked No. 26 by Military Times’ Best for Vets: Business Schools 2015 rankings.
• USF, with its annual $1.6 billion budget, is an integral part of the dynamic regional business community, which, according to Nielsen, is the 8th largest Designated Marketing Area in the nation.
• The campus is easily accessible for out-of-area students: Tampa has the second highest rated airport in the country, an extensive highway and rail network, and the state’s largest and most diversified port.
• Tampa Bay has a vibrant ecosystem of entrepreneurs, capital providers, service providers, organizations, and events that create constant opportunities for startups to engage with the talent, mentors, partners, and customers they need to thrive.
• Regional growth is fueled by financial and shared services, life sciences, defense and security, manufacturing, agribusiness, medical devices, high tech electronics, and logistics, port and maritime distribution.
• Tampa Bay is home to 19 corporate headquarters with over $1 billion in annual revenue. It is also home to MacDill Air Force Base, the only military installation that hosts U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command. MacDill contributes $5 billion annually to the greater Tampa Bay economy.
• Tampa Bay ranked among the top 10 for college-educated talent on the move in large metro areas.

PROGRAM COSTS

The DBA’s inclusive tuition of $30,000/year includes:
• All tuition, access to library and content management systems and university fees.
• All books, software and other required course materials.
• All meals - breakfast, breaks, and lunch - during weekend sessions.
• Up to $6,000 for travel and research-related expenses associated with the program.

In addition to tuition, all DBA participants pay $2,500 for a pre-DBA workshop that includes a tablet/notebook PC, software and university systems training during a two-day, mid-January session.

Note: All tuition costs are subject to approval by the USF System Board of Trustees.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

• November 1
The DBA program provides a comprehensive combination of research methods, publication practicum, cohort selected special issues, and dissertation courses and seminars over three years.

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