 

**Value Based Doctor of Business Administration Scholarships**

## About the Value-Based Taught Doctor of Business Administration Scholarship

A limited number of full fee scholarships are available for students studying on the taught Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) in Swansea University’s School of Management. Scholarships are funded by the Welsh Government’s Intensive Learning Academy programme. To be eligible to apply applicants need to be employed in social care, health or the third sector in Wales. Further detail on eligibility is given below. Please note this is a part time programme.

The Value-Based Resear[ch Scholarship’s](https://gov.wales/healthier-wales-long-term-plan-health-and-social-care) panel would like to receive innovative and creative proposals which align to achieving the outcomes of a Healthier Wales

Students are invited to discuss ideas for research proposals with the Programme Director, Professor Nick Rich in the first instance. Professor Nick Rich may direct students to other academic members of staff with more suitable expertise where appropriate. Contact details: n.l.rich@swansea.ac.uk

## Value-Based Doctor of Business Administration (VBDBA) Scholarship Award Process

1. Students need to meet the entry requirements for the DBA programme to apply for a scholarship. Students can apply for a Scholarship prior to applying for a place on the DBA programme.
2. Students should complete the Swansea University Application for Research Scholarship within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences below. In their personal statement they should address the points below. This should be submitted to vbhcacademy@swansea.ac.uk by **4pm on 23 May 2025** for entry onto the programme in October 2025.
3. The scholarship application process is competitive and based on the information supplied by the applicant and their employer. Students should demonstrate how their research proposal will
	* help achieve the outcomes of a Healthier Wales;
	* add value to their organisation; and
	* enhance outcomes for service users, patients or community they work with.
4. The panel will also consider the applicant’s presentation at interview, their CV and previous academic achievement.
5. Applicants for the VBDBA scholarship will be invited to an interview with the VBDBA panel during July. These may be online or in person.
6. The VBDBA panel may include Dr Simon Brooks, the Programme Director of the DBA Programme, Professor Hamish Laing the Value-Based Health and Care Independent Learning Academy Lead and a relevant academic depending upon the subject area proposed by the applicant.
7. The VBDBA Scholarship panel will inform applicants of the outcome of their application by end of July. All applicants will get feedback from the panel.
8. Any applicants who require feedback following the decision of the panel should contact the chair of the panel for further feedback
9. Students who are unsuccessful in their application for funding can still apply for a place on the DBA programme

## Terms and Conditions for Swansea University Research VBDBA Scholarships

1. Value-Based DBA Scholarships are only available for new research students undertaking the part-time DBA programme at the School of Management, Swansea University;
2. VBDBA Scholarships covers the full home DBA tuition fee set by Swansea University;
3. The scholarship will be set against the tuition fees and candidates cannot receive these directly;
4. The VBDBA Scholarship **does not** include a stipend;
5. VBDBA Scholarships are only available to students who;
	* are currently working with/for the National Health Service, in Health Care, Social Care or the Voluntary Sector in Wales;
	* have confirmation of support signed by their employer
	* are a UK national or have 'settled status' (that means no restrictions on how long applicants can stay in the UK);
	* are living in the UK and Islands for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course.

OR

* + are an EU national (excluding England, Scotland and Northern Ireland) and living in the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland for the past three years.
1. Research Scholarships are awarded for one year in the first instance. They are renewable for a further period of up to three years to cover the minimum candidature period, subject to satisfactory progress;
2. Scholarships offered in the spring/summer of each year are valid to start the programme in the Academic Year

starting the October of that year; deferral of the award to a later academic session is not permitted;

1. To qualify for the award, students must enrol no later than 30th of September ;
2. Research Scholarships are not transferable;
3. Recipients of scholarships are not permitted to withdraw from, or transfer from the DBA programme, save in exceptional circumstances and subject to the approval of the Postgraduate Research Academic Board. Failure to observe this regulation may result in student becoming liable to repay fees already paid on behalf of the student;
4. In addition to any College based or external advertising, VBDBA Scholarships must be advertised through the central University webpages for scholarships and bursaries.

## a. Employment

1. Recipients of scholarships are expected to actively engage and participate in University and College based postgraduate activity, including, for example, postgraduate training, poster competitions, seminars and postgraduate conferences. They may also be asked to cooperate in promoting Swansea University research programmes to new students.
2. If a recipient of a scholarship is absent for more than thirteen (13) weeks in an academic year, then the student will be required to suspend their study
3. On return to study, after suspension due to a medical condition, the student must be certified by his/her General Practitioner as fit to resume study;
4. Total periods of suspension must not exceed twelve (12) months during the lifetime of the award (except as noted in 22 below). If a suspension exceeds twelve (12) months, the scholarship will be terminated;

## a. Termination of award

1. Swansea University may terminate a scholarship for the following circumstances:
2. There is lack of academic progress;
3. There is a loss of contact between the student and the University;
4. The student is in breach of any of the terms and conditions noted above.

Swansea University

**Student Number (for office use only):**

Application for Value-Based Doctor of Business Administration Scholarship within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

# PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname/Family Name Previous Surname/Family Name (if relevant) Other Names (in full) Title

Permanent Home Address: Correspondence Address: From: (DD/MM/YY)

To: (DD/MM/YY)

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| Postcode: |  | Postcode: |  |
| Telephone No.(incl. area code) |  | Telephone No.(incl. area code) |  |
| Fax No. (incl. area code) |  | Fax No. (incl. area code) |  |
| Email Address: |  | Email Address: |  |

Country of Permanent

Nationality

Residence

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY) Gender First Language

(if other than English)

Passport Number

(Non - European Union Applicants only):

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| **UK/EU Applicants:** |  |  |
| Have you been resident (apart from short absences e.g., for holidays) in the EU for the three years prior to the start date of your postgraduate study? (check box) | YES | NO |
| If NO, please give further details: | **For University use only:** |

# YOUR EDUCATION

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| Please give details of your **first degree (or equivalent qualification)** |
| Awarding Institution or Body: |  | **For University Only** |
| Official Name of Qualification:(e.g. BA, Diplom, etc.) |  |  |
| Subjects: |  |
| Result (If known):(e.g. class, GPA, etc.) |  |
| Date of Award: |  |

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| Name and full postal address of the institution at which you studied for your first degree: |
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| Date of Attendance: From: | Month: | Year: |
| To: | Month: | Year: |
| NOTE: If you accept the offer to undertake postgraduate studies at Swansea University, it will be necessary to contact the awarding institution direct to confirm thedetails of your degree. |

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| **Higher Degrees and/or Professional Qualifications** |
| Title(s) | Date(s) of Award(s) |
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| Name of institution or awarding body: |
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| If this space is not sufficient, you may attach an additional sheet to your application form |

**English Language Proficiency** – *applicable only if your first language is not English*

Please give IELTS, TOEFL or CPE score. Copies of the relevant certificates need to be attached.

Name of Test: Score

Date of most recent test:

Use this space to indicate if your undergraduate course was taught through the medium of English or to add any further information regarding your English Language proficiency.

Date of forthcoming test:

**For University Use Only:**

You may be required to undertake further studies in English before you commence your postgraduate course.

# EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Please give details of any current/previous employment history (with dates) which may support your application. In addition to the completed application form, you may include a typewritten curriculum vitae.

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| Name and address of employer(please state country if outside the uk) | Start date(month/year) | End date(month/year) | Position held and main duties(please state whether full or part-time) |

# SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please use this space to add information that is relevant to your application. This should address the criteria set out on page 1 under point 3 above.

# REFERENCES

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| Name: |  | Name: |
| Address: |  | Address: |
| Position: |  | Position: |
| Email Address: |  | Email Address: |

1. **DISABILITY/SPECIAL NEEDS**

Please tick the appropriate box if you have a disability/special need which may affect your studies or may require special facilities or treatment. The information may be used to make appropriate arrangements to support your studies.

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| 0 | No disability | 6 | You have mental health difficulties |

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| 1 | You have a specific learningdifficulty (e.g. dyslexia) |  | You have a disability that cannot be seen(e.g. diabetes, epilepsy or a heart condition) |
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| 2 | You are blind or partially sighted | 8 | You have two or more of the above |
| 3 | You are deaf or hard of hearing | 9 | You have a disability, special need or medical |
| 4 | You use a wheelchair or havemobility difficulties | 10 | Condition that is not listed above |
| 5 | You have Autistic SpectrumDisorder or Asperger Syndrome |  |  |

# DATA PROTECTION ACT

The University requires the information on this form for educational purposes and your personal data will be processed in accordance with the University’s enrolment and current data protection legislation.

1. **DECLARATION**

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| Criminal Convictions: | Do you have any criminal convictions? (See notes of guidance) | YES | NO |
| **I confirm that the information provided on this application form is true, complete and accurate, and that no information requested or other material information has been omitted. I understand that the University reserves the right to establish the authenticity of my application and that it reserves the right to cancel my application if it transpires that false information has been provided.** |
| Signature of Applicant: |  | Date: |  |

**Please return to** **vbhcacademy@swansea.ac.uk**