

# Welcome to the UCT Graduate School of Business

The UCT Graduate School of Business (UCT GSB) is internationally renowned as one of just three triple-crowned business schools in Africa with endorsements from the European Foundation for Management Development, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and the Association of MBAs.

As a top school located in a changing emerging market, the UCT GSB has a responsibility to engage with its socio-political and economic context. Its teaching, learning and research is directed towards building a more economically prosperous, equitable and integrated continent. The school is constantly investing in quality scholarship and strong partnerships to support these aims.

## THE UCT GSB IS:

- 1 one of just three business schools in Africa with triple-crown accreditation
- 2 ranked top in Africa and in the top 50 worldwide by the Financial Times, Quacquarelli Symonds and Eduniversal for its Executive MBA programme
- 3 ranked in the Financial Times' Global Top 100 for Customised Executive Programmes for 10 consecutive years
- 4 the first African business school to win the annual John Molson MBA International Case Competition - the oldest and largest MBA company analysis competition in the world
- 5 the first African business school to win gold in the professional development category in the 2019 EFMD Global Excellence in Practice Awards for customised executive education programmes
- 6 among only a handful of global business schools that have integrated social innovation into the core of its MBA curriculum.



“The story of the Graduate School of Business has been one of excellence since it offered its first, part-time MBA programme in Orange Street in 1964. The reason it has retained its excellence is because of its commitment to adaptation - not adapting to the world we live in, but to the world we want to live in. Over many years and through many changes in academic leadership, the GSB has kept its eye on the future, and how we can keep ahead of expected trends and needs. It is renowned for its culture of thought leadership, and its new ideas coupled with action are vital to address society’s complex issues.”

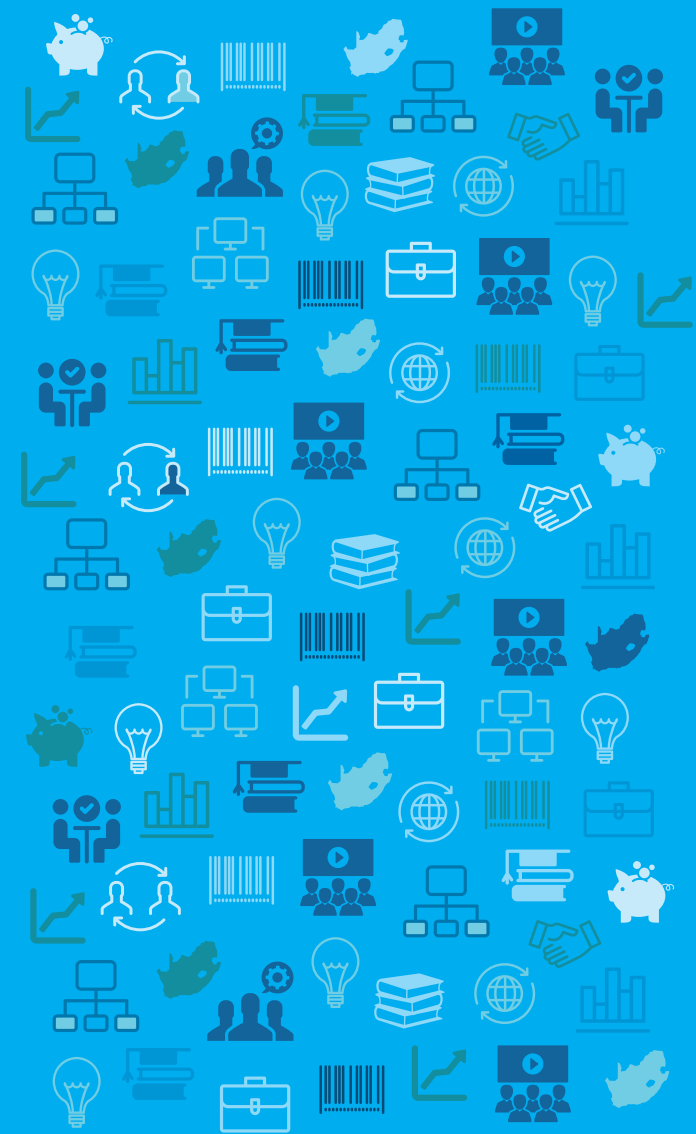
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## Our academic offerings:



Master of Business Administration (MBA)



MBA in Executive Management (EMBA)



CEMS Master of Management specialising in International Management (CEMS MIM)



Postgraduate Diploma in Management Practice (PGDip)



Master of Philosophy in Inclusive Innovation (MPhil)



PhD programme



Postgraduate Diploma in Development Finance (PGDip Dev Fin)



Master of Commerce in Development Finance (MCom)

## Executive Education and customised programmes

The Executive Education unit offers a number of interactive short courses and leadership development programmes for continuing professional development. Ranging from two days to three weeks, these courses are ideal for the new generation of leaders who want to engage with the challenges of business in emerging markets. They cover a broad spectrum of interests, from general management and business acumen to industry-specific programmes to suit every taste.

Organisations can also work with the UCT GSB to design customised programmes for their employees, drawing on the school's range of non-credit and credit-bearing courses and qualifications. The UCT GSB works with all types and sizes of organisations to co-create and deliver high-impact learning solutions that generate positive business outcomes.

Clients can choose to attend courses on the UCT GSB's world-class Waterfront campus in Cape Town, but the school is also equipped to deliver courses off site, and its footprint extends well into Africa.



## Centres of excellence at the UCT GSB

**The Allan Gray Centre for Values-based Leadership** is dedicated to exploring new ways of doing business, based on purpose, sustainability and responsible practices.

**The Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship** aims to support transformation and economic development by advancing social innovation, with a focus on social entrepreneurship.

**The Case Writing Centre** produces excellent teaching cases that reflect the African and emerging market context.

**The Centre for Coaching** seeks to promote coaching as an effective business tool and to professionalise the coaching fraternity in South Africa.

**The Development Finance Centre (DEFIC)** aims to build a solid training and research platform to facilitate the growth of local and international development finance expertise.

**The Lean Institute Africa (LIA)** aims to promote lean management in South Africa and the rest of Africa.

**The Power Futures Lab** aims to enhance understanding and build capacity in infrastructure investment, reform and regulation, in support of sustainable development.

**The Solution Space** opens a space between academia and business to advance new ideas and concepts connected to relevant and real world challenges.

**Spark Health** seeks to strengthen health systems and improve health outcomes in Africa.

**The Raymond Ackerman Academy** is an entrepreneurial development initiative that aims to empower young people.

## Student testimonials

“The EMBA transformed my way of thinking and prepared me for a leadership role.”  
- Phathizwe Malinga, MD of Sqwidnet

“Studying at the GSB was definitely a stepping stone to help me get to where I wanted to be professionally.”  
- Lelemba Phiri, founder of the Africa Trust Group

“The MBA programme was the polishing of me as a professional.”  
- Ryan Ravens, CEO Accelerate Cape Town