



DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH

Information required for selection into the DBA from 2010

Name: _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Selection Information:

- Applicants must provide information as requested in USQ application form, as well as a *Preliminary management research plan*, as detailed below.
- Applications for each year close on **30 November of the previous year (e.g. 30/12/2009 for March 2010)**. There will be only **one intake per year** and a small number of candidates are selected.
- The Faculty of Business Research Office examines applications and contacts supervisors in the appropriate School or Schools. *They decide if they wish to offer supervision*. If a candidate changes their area of interest during the study, *supervision cannot be guaranteed*. Applicants will be advised of their acceptance, or otherwise approximately a month after the closing date.
- This program is offered by distance education and not on-campus. There are no DBA scholarships.
- Please note that the dissertation courses each costs significantly more than normal course fees.

CRITERION 1 - ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

Your application will be judged on your educational qualifications: MBA or equivalent.

Please ensure you supply, with your application form, full academic transcripts of **all** prior qualifications, including a key that will allow the DBA committee to interpret your grades. DBA's normally have grades of 5 out of 7 in courses in their MBA's.

CRITERION 2 - RELIMINARY MANAGEMENT RESEARCH PLAN

Your application will also be judged on the clarity and viability of your preliminary management research proposal, as well as the ability and willingness of Schools to supervise this proposal. Please provide the following information (*the approximate word count is provided in brackets*):

1. Describe the research or management problem you wish to study. Indicate why this problem is important for this industry in the next three years (1000 words).
2. Formulate a research question based on this problem (100 words).
3. What bodies of knowledge form the basis of this research question? (100 words)
4. Describe what research methodology (qualitative or quantitative) you will use and why (100 words).
5. What access to **organisations, industries or other sources** enables you to do research in companies or industries? How will you gain access and permission to gather data? (100 words).

OTHER INFORMATION

- Describe your reasons for wanting to study a DBA at this stage in your career (100 words).
- Study plan: the DBA program has a set study plan (see DBA progression) and candidates are expected to adhere to the study plan to **complete four specialisation courses in year one, four research courses in year two** and the **dissertation in the next three years**. Candidates prepare a dissertation under close supervision and are expected to cooperate with their supervisors. Candidates normally attend a dissertation workshop in their dissertation phase at a location designated by USQ OR are expected to visit their supervisor in this location or Toowoomba. Further information is contained in the DBA resources on the website.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Professor Ronel Erwee
DBAR and research program coordinator