

PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COURSE - DOCTOR OF BUSINESS

The Melbourne Business School (MBS) wishes to establish a Doctor of Business from 2004.

The objectives of this Doctorate are to:

- promote the advancement of knowledge in all areas related to the management of business organisations;
- promote and provide an advanced level of education and professional development for persons involved in the fields of business or management; and
- provide an opportunity for high level and systematic analysis of practical problems in the business profession through the application of appropriate discipline analysis and research methodology resulting in an impact on professional practice.

The Doctorate will be administered by a Standing Committee of the MBS, which will have charge of all matters relating to the admission of candidates and the content of the course. On the recommendation of this Committee, the MBS may admit the applicant to candidature for the degree and forward the names of the examiners to Council. Subject to the statutes and standing resolutions of the University, the MBS may give directions for the conduct of the examination.

With regards to the requirements of the candidature for the degree, an applicant may not submit for examination work in respect of which the applicant has already qualified for a degree in any university, or other tertiary educational institution, or, without the permission of the MBS, work which the applicant has previously presented for any such degree.

An applicant, when submitting work for examination for the degree, shall state generally in a preface and specifically in notes, the sources from which the information is derived, the extent to which the applicant has availed him/herself of the work of others and, in general terms, the portions of the applicant's work for which originality is claimed. When an applicant submits for examination work which has been undertaken in collaboration with another person, the applicant shall provide a signed written statement detailing the extent of the applicant's contribution to the planning, carrying out and writing of the account of such work.

A candidate whose work, in the opinion of the examiners, includes a substantial original contribution to knowledge in business and is of a standard which would give the candidate authoritative standing in the candidate's field and who has fulfilled the prescribed conditions may be admitted to the degree of Doctor of Business.

It is anticipated that the Doctorate will also be awarded *honoris causa*.