



DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

College of Business
Florida Atlantic University

Entrepreneurship PhD

With its focus on Entrepreneurship, this PhD concentration at FAU provides the specialized preparation needed by nascent entrepreneurship scholars seeking to make significant contributions through their teaching and research. Early in the program our students are paired with at least one faculty mentor who shares their research interests. The program generally consists of two years of coursework, followed by comprehensive exams and a dissertation, and it usually takes a minimum of four years to complete.

Our students regularly present their research at prestigious conferences, and many have academic journal publications prior to graduation. Job placements are strong, with our students obtaining positions at universities nationwide.

Why FAU

- AACSB-accredited program
- Competitive financial support
- Research-active faculty
- Faculty trained in top PhD programs
- Access to CRSP, Compustat, IBES, SDC, Datastream, and other databases
- Diverse PhD overall student body

Program Summary

Full-time program requires 4 to 5 years in residency:

- 2 years of coursework consisting of core management seminars, research methods classes, and supporting courses
- Development and completion of research projects with publication potential
- Successful completion of comprehensive exams and defense of a doctoral dissertation

Financial Support

Admitted students receive the following:

- \$38,000 annual stipend
- Tuition waiver
- Health insurance
- Travel reimbursement to attend conferences

In return for the stipend, students usually work as graduate assistants for department faculty during their first two years and then teach undergraduate classes beginning in their third year.

Program & Application Information:

<https://business.fau.edu/masters-phd/phd-program/traditional-phd/admission-requirements/>

Admission Requirements

Admission to the PhD Program is restricted to students who show exceptionally high promise for mastering conceptual and analytical tools in business. While the minimum requirements are listed below, higher requirements may be used when there are numerous applicants with strong credentials.

Previous Coursework

- Minimum 3.5 GPA in master's program
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in undergraduate program
- A professional general evaluation is required for all international transcripts.

Graduate Management Admissions Test

- A minimum score of 555 on the GMAT taken within the last five years.
- The GRE may be considered but the GMAT is preferred.

Letters of Recommendation

- Three letters of recommendation are required. At least two of the letters should be from professors who can assess the applicant's potential for study at the PhD level.

Statement of Career Goals

- The applicant should provide a statement (maximum length three pages) regarding why he or she wishes to pursue the PhD degree.

Language Requirements

- For applicants whose native language is not English, minimum scores of 600 on the TOEFL; 7.0 band score on the IELTS; or 90 on the Duolingo are required.

Resume

Application Deadline: January 15

PhD Placements

- Augusta University
- Central Washington University
- Eastern Michigan University
- Florida A&M University
- Florida International University
- Georgia Southern University
- Grenoble École de Management
- Loyola University at New Orleans
- North Carolina A&T University
- San Diego State University
- University of Central Oklahoma
- University of Evansville
- University of Miami
- University of North Carolina, Wilmington
- University of Portland
- University of Tampa

Faculty Research

Faculty members in the Management Programs Department have published in such journals as:

- Academy of Management Journal
- Academy of Management Review
- Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice
- Journal of Applied Psychology
- Journal of Business Venturing
- Journal of International Business Studies
- Journal of Management
- Journal of Management Studies
- Journal of Organizational Behavior
- Leadership Quarterly
- Organization Studies
- Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal
- Strategic Management Journal

Example Curriculum

Years One and Two

Entrepreneurship

- Entrepreneurship Foundations
- Entrepreneurship Settings
- International Entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurial Marketing
- Entrepreneurial Finance
- Entrepreneurial Economics

Management Core

- Organization Theory
- Organizational Behavior
- Strategic Management

Research Methods Core

- Scientific Method
- Univariate Statistics
- Multivariate Statistics
- Research Design and Measurement

Year Three

- Comprehensive Exams
- Dissertation Proposal

Year Four

- Dissertation

FAU Contact Information

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Entrepreneurship Faculty

Entrepreneurship Research - Management

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Roland Kidwell (Professor)
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Chandra Mishra (Professor)
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Michael Ryall (Professor)
Siri Terjesen (Professor)
Andac Arikan (Associate Professor)
Gulcin Gumus (Associate Professor)
Mark Packard (Associate Professor)
Rajeev Sawant (Associate Professor)

Other Entrepreneurship Research Faculty

Christopher Boudreaux (Assoc. Prof, Econ)
Rebel Cole (Professor, Finance)
Douglas Cumming (Professor, Finance)
Joao Faria (Professor, Economics)
Sofia Johan (Associate Professor, Finance)

University Centers

Florida Atlantic University houses several centers and other units that promote and support entrepreneurship research and practice. These include:

- Adams Center for Entrepreneurship
- FAU Tech Runway
- FAU Research Park
- FAU Small Business Development Center
- Madden Center for Value Creation
- Phil Smith Center for Free Enterprise