

# SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

## Graduate Programs

The School of Entrepreneurship offers work leading to the Master of Science in Entrepreneurship degree, including both a residency and online program. In addition, concentration in Entrepreneurship is offered as part of the Master of Business Administration. A PhD in business administration with concentration in entrepreneurship is available to prepare students for careers in academia.

## The Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree with Entrepreneurship Concentration

(See "Business Administration (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/spears-business/watson-graduate-school/>)".)

## Master's in Entrepreneurship

The Master's in Entrepreneurship (MSE) provides a rigorous immersion into the nature of entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurial process. Core content is coupled with a strong commitment to experiential learning. Students are provided the opportunity to start a venture while in the program. The program is a component of the university-wide entrepreneurship emphasis at Oklahoma State University. It is targeted to students with a passion for entrepreneurship in for-profit, non-profit and public sector contexts.

The master's program consists of 33 credit hours of coursework and can be completed in one calendar year. The application for admission to the program requires:

1. Bachelor's degree,
2. Proposal for a venture,
3. GMAT,
4. Entrepreneurial and other work experience (recommended but not required), and
5. three letters of recommendation.

Based on this review, a personal interview is arranged with selected candidates and then a final acceptance decision is made. Applicants are responsible for ensuring all relevant materials are submitted to the School prior to deadlines. An online version of the program is also available.

## The Doctor of Philosophy Degree

The PhD in business administration with concentration in entrepreneurship is primarily focused on producing scholars who will be thought leaders in the discipline of entrepreneurship. The program prepares students primarily for careers in academia. Coordinated by the School of Entrepreneurship, students are given an intense exposure to theory and research methods.

The doctoral program involves sixty credit hours beyond the master's degree, of which approximately forty-two hours are coursework, depending upon the student's background, the remaining hours are associated with dissertation work. It is a four-year program, with two years devoted to coursework, followed by comprehensive exams and

a dissertation proposal, and then the writing and defending of the dissertation. Students complete fifteen hours of core doctoral seminars in entrepreneurship and management, twelve hours of statistics and research methods courses, nine hours of doctoral or equivalent hours in a minor field, and six hours of approved doctoral-level or equivalent electives. Students typically minor in such fields as psychology, sociology, anthropology, public policy or finance.

Doctoral students are expected to publish while in the program, and also to teach entrepreneurship courses. Faculty mentors work closely with students on research projects while they are in the program, initially involving the student in ongoing research projects, and ultimately working on projects initiated by the student. Students are expected to develop and refine their research interests over the first two years of the program, culminating in the identification of a dissertation topic. The School of Entrepreneurship, with a world-class cadre of entrepreneurship researchers, is well-positioned to support a wide range of topical areas that fit the student's interests.

Outstanding individuals with master's degrees in any field of study may apply. The application for admission to the program is evaluated based on the following:

1. undergraduate and graduate grade-point averages,
2. the student's score on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT),
3. a two- to three-page statement describing career goals, academic interests and research questions that intrigue the applicant,
4. three letters of recommendation, and
5. evidence of research potential.

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