



PhD Management



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Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB) at LUMS is the first business school in Pakistan to achieve AACSB International accreditation (2019), placing it among the top 6% of business schools worldwide. In 2024, AACSB renewed SDSB's accreditation, reaffirming the high quality of its academic programmes in line with global best practices in business education. As a pioneer in case-based teaching in the region, SDSB has the distinction of holding Pakistan's largest collection of business case studies. With a focus on providing thought leadership and driving societal change, SDSB prepares graduates with the skills and competencies to impact practice and excel in today's dynamic business environment.



Why PhD Management at LUMS?

- Rigorous research training
- Fully funded programme with a monthly stipend
- Access to the latest research on real-world issues and solutions
- Global linkages through international faculty and conferences
- Specialisations in three exhaustive disciplines:
 - Finance
 - Organisational Behaviour and Strategy
 - Operations Management
- Globally renowned faculty, known for their research and editorial positions at top international journals in their disciplines

PhD Management

The PhD Management programme is an interdisciplinary learning experience that provides exposure to global best practices and training in rigorous research methods, while focusing on social impact in a specialised local context and the global economy.

Our PhD graduates have the expertise to use theory and empirical research to address complex challenges in public, private, and non-profit sectors in Pakistan and internationally. Our graduates stand out as forward-thinking leaders in academia, international think tanks, and the development sector.



PhD Students are Making a Mark in Research

2014-2024

64

Articles published in A*/A ranked international journals based on Australian Business Dean's Council (ABDC) rankings

163

Articles published in international journals

30

Papers presented at international conferences

Programme Structure

	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
YEAR 1	COURSEWORK 4 Courses – 11 credit hours STREAMS Organisational Behaviour and Strategy Operations Management Finance	COURSEWORK 4 Courses – 11 credit hours STREAMS Organisational Behaviour and Strategy Operations Management Finance
YEAR 2	COURSEWORK 3 Courses – 8 credit hours STREAMS Organisational Behaviour and Strategy Operations Management Finance COMPREHENSIVE EXAM – A	COMPREHENSIVE EXAM – B Approval of thesis topic and synopsis progress review
YEAR 3	Proposal defense	Work on dissertation
YEAR 4	Work on dissertation Final review by PhD programme committee	Journal publication Dissertation review by two international reviewers Public defense of the dissertation

The candidate will also have to meet the following conditions to graduate:

- Journal paper, international conference, and two seminars
- 30 credit hours of coursework and minimum 3.0 CGPA
- 30 credit hours of research work



The PhD Management Experience

DR. AZEEM ALI SHAH

PhD Management '18
Senior Regional Researcher
Governance of Water Institutions
International Water Management Institute



“The training I received during my PhD significantly improved my analytical, teaching, and research writing skills, greatly benefiting my career and academic publishing. I work in research for the development sector, where I develop proposals, manage projects under tight deadlines, and deliver impactful results. I regularly publish in reputable international journals and last year, I served as the lead editor of a book. These achievements stem from the training I received at LUMS. Currently, I am the Chief of Party for a USAID-funded Water Management for Enhanced Productivity project in Pakistan, leading a team at the International Water Management Institute.”

DR. MARIAM MOHSIN

PhD Management '21
Lecturer
Kent Business School
University of Kent, UK



“The PhD Management programme at SDSB is outstanding, offering unparalleled resources and faculty. It is well-designed and meets international academic standards, as evidenced by the high-quality research publications produced by its students. The AACSB certification of SDSB enhances its global recognition and greatly boosts the employability of its graduates, opening up numerous opportunities worldwide. Almost all graduates from the programme have achieved remarkable success, securing positions at prestigious local and global academic institutions. Additionally, the programme is fully funded, making it accessible for aspiring scholars.”

Admission Criteria

Admission is purely merit-based and rests on the following criteria:

- Academic Record
- Performance in the Admission Test
- Research Statement
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Online Application Submission
- Online Submission of Supporting Documents and Fee Payment
- Interview (if called)

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Financial Support

The PhD Programme at LUMS offers a fully-funded scholarship which covers the following:

- Admission fee
- Tuition fee
- Semester registration fee
- Monthly stipend, subject to the supervisor's approval

The scholarship is valid for four (4) years, aligning with the programme's minimum graduation requirements.



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