

July 16, 2015

The Honourable Reza Moridi
Minister of Training Colleges and Universities
Province of Ontario
c/o The Universities Unit
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Toronto, ON M7A 1L2.

To the Honourable Reza Moridi,

Dalhousie University is pleased to submit this Re-Application for Ministerial Consent for its Master of Business Administration (Financial Services) Program under the **Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act.** 

Our Master of Business Administration (Financial Services) (MBA FS) Program is the only master's degree specific to financial services in Canada offered to working professionals, who have a minimum of five years' professional or managerial experience in the industry. Our students are diverse and work in banks and insurance companies across the country. The MBA FS is offered through an on-line/blended learning platform to afford its students flexibility, and convenience, while providing the highest standards in graduate education. Established in 1996, the MBA FS has been conferred upon almost 1000 finance/insurance sector professionals across the country, who have moved on to progressively more senior positions within their organizations either during their pursuit of the MBA FS degree, or subsequent to achieving it. Delivered through the Rowe School of Business, the MBA FS is overseen by an Academic Committee, which monitors curriculum, standards and instructor qualifications, many of whom have been awarded recognition for their teaching and research.

Our Rowe School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and the MBA FS has and continues to meet the exceedingly high standards promoted by this organization.

Dalhousie University is a public organization operating under an Act of the Nova Scotia Provincial Legislature, the "Act for the Regulation and Support of Dalhousie College" Chapter 24 of the Acts of 1863, as amended.

We are pleased to have previously been awarded Ministerial Approval from Ontario for our MBA Financial Services Program; this is an application for renewal.

Please find enclosed three (3) paper copies of the submission, prepared in accordance with Provincial guidelines, as well as the required application fee in the amount of \$5,000.

We thank you for your consideration of this application, and look forward to a positive review. We are available to answer any questions or to provide more detail, as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Cunningham, PhD

Dean,

Faculty of Management

c.c. Dr. Carolyn Watters, Provost and Vice President, Academic

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## **PROGRAM ABSTRACT**

## 1.1 SUBMISSION TITLE PAGE

Full Legal Name of Organization:

**Dalhousie University** 

Operating Name of Organization:

**Dalhousie University** 

Common Acronym of Organization (if applicable):

DAL

URL for Organization Homepage (if applicable):

http://www.dal.ca/

Proposed Degree Nomenclature:

**Master of Business Administration (Financial Services)** 

Location (specific address) where program to be delivered (each location requires a location-specific consent from the Minister):

Halifax, NS; Toronto, ON; Calgary AB, Edmonton, AB, Vancouver, BC

**Contact Information:** 

Person Responsible for this Submission:

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Site Visit Coordinator (if different from above):

Same as above

Program launch date: September 1996

Intake for the past 3 years of the program:

| New Student Intake Trends/Academic Year – Three Year Overview |      |        |        |        |  |  |  |
|---|------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|
| Semester  | Fall | Winter | Spring | Totals |  |  |  |
| 2014/2015   | 25   | 19     | 4      | 48     |  |  |  |
| 2013/2014   | 27   | 13     | 4      | 44     |  |  |  |
| 2012/2013   | 22   | 20     | 0 -    | 42     |  |  |  |

Initial Tuition Fee: \$ 2615.00/course (Part Time studies)

## 1.2 Program Abstract

The Dalhousie MBA (Financial Services) degree is designed to assist managers in the financial services industry to enhance their knowledge and skills by furthering their abilities to exercise leadership and make sound strategic decisions, honing their analytical skills, and sharpening their judgment in managerial and client service roles. The program broadens the horizons of financial managers by exposing them to theoretical business and managerial concepts the industry, to new and emerging ideas, thereby enhancing performance in their present positions and increasing their scope of career opportunities.

Developed and delivered by award-winning academics and financial services experts working in close collaboration with employers and industry associations, our program is characterized by experiential learning which can be applied immediately to professional responsibilities.

Offering a balance of theory, analysis and day-to-day financial services practice, our program builds on existing experience to enable strategic response to complex management issues and to devise innovative, relevant and real world solutions to our students' organizations' current challenges.

The part-time MBA (FS) program is delivered using a blended learning model of combining distance and classroom instruction.

## 2.2 GRADUATE COURSE SCHEDULE 2

| Year and<br>Semester | Course Number<br>& Title                      | Course<br>Credit<br>Hours | Couse Prerequisite and Co-requisites | Instructor's Highest Qualification Earned and Discipline of Study              |
|----------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Academic Years       | 2015/2016                                     | 1                         |                                      |  |
| Fall 2015            | BUSI 5103: Business Accounting                | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | MBA, CPA, FCPA   |
| Fall 2015            | BUSI 5503: Quantitative Decision . Making     | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | PhD (Statistics)   |
| Fall 2015            | BUSI 5511: Management Information Systems     | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | MBA, MEC, BEng, IT and Proj<br>Mgmt professional                               |
| Fall 2015            | BUSI 5801: International Business             | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | PhD (International Business and Strategy)                                      |
| Fall 2015            | BUSI 6601: Legal Aspects of Business          | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | LLM, MBA (Law)   |
| Winter 2016          | BUSI 5703: Business Economics                 | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | PhD (Economics)  |
| Winter 2016          | BUSI 6207: Adv. Corporate Finance             | 3 Cr Hrs                  | BUSI 5103 Business Accounting        | PhD (Finance)  |
| Winter 2016          | BUSI 6326: Management Skills<br>Development   | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | PhD (Organizational Behaviour<br>and change, Leadership and<br>Chaos Theories) |
| Winter 2016          | BUSI 6410: Adv. Marketing                     | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | MBA (Marketing), 30+ exp<br>practitioner                                       |
| Winter 2016          | BUSI 6255: Global Markets & Institutions      | 3 Cr Hrs                  | BUSI 6207: Adv<br>Corporate Finance  | PhD (Finance)  |
| Winter 2016          | BUSI 6900: Corporate Social<br>Responsibility | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | PhD (CSR, HR Mgmt and<br>Human Rights, Business &<br>Society, Business Ethics) |
| Summer 2016          | BUSI 5511: Management Information Systems     | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | MBA, MEC, BEng, IT and Proj<br>Mgmt professional                               |
| Summer 2016          | BUSI 6990: Strategic Leadership and Change    | 3 Cr Hrs                  | All MBA (FS) courses                 | PhD (International Business and Strategy)                                      |
| Academic Year 20     | 16/2017                                       |                           |                                      |  |
| Fall 2016            | BUSI 5103: Business Accounting                | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | МВА, СРА, FСРА   |
| Fall 2016            | BUSI 5103: Business Accounting                | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | MBA, CPA, FCPA   |
| Fall 2016            | BUSI 5503: Quantitative Decision<br>Making    | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | PhD (Statistics)   |
| Fall 2016            | BUSI 5511: Management Information Systems     | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | MBA, MEC, BEng, IT and Proj<br>Mgmt professional                               |
| Fall 2016            | BUSI 5801: International Business             | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | PhD (International Business and Strategy)                                      |
| Fall 2016            | BUSI 6230: Investments and Money Management   | 3 Cr Hrs                  | BUSI 6207: Corporate Finance         | PhD (Finance)  |
| Fall 2016            | BUSI 6900: Corporate Social<br>Responsibility | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | PhD (CSR, HR Mgmt and<br>Human Rights, Business &<br>Society, Business Ethics) |
| Winter 2017          | BUSI 5703: Business Economics                 | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | PhD (Economics)  |
| Winter 2017          | BUSI 6207: Adv. Corporate Finance             | 3 Cr Hrs                  | BUSI 5103 Business Accounting        | PhD (Finance)  |
| Winter 2017          | BUSI 6326: Management Skills  Development     | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | PhD (Organizational Behaviour<br>and change, Leadership and<br>Chaos Theories) |
| Winter 2017          | BUSI 6410: Adv. Marketing                     | 3 Cr Hrs                  | N/A                                  | MBA (Marketing), 30+ exp<br>practitioner                                       |

| Winter 2017 | BUSI 6300: Risk Management for Financial Institutions | 3 Cr Hrs | N/A                  | PhD (Finance)                             |
|-------------|---|----------|----------------------|---|
| Summer 2017 | BUSI 5801: International Business                     | 3 CR Hrs | N/A                  | PhD (International Business and Strategy) |
| Summer 2017 | BUSI 6990: Strategic Leadership and Change            | 3 Cr Hrs | All MBA (FS) courses | PhD (International Business and Strategy) |

- Course offerings and intensive locations are subject to minimum registrants.
- The Strategic Leadership & Change (SLC) course is always offered during the summer in Halifax, and students must complete all other program requirements before registering for the final course/SLC.