

Center for International Doctorate Studies (CIDS)

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Introduction

There is a growing number of university graduates in many countries who are searching opportunities to achieve a doctorate degree (Ph.D. or DBA) abroad. In the Netherlands traditionally Ph.D. Programmes are based on at least 4-5 years of study. Mostly at least three years have to be spent in the Netherlands and one in the own country to do the field research.

Opportunities for a DBA Programme are restricted to only a few institutes and are based on at least 3 years of study. Mostly two years have to be spend in the Netherlands (coursework) and one in the own country to do the field research.

The long stay in the host country and the class group orientation make these opportunities unattractive for excellent university graduates who want to focus directly on the preparation and execution of an individual doctorate research project.

This was an important motivation to found an institute which would provide more adequate opportunities for doctorate studies.

The Center for International Doctorate Studies developed a unique Ph.D. Coaching Programme and a unique DBA Coaching Programme. Both programmes are fully individualized (personal coaching, tutorial teaching and research supervision). Coursework is not required and the time to spend in the Netherlands can be minimized.

Main features of the Ph.D. Coaching Programme

- The Center for International Doctorate Studies is collaborating closely with universities in the Netherlands (admission procedures; preparing a high quality research proposal; preparing the field work; assessment of the thesis; membership of the faculty doctorate research committee, etc..)
- The candidate should be a university graduate (Master's degree) or should have a comparable educational level. A recommendation letter from 2 persons in a authority position related to scientific research is required.
- In Ph.D. research the research problem and research questions are usually deducted from scientific theory. The conclusions are primarily contributing to theory development and theory testing (rejecting or confirmation of existing theories). The methods of research belong to the repertory of the methodology of empirical research.
- The topic of the research should be within the scope of a university faculty and the research will be guided by a supervisor (called "promotor"). The thesis and have to be accepted by the involved faculty and the degree Ph.D. will be granted by the involved state university. The standards of state universities are recognized internationally as high and guaranteed by the government.
- The personal coach will be an expert with Ph.D. background; the supervisor (called "promotor") will be a member of the involved faculty.

Main features of the DBA Coaching Programme

- The Center for International Doctorate Studies is collaborating closely with the BUSINESS SCHOOL NEDERLAND (BSN).
This Business School is the largest in the Netherlands, belongs to the top 3 of business schools in the Netherlands and offers part time MBA programmes and DBA programmes.
The international branch is active in 5 countries. All programmes together hold about 1500 active students. The 1st stage of the programme the responsibility is in hands of the Center (preparation of the research proposal based on the requirements of BSN). After the acceptance of the research proposal by the Board of DBA of the Business School Nederland the 2nd stage of the programme (field research) and the last 3rd stage (writing of the doctor's thesis) will be under the responsibility of BSN.
The Board of DBA is monitoring the quality of DBA programmes.
- The candidate should be a university graduate (Master's degree) or should have a comparable level. At least 3 years of experience in a managerial function is required.
- For DBA research the research problem and research questions are usually born in the field of business administration but has been sometimes deducted from middle-range theories (theories with a limited scope of generalization). Research conclusions have a direct impact to a better understanding of problems (diagnostic), or the solving of problems, in the professional practice around management and organisation.
- The doctorate research will be guided by a supervisor ("promotor"). The thesis has to be accepted by the Board of DBA (members have a Ph.D. or DBA degree). The methods of research belong to the repertory of the methodology of empirical research.
- The personal coach (CIDS) will be an expert with professional experience in the field of management and organisation and a Ph.D. or DBA. The supervisor ("promotor") should have a Ph.D. or DBA degree and has to be accepted by the Board of DBA.

Common features of the Ph.D. and DBA programme

- The Center offers a fully individualized approach which makes it possible for the candidate to speed up or slow down the progress of his study.
- The Center offers access to knowledge resources connected with the topic of the research and with research methods.
- The Programme offers a stimulating environment of a country with a strong worldwide orientation and people who in majority are mastering English, making communication easy.
- Social assistance, if and when needed, is available (health problems, housing problems, visa problems and travelling arrangements).
- Fees are paid in 4 instalments (Ph.D.) or 3 (DBA).

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Ph.D. and DBA Coaching Programme

Potential candidates can apply for the Programmes by providing personal information.

The application forms can be downloaded from this website: <http://www.mvb-consulting.com/downloads/>

With the application form we expect some supplements:

- (1) copies of university diploma's
- (2) a recommendation letter from 2 persons in an authority position related to research
- (3) a statement about the mastering of the English language
- (4) a statement about the funding of participation in the Programme (sponsors;own funds)
- (5) a (preliminary) research proposal

For further information please send an e-mail message to: info@mvb-consulting.com.

How to contact us?

The office of the Center for International Doctorate Studies (CIDS) is settled in the suburb of Amsterdam (Almere) with direct train connections to the center of Amsterdam and Amsterdam Airport (Schiphol).

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