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UCT Executive MBA ranked top in Africa and among the world's best

The [University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business](#) (UCT GSB) has solidified its position as the premier destination for executive education in Africa, with its Executive MBA (EMBA) being ranked as the top African programme in the prestigious Financial Times (FT) rankings. This accolade comes on the heels of the programme's recognition as the best EMBA in the Middle East and Africa, and 53rd globally in the 2024 QS EMBA rankings.

Highlighting the success of the programme, UCT GSB Director Dr Catherine Duggan said: "The fact that a degree with a distinctly African perspective outscores business schools like Oxford, Wharton, and INSEAD in alumni satisfaction speaks to the unique and transformative nature of this programme. Even seasoned executives tell me that they come away from our EMBA with a new perspective on their own leadership and new tools to help them navigate our increasingly complex and uncertain world."

The UCT GSB EMBA also performed exceptionally in key areas of the Financial Times rankings:

- **8th** for faculty gender diversity
- **27th** for student gender diversity
- **34th** for focus on environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues
- **42nd** for the professional seniority of its students
- **54th** for alumni network strength in securing career opportunities, launching start-ups, and fostering continuous engagement.

Programme Director for the EMBA, Associate Professor Camille Meyer, expressed pride in the recognition.

"It's good to see some of the most rigorous rankings in the world highlighting the combination of elements that make the GSB's EMBA unique. We work hard to bring together cohorts of exceptional senior executives seeking both personal and professional growth, and our students benefit from the combination of leadership acumen, business insights, and a commitment to purpose and meaningful impact," he said.

Often considered one of the most influential business school rankings, the Financial Times collects a substantial proportion of the data used in its programme rankings directly from alumni, including data on overall satisfaction and career progression. Other data, including

programme curricula and the proportion of female and international students and faculty, are provided by schools themselves and subjected to periodic audits by external audit firms.

UCT Vice-Chancellor Professor Mosa Moshabela celebrated the UCT GSB's achievement, highlighting its global relevance and the school's role in elevating leadership education across Africa.

"This ranking is a testament to the UCT GSB's global influence and its role in elevating African leadership on the world stage, shaping world-class leaders, and driving sustainable impact. The UCT GSB continues to drive innovation and leadership excellence, preparing executives to not only navigate but thrive in a rapidly evolving global economy. This global recognition underscores our mission to empower leaders who are not only ready to navigate complex global challenges but also drive meaningful change within their organisations and across the continent," said Professor Moshabela.

The UCT GSB Executive MBA programme is a two-year part-time degree targeted at senior managers and executive leaders looking to enhance their business skills and networks while developing the authenticity, resilience and understanding of complexity necessary to build and lead more sustainable organisations.

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