

PhD in Business Administration
Specialization

Accounting



Join us in advancing knowledge and practice through excellence in research and teaching.

Drexel University's LeBow College of Business prepares doctoral students to become outstanding scholars and inspiring teachers.

The PhD specialization in accounting provides students with the opportunity to conduct independent research in one of the five basic areas of accounting: financial, managerial, international, taxation or auditing. Our students are exposed to both experimental (judgment and decision making) and archival (economics-based) research methods in accounting seminars, and select the method most relevant to their research interest. In addition, students are assigned to assist a faculty member with a similar interest in conducting research. This interaction allows students to further develop their ability to conduct academic research and communicate the results to the academic community.

The Department of Accounting comprises 11 research-active faculty members. The program is selective; we admit a very small number of students each year. During the first two years, students concentrate on their courses and research development, which lead them to candidacy. Once students achieve candidacy, they are given the opportunity to teach a limited number of accounting courses, to continue participating in research activities and to pursue their doctoral dissertation.

Research

Our faculty have a wide range of research interests and publish in top academic journals such as *The Accounting Review*, *Journal of Accounting Research*, *Contemporary Accounting Research*, *Journal of Accounting & Economics*, *Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting*, and *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*.

In addition, our faculty members serve on a number of editorial review boards for highly respected journals.

PhD students who specialized in Accounting have accepted faculty positions at:

Pepperdine University
North Dakota State University
North Carolina State University
Bryant University
University of Massachusetts
Cornell University

Admission Standards

A bachelor's degree is required for admission. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for all undergraduate course work and a minimum 3.3 average for any graduate-level coursework. The faculty generally expect applicants to demonstrate a substantially higher level of accomplishment than these minimum requirements.

Admission Requirements

All applicants are required to submit either GMAT (preferred) or GRE scores. Please note that scores older than five years are not accepted.

Applicants whose native language is not English and who have not received a degree from a U.S. university must submit scores from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

All applicants must submit a personal statement explaining the educational and personal experiences that have influenced their decision to pursue a PhD, as well as future career plans and goals. Faculty members are especially interested in learning about applicants' research experience and future research interests.

Two letters of recommendation must be submitted in support of the application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to seek recommendations from academics or other professionals who can assess the likelihood of their success in a research-oriented PhD program.



Admission Process

All PhD admissions are done through our online portal, and prospective applicants can access further details from our website at lebow.drexel.edu/phd.

Assistantships and Financial Aid

We strive to provide graduate assistantships to all entering PhD students; each applicant is automatically considered for an assistantship. All first-year doctoral students work with a faculty member on research activities. During subsequent years, doctoral students are assigned a combination of teaching and research responsibilities. Assistants receive a stipend and full-time tuition remission per academic year. Doctoral students who are making satisfactory progress toward the degree can expect to be provided with an assistantship for five years.

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