



KIGALI INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY ULK

PhD Business Administration

Entry requirement/Admission criteria:

Student profile:

A prospective PhD candidate should have a strong academic background, including a bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting, finance or management, and some publication track record (published research or conference papers in non-predatory journals and conferences). Research interests may include financial reporting, auditing, taxation, management control, sustainability accounting, or corporate governance. The candidate should submit a statement of purpose outlining their research goals and career aspirations, supported by academic and professional references. Strong analytical skills, a passion for research, and a commitment to advancing knowledge in accounting are essential.

Specific admission criteria:

Admission Requirements: Management

The applicant must hold a Master's degree and academic transcripts in human resource, marketing, management, strategy, entrepreneurship, organizational behaviour, finance, with a strong academic record, typically a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 5-point scale or at least 70% (or equivalent). An applicant with a GPA below 3.5 but not less than 3.0, and with at least five (5) years of professional experience in academia or industry, may also be considered.

- Candidates must demonstrate research competency through a thesis, published papers, or significant research experience.
- Motivation letter: Applicants should submit a motivation aligned with the programme's focus areas, along with a statement of purpose outlining their academic and career objectives.

- Proficiency in academic writing and research methodology is essential, and candidates will be required to pass an interview to evaluate their critical thinking and research potential.

Admission Requirements: Accounting

The applicant must hold a Master's degree and academic transcript in Accounting or Finance, with a strong academic record, typically a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 5-point scale or at least 70% (or equivalent). An applicant with a GPA below 3.5 but not less than 3.0, and with at least five (5) years of professional experience in academia or industry, may also be considered.

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Admission Requirements: Finance

The applicant must hold a Master's degree and academic transcript in Finance, Accounting, Taxation, or Economics with a strong academic record, typically a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 5-point scale or at least 70% (or equivalent). An applicant with a GPA below 3.5 but not less than 3.0, and with at least five (5) years of professional experience in academia or industry, may also be considered.

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