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UWA MBA Intensive Talent Profile 2021

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Foreword

We would like to introduce to you our impressive full-time MBA students of 2021. The talented students have followed 12 months of intensive and experiential learning, been involved in a personalised Authentic Leadership program, and participated in one-on-one mentoring from a senior industry leader. They have also undertaken a strategy and consulting project to deepen their knowledge and skills in their chosen specialisation and to better meet employers' demands, enhancing their employment prospects.

According to the UWA MBA Programs Director, Professor Allan Trench, the strong results of the MBA cohort can be attributed to UWA's personalised approach, comprising intensive classes in an intimate and tailored learning environment with intensive classes, and students supported by a board of internationally renowned experts.

This Talent Profile highlights the key achievements of the 2021 UWA MBA graduates and provides your organisation with the opportunity to engage directly with our students. The UWA Careers and Employability Centre can help you connect with our MBA students by participating in recruitment events, the MBA Mentoring Program, and industry presentations with direct networking opportunities.

"The result is testament to the UWA MBA program, our dedicated professional staff, the MBAs themselves and our fantastic MBA alumni who remain engaged with the MBA program and give back through guest lectures and participation in careers-focused MBA events."

– Professor Allan Trench



Professor Allan Trench
Program Director



Dr Paul Crompton
Program Director



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UWA MBA program



UWA is ranked in the top 100 universities globally for its MBA program and consulting career placements for graduates (QS Career Specialisation Rankings 2021).

The MBA career specialisation rankings collect data from more than 37,000 global employers, as well as from millions of research publications, and seek to analyse the career placements of MBA graduates globally.

In the QS Career Specialisation Rankings, UWA performed strongly in the assessment of research strength, combining full-time MBA research and MBA specialisation research.

The MBA program also performed strongly in career placements, which combines insights from graduates on everything from entering industry to starting their own businesses.

Graduate outcomes

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in Oceania for
Entrepreneurship and
Alumni Outcomes*

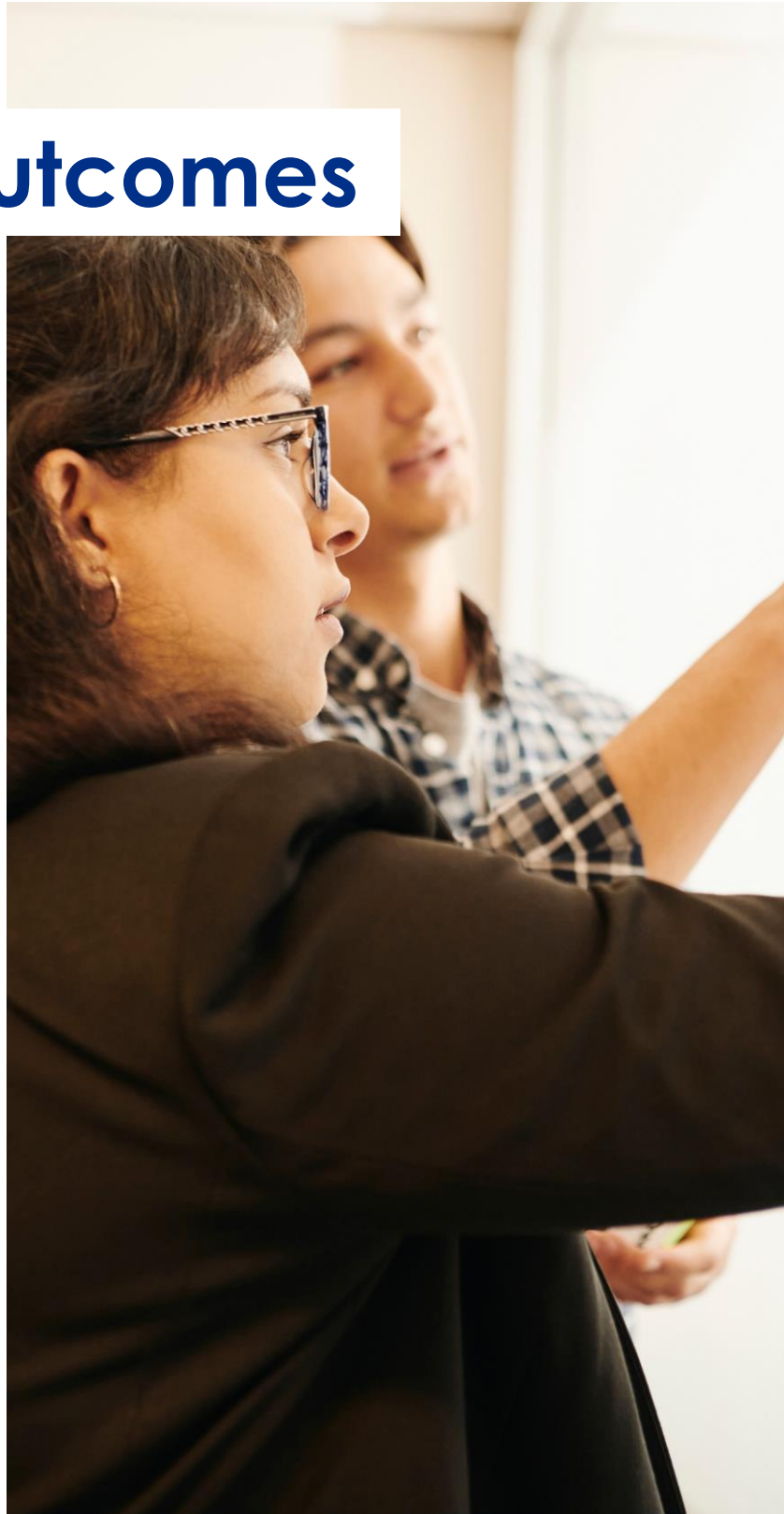
Top 100

MBA Program Consulting
Career Placements†

UWA MBA graduates
earn the highest
salaries nationally*

*QS World University Rankings 2021 Global MBA Rankings

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Meet our 2021 cohort

12 YEARS' AVG.
EXPERIENCE

in areas such as:

Accounting | Advisory | Aviation | Communication
Construction | Consulting | Defence | Engineering
Finance | IT | Management | Manufacturing
Marketing | Medicine | Resources

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MSc (Petroleum Engineering)
Heriot-Watt University

BSc (Physics, Plasma & High Temp. Physics, English) Hons
Kazakh National University



BAppSc (Construction Management & Economics) Hons
Curtin University

Diploma (Building Design & Technology)
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Project Leadership | Stakeholder Management | Adaptability

While studying physics, Aizhan started her working career at a not-for-profit organisation as a facilitator and coordinator for human rights and conflict resolution. Upon graduation she joined Schlumberger as an engineer in Drilling and Completions. She worked offshore in the Caspian region, the North Sea and West Africa. After 4 years, she transitioned into a leadership role leading offshore installation teams.

During her career with Schlumberger, Aizhan held various technical and leadership roles in Angola, Romania, Norway and Scotland. In 2010 Aizhan joined Woodside's Drilling and Completion department, and since then has diversified into production roles. She now leads the Enterprise Asset Management project for Maintenance, striving to improve the way we work by using technology and innovation.

Aizhan is a lifelong learner and aspires to be a visionary, inspiring, and motivating leader. Her goal in the future is to help organisations transition to cleaner energy by using technology and alternative energy sources.

Alastair Brook

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Strategic Leadership | Business Strategy | Team Building

Alastair Brook is the Global General Manager – Digital Engineering for DBM Vircon, and has more than 15 years' experience working in construction, digital engineering, project management and business management. He holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Construction Management & Economics) with first class honours, and has successfully grown a digital consulting division with a reputation for excellence in the delivery of complex major project digital engineering implementations.

Alastair has a unique skill for merging technical delivery and strategy. He can decipher multiple information points to set a clear vision that can be easily understood and communicated to all. He identifies opportunities for partnering, integration, and leveraging technologies, and quickly understands the teams and systems he operates in.

Alastair's passion is for developing others by creating and nurturing relationships at all levels, and so delivering growth and success. He has a thirst for learning and is always looking to improve as a family man, a friend, and a leader.



BA (Multimedia Design)
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Aviation | Decision Making | Interpersonal Skills

After exploring various other opportunities, Brendan found his passion in aviation. He developed his career as a pilot in a relatively short time, starting as a flight instructor, then flying survey aircraft before piloting an airliner for Virgin Australia. He achieved this after being accepted into their highly competitive cadet program, and was based in Canberra upon completion of his training.

Brendan is now completing an MBA at UWA and is keen to expand his horizons into other areas of aviation or emerging technology. He is also interested in remotely piloted aircraft and the automation of transport, and while he would love to fly again, he is enthusiastic about getting involved in the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle industry.

Brendan's strength is his ability to support, to listen, and to help guide decision making. At all times Brendan strives to maintain a high level of professionalism, valuing confidentiality and trustworthiness. Brendan is interested in all kinds of technology and vehicles whether they fly, float, walk or roll.



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Analytics | Critical Thinking | Leadership

Chiara graduated from UWA in 2009 with a Commerce degree, majoring in Investment, Corporate Finance and Law, and commenced with the Department of Defence in 2011.

Working predominantly in the land and sea domains, she's lived all over Australia, and is currently the Finance Manager of the \$400m p.a. ANZAC-class frigate program. She enjoys the complexity of the program and the variety of stakeholders she engages with and is passionate about solving complex problems.

Chiara has held a variety of roles in financial, commercial, and compliance spheres, both within the business and as a business partner. Being technically competent and perpetually curious, she's always keen to develop her commercial acumen and strategic thinking. At work she is known for being helpful, trustworthy, and keeping things in perspective. She is frequently accused of enjoying work, when in fact she most enjoys hiking up mountains.

Chiara is undertaking an MBA to formalise her experiences, and to meet people from different walks of life. On completion of her MBA studies, she would like to transition into the private sector.



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Business Development | Problem Solving | Leadership

Damian is a business advisory leader with a depth of knowledge in a large variety of industries. With practical experience across SME tax, business administration, structuring and project management, Damian can advise business owners on the best course of action to achieve desired personal and business goals, from the initial idea of a business through to the final sale and at every point in between.

While still relatively young, he has broad experience in a number of settings. This has enabled him to develop strong communication and interpersonal skills alongside a firm belief in the importance of having a knowledge- and trust-based style of leadership. Effective at communicating with all stakeholders, Damian is adept at building and strengthening high-performing teams that are agile, efficient, and effective.

Damian currently works as a manager within a professional services accounting firm, with the day-to-day advising of business owners on how best to reach both their personal and business goals. He also has experience overhauling internal training strategies, and upon completing the MBA program, wants to leverage the skills and knowledge gained to develop new service lines within his current role to create better outcomes for clients.

Damian is a fan of Formula 1, Premier League football and live music.

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Problem Solving | Communication | Leadership

David is a Risk Manager at CBH Group and has more than nine years of risk consulting experience. Prior to his role at CBH Group, David spent six years with Deloitte, specialising in risk advisory and compliance before transitioning to industry.

David's strengths are his collaborative problem-solving approach, and his ongoing desire to build on a range of technical competencies (developed through the workplace or higher education). He has extensive experience in:

- workshop facilitation
- developing enterprise risk and compliance frameworks
- compiling and presenting executive reporting packs
- interpreting data trends and performing base data analysis
- leading engagement teams.

David promotes a strong involvement in community. He is a volunteer board member of the Nardine Wimmin's Refuge, Treasurer of his water polo club, and serves as a tribunal member for the West Australian Football Commission. In his spare time, David likes to compete in open-water swimming and host games nights (including creating his own games) with family and friends.



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Project Delivery | Interpersonal Skills | Team Building

David has ten years' experience in mining in operations and project roles at Fortescue Metals Group. He initially commenced in technical roles across the supply chain, before leading technical and maintenance teams at Port Hedland.

He has been a key agent in lasting process changes as Fortescue matured from upstart junior to established miner, leading new teams and driving data driven improvements.

His role as Project Manager for the Fortescue relocatable conveyor, in which he oversaw the deployment of 25km of conveyors across Fortescue's mines, was a career achievement.



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Communication | Critical Thinking | Collaboration

Jason is a frontline leader and professional who has worked across both the military and mining industries. Through his varied career, Jason has been inspired by his experiences living and working with First Nations People. These experiences have sparked a passion and interest in improving Indigenous opportunities and outcomes. He aspires to bring best practice to different communities and help raise standards of acceptance, living, and education.

Jason worked for Rio Tinto for 10 years, across multiple disciplines and sites, including Paraburdoo, Tom Price, West Angelas and Perth. He worked extensively with automation technologies, helping to shape future technologies to work efficiently and effectively with modern-day processes and procedures.

Jason is currently an Operations Manager for the Australian Army, where he is responsible for organisational resource planning, strategic planning of organisational activities, and scheduling.

After completing his MBA program, Jason would like to transition into a consulting/business improvement role, where he feels his experiences will allow him to instigate positive change within organisations and the wider community.



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Decision Making | Leadership | Adaptability

Having worked as a pharmacist with Optimal Pharmacy Plus since 2013, Justin has shown great adaptability. Responsible for managing the pharmacy business, he also handled staff development and training of intern pharmacists. During the COVID-19 challenge, Justin was able to facilitate business expansion through his analysis of financial data, and through sound leadership of his team.

Justin became a Registered Pharmacist on completion of his Bachelor of Pharmacy in 2017. He then completed his internship at Zest Pharmacy before transitioning to Optimal Pharmacy as the sole Pharmacist in Charge. Most recently, he was a Community Pharmacist at Optimal Pharmacy Plus, and the Pharmacist in Charge at Zest Pharmacy. Justin is a strong believer in ongoing professional development and is now looking to transition into corporate healthcare, on completion of his MBA.



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Stakeholder Management | Problem Solving | Communication

Kate has successfully built a career working in FMCG, local government, tourism, health, and not-for-profit industries in both Perth and Sydney. Specialising in strategic planning, market research and analysis, events, stakeholder engagement and communications, she can quickly and professionally adapt to changing industries and market requirements.

Kate's innate ability to read people and situations has enabled her to build lasting professional relationships and maximise many collaborative work opportunities.

Her long-term professional vision is to become a respected and valued leader who contributes to the advancement of an organisation and its people, with positivity, an open mind and integrity.

In her spare time Kate likes to keep active, incorporating swimming, walking and cycling, into family time with her kids and husband.

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Strategic Management | Financial Advice | Mentoring

Lauren is a highly regarded financial services professional, and holds several finance-related postgraduate qualifications, including a master's degree. Lauren is motivated to pursue an MBA to gain exposure to other leadership styles and a wider perspective of business management. Her ultimate goal is board representation as a Company Director.

In 2017, Lauren established the Private Advice team at Euroz Hartleys Securities – the largest private sector investment manager in Western Australia – where she is one of two AFSL-responsible managers. In this role, Lauren successfully directs the provision of financial and investment advice for executives, professionals, and high-net-worth family groups. Her role also includes mentoring and providing professional development to assist in developing younger advisers.

Lauren is focused on improving her clients' financial outcomes as a key driver for their overall wellbeing. She is also passionate about improving financial literacy for women and students, and works to improve this by mentoring finance graduates and presenting to high school groups.

Lorraine Ponti

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Multicultural Leadership | Project Management | Client Relations

Lorraine is an experienced project manager with a civil engineering and water resources background. Over the last 15 years, she has been entrusted with the full project execution of a number of multimillion-dollar construction and manufacturing projects in China, France and Russia.

In her previous roles, Lorraine led project planning, design, procurement, construction/production and certification teams to successful delivery and handover. She is experienced in managing diverse teams to deliver projects under scheduling and financial constraints.

After living in eight cities on four continents, Lorraine has a strong cultural awareness that she applies favourably in business, negotiations and managing client relationships. She is bilingual in English and French, and has an intermediate level of Spanish and Russian.

Lorraine is passionate about developing sustainable urban communities and helping industries to address their impact on climate change. With a strong sense of giving back to society, Lorraine has been involved in charities including youth development and poverty alleviation programs over the last 20 years. Lorraine has recently relocated to Australia with her husband and their three daughters after living in Argentina.

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**PRINCE2 | Agile | AgilePM |
PMI-PMP**

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Agile | Digital Transformation | Project Management

As the Chief Technology Officer at Catholic Education Western Australia, Mike has enabled the organisation to incorporate 163 schools and four offices under a single business entity, operating on a shared, leading-edge, cloud-based digital platform. This achievement has made possible equitable delivery of quality private education to all students in WA, regardless of distance or physical location.

Having restructured the Digital Technology division, Mike is now delivering key strategic programs across cyber security, network and communications, ERP and CRM implementation, digital marketing and governance portfolios. Prior to this role, Mike had successfully led numerous business transformations across a variety of industries, leading to creation of new sales channels, new products, increased market share and elevated levels of service and customer engagement.

Mike is passionate about taking on impossible challenges and projects, building and enabling organisational structures to deliver transformative change, and helping businesses thrive in the digital era. With more than twenty years of industry experience, Mike is looking to expand his reach through a more broadly scoped executive role such as COO or CEO.

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Project Management | Planning | Business Development

Originally from Ireland, Niall moved to Australia in 2009 during the GFC, and has worked in the resources sector ever since. He has experience with a major contractor, working on construction and mining projects from the tender stage to final handover, including new developments and established sites.

Passionate about Indigenous engagement and development, Niall took a role six years ago, leading tendering and business development for an Indigenous-owned contractor. As expert in the subject, Niall has grown the company and widened the scope of its operations, providing employment and business opportunities to Indigenous people.

Following graduation, Niall is keen to remain in the resources sector and apply learnings from the MBA to his extensive project experience.

In his free time Niall is a keen cyclist and enjoys endurance sports.

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Pauline Ring

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Leadership | Communication | Technical Knowledge (Mining)

Pauline is a driven and engaging underground mining engineer with more than 10 years' experience across various hard-rock commodities. She has highly developed skills in mine design and scheduling, as well as risk, cost and contractor management.

She has a demonstrated history of driving excellence through strong leadership, supported by a thorough understanding of operations in combination with a comprehensive technical background.

Pauline is currently working in Business Development, seconded through a workplace MBA program that aligns rotations through a range of critical business units to provide a practical application of university theory.



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Mining Technology | Leadership | Intrapreneurship

Rahul is an experienced open-cut mining engineer, and part of the leadership team for the Maptek BlastLogic product used globally. He strives to understand customers' requirements and develop simple, albeit valuable, technology that makes mines safe and productive.

Rahul studied a Bachelor's in mining engineering from the prestigious IIT Kharagpur, moving to the Pilbara in Western Australia as part of Rio Tinto's operations planning. There he managed mine drill and blast planning and engineering. Rahul believes in leading with purpose, and supports diversity, fairness and minority dissent. He has JavaScript coding skills, and expertise in Power BI data analytics.

Rahul's goal is to use his unique combination of mine engineering, technology, and business skills to lead a mining technology business improves safety and productivity.

Rahul is an avid fan of cricket, computers, science and auroras.



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Leadership | Coaching | Culture

Rebecca MacLeay is a process engineer at Woodside Energy. She has held several roles across Woodside's operations since joining as a graduate in 2012, including five years at the Karratha Gas Plant, where she was the LNG lead surveillance engineer.

Rebecca completed a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (1st class honours) at UWA and is currently participating in a Woodside-sponsored full-time MBA.

She has always been passionate about the energy sector, given its essential role in global society, and is excited to apply her continuous improvement mindset and drive for excellence to current and future industry challenges.

Rebecca constantly seeks to develop herself and, upon completion of the MBA, hopes to move into broader leadership roles where she can be a part of shaping company culture and coaching, and developing others to perform at their best. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her partner and inspiring young daughter, Maisie.

Rishi Singh

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Project Management | Stakeholder Management | Business Development

Rishi Singh is a Chartered Engineer, and currently leads a Maintenance Engineering team as a Project Manager in the oil and gas industry. He is a strong believer in the power of positive community contributions, and has six years' experience in founding, leading, and growing not-for-profit organisations.

When not doing DIY with his two daughters, Sahiba and Sanna, or studying for his MBA exams, Rishi enjoys reading non-fiction or playing on the beach with his white fluff-ball of a dog, Rani.



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Problem Solving | Leadership | Decision Making

Roland Bucher is the General Manager for Geobruigg Australia Pty Ltd, and is responsible for all the company's business in Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, including the production facility in Perth, WA. He started the Geobruigg Australian Subsidiary and built up a sales team and a manufacturing facility in Perth over the last 13 years. The Australian subsidiary is showing constant growth, a good financial position and low staff turnover.

Born and raised in Switzerland, he spent the first two-thirds of his life there, including education and work experience. He moved to Perth 15 years ago, primarily for the beach lifestyle, but due to his personality and work ethic he found fulfilment in development of the Geobruigg subsidiary.

Still a very active person, Roland likes to spend time outdoors and in the ocean as a balance to his hectic work life. He likes being active, in the form of running, swimming, training at the gym, and, whenever possible, surfing or kite-surfing.



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Problem Solving | Leadership | Driving Performance

Ryan has spent his career to date with Woodside in the oil and gas industry, working primarily in subsea and pipeline engineering. Working in leadership roles for eight years, he is a highly motivated and dedicated manager, with a flair for leading multi-disciplined teams. Ryan loves a challenge, and continuously seeks to learn and develop himself professionally and personally. Striving for excellence in all he does, he loves working in high-performing teams and aspires to be a truly authentic and inspirational leader.

Ryan is passionate about sustainability and social responsibility. He strives to make a positive contribution for future generations by playing an active role in the transition to cleaner energy. Ryan values quality time with his family above all else. He is an introvert at heart, and loves passing on his knowledge to those willing to learn.

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Engaging Leader | Problem Solver | Change Management

Ryan is a husband, and a father of two children, who graduated from UWA with a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) in 2007. With 13 years' experience in the resources sector, Ryan has held site-based roles with Thiess and various technical and leadership roles with Calibre. His current roles as Area Manager on the \$1.5 billion Rio Tinto Robe Valley Sustaining Project (RVS) sees him overseeing a diverse range of project disciplines, responsible for the successful delivery of two iron ore processing plants and supporting infrastructure.

Ryan values integrity, family, and happiness above all else, and uses these values to guide him as a leader and a person. These values drive Ryan to focus on living a successful and fulfilling life, developing and growing as a person and a leader and having meaningful positive impacts on the people around him. Ryan leads with a unique combination of problem-solving ability, effective communication and overall positivity which allows him to extract the best from those who work with him and influence successful project outcomes.

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Strategy | Business Development | Problem Solving

Sam has more than four years of strategic problem-solving experience across the energy, chemicals, resources and infrastructure sectors, supporting managerial decision making for government agencies and the world's largest investment, resources and infrastructure firms. Sam has an interest in business development and has a combination of technical and commercial acumen that enables him to holistically support organisations in overcoming complex techno-economic problems.

Sam believes in making the most out of life and fulfilling his potential, and as such he is pursuing his MBA to support his life's aspiration of being able to lead the sustainable growth and development of an organisation one day.

Sam highly values personal growth and achievement, and thrives off seeking new challenges in the pursuit of knowledge. In his pursuit, Sam has gone out of his way to support various social causes on an international level. He successfully secured long-term funding to support the implementation of digital training and mentoring programs for Indigenous students throughout Australia, and he is currently supporting the scaling of entrepreneurship incubators in Asia to equip women living in poverty with the skills to create a sustainable income.



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International Experience | Public Speaking | Innovation

Scott is an international mechanical engineer with five years' experience in a diverse range of engineering industries. His most recent work was in Germany and the United Kingdom, designing HVAC and plumbing system specifications for hospitals, offices and residential buildings. Before working in Europe, he held internships in the Australian resource and water industries.

Scott is a dedicated innovator, having consistently developed and integrated cross-industry and creative solutions to traditional problems, including the introduction of automation software and implementation of academic research into industry. Additionally, Scott has developed a strong background in public speaking and leadership, built up through volunteer work at Toastmasters International.

Post-MBA, Scott intends to move into a senior management role within mechanical engineering.



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Relationship Management | Decision Making | Problem Solving

Simon joined Woodside Energy Ltd as a graduate engineer in 2014 and is currently sponsored by Woodside as a full-time MBA student. Simon has worked in a number of roles focused on offshore oil and gas well drilling and completion design, contracting and construction management, both in Australia and internationally.

Continually striving for excellence, Simon graduated from UWA with a degree in Mechanical Engineering (Hons) in 2013, and was awarded the Chevron Chair Prize in Gas Process Engineering and the Woodside Energy Prize for the highest average mark in foundational engineering units.

Simon enjoys the complexity and scale of the energy sector and believes it will be critical in achieving global sustainability goals. He hopes to use the skills developed in the MBA program to help lead the shaping of the global energy future.



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Communication | Strategic Thinking | Teamwork

Stephanie is a management consultant at Nous Group and has experience working in the public, private and non-for-profit sectors. At Nous, Stephanie manages projects focused on strategy and organisational performance.

Before joining Nous, Stephanie worked as a senior credit analyst in Macquarie Bank's Banking and Financial Services division for approximately four years across Perth and Brisbane. During her time at Macquarie, Stephanie focused on managing and expanding a portfolio of SME and middle-market clients.

Stephanie has a strong interest in strategy and is passionate about working effectively and collaboratively with clients to solve their biggest challenges. She is committed to improving community outcomes and has worked in regional and remote communities across Northern Australia.

Through the MBA, Stephanie hopes to strengthen her business acumen, leadership, and strategy skills. In the future, she would like to pursue an in-house strategy role in the private sector.



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Leadership | Risk Analysis | Training & Development

Stephen is an Officer in the Australian Defence Force with 10 years' experience specialising in leadership, technology, risk and security. Stephen has spent the last five years in Special Operations Command, deploying operationally twice during this time.

Stephen's completion of an MBA has provided him deep specialisation in leadership and an understanding of how to apply his experience in a corporate context. He has a high technical aptitude, having completed a degree in Computer Engineering at the University of Wollongong prior to his service in Defence.

Stephen is passionate about people and improving the lives and performance of those around him. His disciplined approach to his work is results-focused and reflects his belief in the pursuit of excellence.

Stephen is interested in changing career to a corporate management role based in Sydney.



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Strategic Thinking | Leadership | Communication

Tim Devoldere has more than a decade of experience in the management of operational teams, delivering complex multi-disciplinary projects across various industries, including mining, oil and gas, renewables and infrastructure. He started his career managing large steel fabrication projects in Europe and took his expertise in heavy lifting and modular construction methodologies into various operational management roles across Australia.

Tim is a strategic and creative thinker, who generates ideas and looks for continuous improvements, while keeping the bigger picture in mind. Through his enthusiastic leadership style, ability to build strong relationships and concise communication, he coaches and motivates teams to achieve their operational objectives.

Tim sees the MBA program as a stepping stone to pursue a career in management consultancy.



BA (International Relations)
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Finance | Change Management | Entrepreneurship

In 2015, Tim moved to Paraguay with Elevate Global, a for-profit company seeking to make a social impact by training/consulting small- & medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) using technology and personalised lessons. He ran the English school until it turned a profit, then transitioned in 2017 to his role as Elevate's finance director, gaining a functional knowledge of finances by working directly with the CFO and global management.

Tim also managed accounts receivable and payable, payroll, customer accounts, strategy, and supported the C-suite through intensive change management. Tim managed teams of 12 (directly) and 80 (indirectly). In 2019, he was selected to establish operations for Elevate in Chennai, India (slated for April 2020) and in the meantime took over as instructor at Elevate's partner The American Leadership Academy in the US, using the same techniques used to train SMEs to teach teens practical entrepreneurship. Due to COVID-19, India was postponed and he pivoted to UWA's MBA.



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Leadership | Business Acumen | Relationship Building

William is a Business Operations Manager in the construction industry, tasked with creating value for stakeholders through the development and execution of effective operational strategies, and managing several departments.

Having started his career as a structural engineer for one of the world's largest consultancies, William sought a new challenge in the oil and gas industry as a Project Manager. His ability to manage and communicate with project teams and clients saw him continuously deliver successful project outcomes. He again demonstrated adaptability by moving up to a role as Business Operations Manager and across into the construction industry, where he has spent the last four years.

William has a life-long love of learning and operates best when he is being challenged and stretched outside of his comfort zone. He is most effective working under pressure, where he maintains a calm presence of mind and displays strong but compassionate leadership.

William believes that strong personal relationships and a clear vision are the key to overcoming personal and global challenges.

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