

MBA

Master of Business Administration

September 2026 Admission

HALIFAX ~ CANADA



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**Sobey School
of Business**

Saint Mary's University



Innovate and lead responsibly

The Sobey MBA program emphasizes responsible leadership and immerses you in unique, intercultural, local and global business experiences that will transform you and cultivate your innovation skills and entrepreneurial mindset. In 2021, the Sobey MBA placed #13 on the global Corporate Knights Better World ranking.

- Our program is completed in 16 months, but is recognized as a two-year program.
- Unique experiential opportunities include an International Learning Experience - travel with your cohort for a hands on experience with local businesses; Venture Grade - the first student-raised and directed venture capital fund in Canada; as well as the IMPACT Fund, where you will conduct research analysis and portfolio management of a real-world \$500k+ fund.
- Internationally-renowned faculty with real-world experience.
- Small class sizes; low student-to-faculty ratio.
- Extend your knowledge through our research centres, embrace the exciting world of retail with the David Sobey Centre, or dive into social entrepreneurship, innovation and impact with the Centre for Leadership Excellence.

AACSB & EQUIS accredited

A mark of quality, and a distinction achieved by only 1% of business schools worldwide.

4 Sobey MBA scholarships

Valued at \$35,000 each awarded every year to well-qualified Canadian applicants.

Net Impact: Gold

Our Gold Status NI chapter inspires and equips emerging leaders to build a more just and sustainable world.

PRME Champions

Sobey School is one of a select group of schools designated as PRME Champions in the Principles for Responsible Management Education initiative of the United Nations.

Admissions

Admission requirements

- An undergraduate degree from a recognized university with at least a B average (3.0 GPA) or equivalent. We consider 3-year degrees on a case-by-case basis.
- Two years of work experience preferred. Three years for those with a 3-year undergraduate degree.
- If your first language is not English, you must submit an official TOEFL iBT® or IELTS. Tests cannot be more than two years old. We require an overall IELTS score of 7.0 with no band below 6.5.
- You must provide a current CV and supplementary documents including references and you must be available for a timed online interview.

Scholarship details

Upon applying to the Sobey MBA program you are automatically considered for an entrance scholarship up to \$10,000. Canadian citizens and permanent residents will also be considered for one of four \$35,000 Sobey MBA Scholarships.

Application deadlines

April 1: International applicants

June 30: Canadians/permanent residents

Estimated program fees

Canadian students: **\$34,500**

International students: **\$49,500**

Estimated living expenses for 12 months:
\$20,000–25,000

Subject to change for 2026 admission



Questions?

Contact Sobey Graduate Programs Admissions
info.sobeygrad@smu.ca

Studying in Canada

As an international student, you may be required to obtain a study permit issued by the Canadian government's Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) department prior to beginning your studies. You may apply once you receive your official letter of acceptance from Saint Mary's University. We recommend applying early for your permit as processing times can vary.

Studying in Canada as an international student offers numerous potential benefits, including the opportunity to work while studying, obtaining a post-graduate work permit, and exploring immigration programs and pathways. Students are granted these allowances through IRCC, and more information can be found at canada.ca/studyincanada.

International students can contact the Saint Mary's International Student Centre to obtain more information specific to their situation: smu.ca/isc.



Questions?

Visit smu.ca/international/welcome



Program details

Responsible leadership is threaded throughout the Sobey MBA program. As champions for the Principles of Responsible Management Education (PRME), Sobey School encourages you to pursue innovative extracurricular and class projects based on the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Further, our program immerses you in unique international and local business experiences. Through these specially-designed immersive experiences, you will develop your ability to embrace uncertainty and change and thrive.

Required courses include:

- Marketing Management
- Accounting for Decision-Making
- Business Statistics
- People in Organizations
- Information Systems and Success
- Strategic Operations Management
- Responsible Leadership
- Professional Development and Immersive Learning Experiences
- Global Economy
- International/Intercultural Experience
- Marketing Management
- Strategic Management

Immersive service learning

Connect with businesses and organizations to work on meaningful volunteer projects that will consolidate learning and contribute to our community. These experiences, called service learning, will enrich your classroom experience.

International learning experience

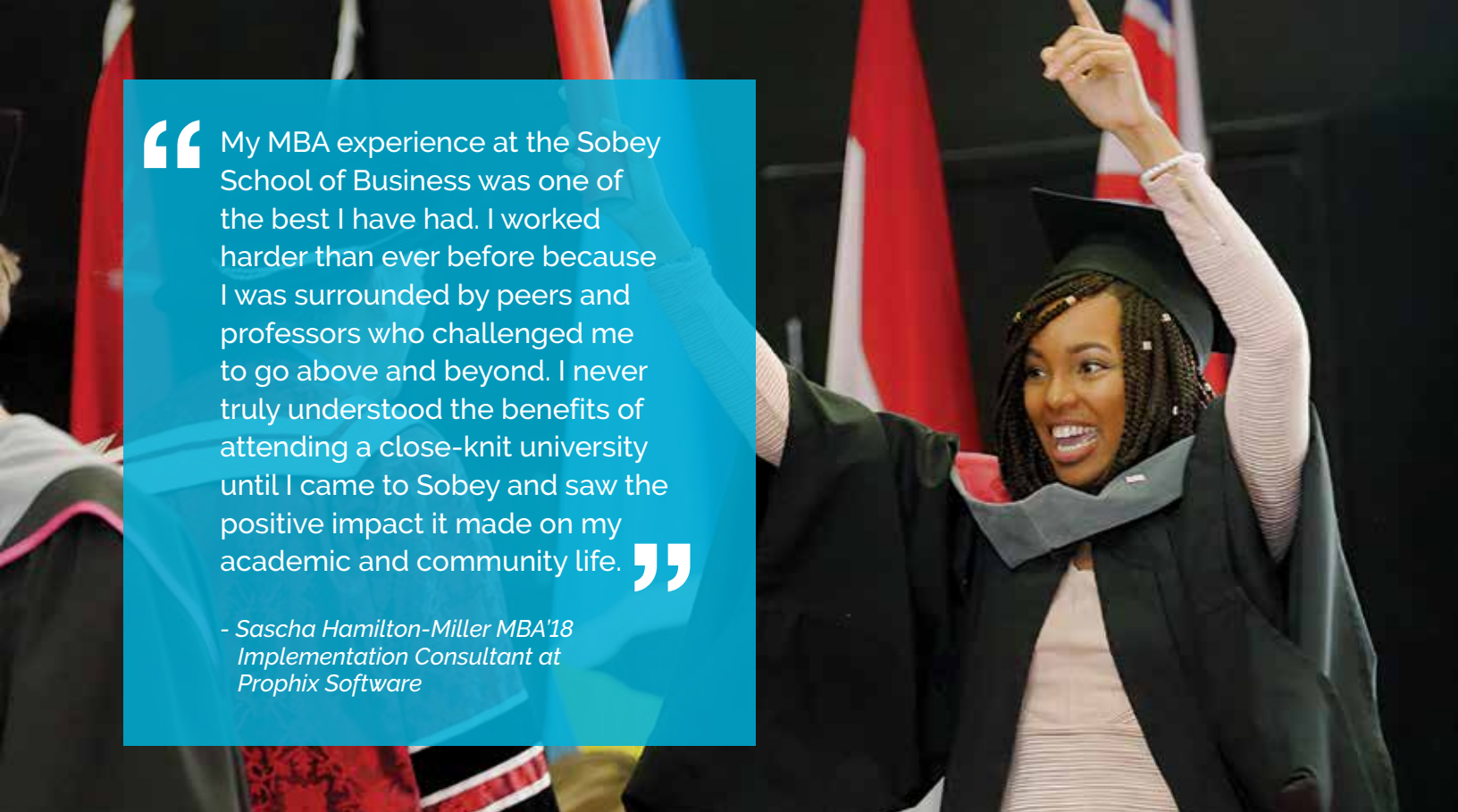
To foster your global mindset, you will take part in an intercultural immersion experience. In July 2023, students travelled to São Paulo, Brazil, to work with local businesses, identifying real issues and proposing real solutions.

Focus and integrate

After mastering the fundamentals in your first year, in the last semester, you'll apply what you've learned and focus in a specialized area. You may choose electives from a wide range of areas: management consulting, finance and entrepreneurship are just a few. You'll choose electives that will deepen your understanding of your area of focus. Taught by world-class faculty, the program is cohort-based and is completed in 16 months (full-time). It is recognized as a two-year program.

Members of the Sobey MBA cohort with Dr. Chantal Hervieux during their international learning experience in Brazil.





“ My MBA experience at the Sobey School of Business was one of the best I have had. I worked harder than ever before because I was surrounded by peers and professors who challenged me to go above and beyond. I never truly understood the benefits of attending a close-knit university until I came to Sobey and saw the positive impact it made on my academic and community life. ”

- Sascha Hamilton-Miller MBA'18
Implementation Consultant at
Prophix Software

Full service career office

The Sobey School of Business Graduate Career Services office will prepare you for your future career through one-on-one coaching, designed to help you uncover your passion and purpose while developing skills in areas such as résumé writing, interview preparation and networking.

From day one, you will be supported by a dedicated team of professionals who will guide you to career opportunities through corporate tours, career fairs, employer information sessions and more.

One of the most valuable lessons you will learn as a Sobey MBA student is the importance of building and maintaining a professional network, which will generate a smooth transition from grad student to professional.

Expand your network through:

- events on- and off-campus
- case competitions
- corporate tours
- sector events

There is a whole ecosystem of entrepreneurs, small business owners and organizations who are hungry for your skills and perspectives. Our job is to help you discover a career where your passion and purpose intersect and then support you in making that career a reality.



Sobey School of Business

Established in 1934 as the Faculty of Commerce at Saint Mary's University, the Sobey School of Business is Atlantic Canada's largest and most respected business school. Internationally respected, the Sobey School of Business holds both EQUIS and AACSB accreditation, an earned distinction held by only 1% of business schools worldwide. Here, you'll embark with over 2,200 students on a fast track to your future, with small class sizes, a close-knit campus and over 85 full-time faculty members.

With over 27 percent of undergraduate students and over 57 percent of graduate students originating from 75 different countries, the Sobey School of Business is widely admired as an institution that integrates and fosters global perspectives among its students and within the community. The Sobey School of Business, through active learning and the creation and mobilization of scholarships, prepares citizens of the world to lead entrepreneurial, sustainable businesses and communities.

- As a PRME (Principles of Responsible Management Education) Champion school, the Sobey School incorporates social and environmental responsibility into program curriculum and works to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.
- The Sobey School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). AACSB-accredited schools have the highest quality faculty, relevant and challenging curriculum, and provide educational and career opportunities that are not found at other business schools.
- Sobey School faculty members are nationally recognized business experts who are actively engaged with research that impacts local, regional and international communities.
- The Sobey School of Business has earned the prestigious EQUIS accreditation, held by less than two percent of business schools worldwide. This achievement validates our commitment to the highest quality standards plus our emphasis on ethics, social responsibility and internationalization.
- The BSIS designation confirms that the Sobey School's impact reaches far beyond its economic contribution and positively influences the business and cultural life of the region.

Saint Mary's University

Ideally located in the vibrant city of Halifax, Saint Mary's University is home to a diverse and inclusive community of over 6,500 faculty, staff and students, and boasts a global network of more than 55,000+ alumni. Founded in 1802, Saint Mary's is one of the oldest universities in Canada. We offer a unique experience, combining world-leading research with a close-knit community. Saint Mary's is known for its engaged faculty and students, entrepreneurial spirit and impactful research that reaches beyond campus walls and into the wider community. Our students, researchers and faculty share the desire to work towards a future that is inclusive, sustainable, diverse and resilient—a World without limits.

Graduate Studies and Research

Saint Mary's University is a dynamic research institution. Our Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) oversees 29 graduate programs (PhD, Master's, Diploma) in a stimulating intellectual community that spans all faculties, all joined in the pursuit of academic excellence through research.

About Halifax

Whether you're looking for vibrant city living with amazing culture, cuisine and nightlife or a more relaxed rural pace to find escape, Halifax is all about having the best of both worlds. Known the world over for its warm and welcoming people, Halifax is more than an all-access ocean playground: it's your key to a future filled with opportunity.



Flight times

MONTREAL - 1 hr 29 min

TORONTO - 2 hr 05 min

NEW YORK - 2 hr 41 min

BOSTON - 1 hr 19 min





Student life

As a graduate student, you can get involved in several on- and off-campus activities as soon as you arrive in Halifax. The International Centre offers events throughout the year including ski trips, International Night, game nights, movie nights and Lunch n' Learns. In addition, there are over 40 active student societies on campus which students are invited to participate in such as Net Impact, Speak Up Society, MBA Society, Graduate Student Society and the Power to Change Society. Saint Mary's has a world-class fitness facility and a wide range of varsity and intramural sports. For more information and to learn about campus life visit: smu.ca/campus-life.

Graduate housing

For graduate students, and other eligible individuals, Saint Mary's University offers one and two-bedroom apartments. Housing is limited, so be sure to apply early. Additionally, the surrounding South End of Halifax offers student housing options in a vibrant urban setting. Here, you'll be close to campus, green spaces and great local life.



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