Lead your community or organization with business, management and finance skills with tools acquired through Simon Fraser University’s Executive MBA in Aboriginal Business and Leadership. Study with a supportive group who understands your challenges – and challenges you may see around you.

Now more than ever, Canada’s Indigenous peoples need strong knowledge of business and economic development:

- Establishing independent sources of income
- Control over traditional territories
- Protecting and growing resources available through impact benefit agreements
- Revenue sharing arrangements with governments

Increasing numbers of First Nations, Metis and Inuit are becoming entrepreneurs, building security for their families, and expressing their creativity and independence. As well, many non-Aboriginal organizations want to find a way to collaborate and employ individuals with an interest in these issues.

Our program offers the core concepts included in most MBA programs, and explores the role of traditional knowledge in business decision making. It is designed to meet the needs of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal executives, supporting them to think strategically, build thriving careers, and contribute constructively to their organizations and communities.

“The Aboriginal EMBA program reflects SFU’s commitment to using its education and research resources to support Aboriginal peoples and communities. This program is particularly needed at a time when Aboriginal peoples are striving to overcome longstanding challenges and seeking to take advantage of new opportunities. Through it and other initiatives, SFU intends to be part of the process of helping Aboriginal peoples to benefit from a new era of reconciliation and prosperity.”

– Andrew Petter, President, Simon Fraser University

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Program Structure
The Executive MBA in Aboriginal Business and Leadership is a dynamic program, integrating content to meet the needs, values, understandings, protocols and interests of Canada’s Indigenous peoples.

The program runs over two and a half years, with intensive in-class components for an average of 30–35 days per year. These in-class components are held at SFU Beedie’s Segal Graduate School, in Vancouver’s downtown business core. Between sessions, students communicate online to complete individual assignments and group projects.

The program themes are developed within the framework of Aboriginal rights to self-governance in political and economic matters:
- Entrepreneurship and business development
- Building capacity of people and organizations
- Sustainable, cultural and environmental stewardship
- Principled leadership and governance

These themes are explored through specific courses:
- Philosophy of Management
- Accounting
- Leadership
- Marketing
- Policy and Governance
- Business, Community and Government
- Entrepreneurship
- Scaling and Growing New Ventures
- Managerial Finance
- Business Strategy
- Strategies for Sustainability

The program concludes with a final capstone course, allowing students to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have developed, in a project of their choice.

Our Students
Executive MBA in Aboriginal Business and Leadership participants are proven leaders who share a concern for Indigenous economic development, nation building and collaboration.

They include:
- Leaders and senior administrators in political settings
- Governance
- Health
- Education
- Social services
- Entrepreneurs
- Aboriginal economic development organizations
- Chiefs
- Councilors
- Individuals working in major corporations on Aboriginal initiatives

How to Apply
Applicants for the EMBA ABL program are assessed by their previous education and work experience. An undergraduate degree or diploma is typically required, although we will also admit a limited number of applicants with outstanding experience and/or qualifications. Applicants will have an average of ten years of work experience, with at least four years at a managerial level.

Please visit the website at: beedie.sfu.ca/EMBA-ABL

For more information on the application process, please contact us directly, at emba-abl@sfu.ca, or at 778.782.5013.

Tuition
Tuition is $54,000 (subject to Board of Governors’ approval) including all books and related costs, such as study retreats. It does not include student fees, travel or accommodation costs.