OVERVIEW:

The MBA Final Paper is designed to provide an opportunity for students to put into practice the principles that have been studied in the programme. Together with the participating organization, the students will work to devise solutions for real life problems in the organizations. Student teams will be paired with an organization in either the private, public or non-governmental sector.

This year the MSBM transitioned to remote/online delivery of classes since April 2020 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic so the delivery mode for the MBA final paper will therefore be remote/online. This means that all the meetings, presentations and assessments related to the paper can be done virtually.

The project will be jointly managed by Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM) and the participating organization.

OBJECTIVES:

The Programme is designed to provide an opportunity for students to:

- Incorporate concepts and theories learned throughout the programme to address a business problem facing the organization or to provide specific resources to an existing project being undertaken by the organization.
- Enhance their academic training and professional development.
- Provide practical solutions to problems faced by organizations.

Logistics:
• **Groups of 4-5 students will be assigned to work on specific problems in a select organization over the course of 6 months.**

• One MSBM faculty advisor and a company liaison from the participating organization will be assigned to each student team. They will be responsible for supervising the **final paper**.

**Deliverables:**

• At the midway point each team will **present their feasibility study/proposal to** MSBM and the host institution which will define the scope of the **problem, purpose/ objectives and methodology**.

• **At the end of the 6 month period** each team will prepare and present a comprehensive, report, including project activities, findings, solutions and recommendations to MSBM and the participating organization.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF ORGANIZATION:**

• Define the scope of the project with faculty advisor and students

• Appoint a company liaison who will meet with the students as required

• Share relevant company data/information with the students in a timely manner

• Provide evaluation report on each student upon conclusion of project

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS:**

• Meet with faculty advisor to discuss development and design of the project plan

• Engage with company liaison on problem/s related to the company

• Present project proposal to MSBM and the participating organization

• Make final presentation describing the findings and recommendations

**CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE:**

The Student and School hereto **UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY UNDERTAKE** to hold and maintain the confidential information in the strictest confidence by utilising the highest standard or care and discretion to avoid disclosure, publication, misuse or dissemination of the confidential
information that is disclosed to them pursuant to the execution of the Project and for the preparation and completion of the Final Paper. All students will therefore sign a Confidentiality agreement with the Company.

**Deadline for Commitment: January 4, 2021**

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