

#### The program

The Strategy and Entrepreneurship PhD program gives students an opportunity to work with renowned scholars in state-of-the-art research on firm strategy, innovation and entrepreneurship. Faculty and PhD students draw upon multiple disciplinary perspectives to explore issues of: competitive strategy including how firms gain and sustain a performance advantage; corporate strategy on topics such as the scope of the firm and decisions related to acquisitions, alliances, and internalization; innovation and how firms acquire, develop and renew knowledge assets to survive and grow in dynamic markets; and Entrepreneurship including how individuals recognize and exploit opportunities by developing new organizations such as startups, spinouts or social ventures.

# **World-class training**

We employ a junior-collaborator training model: Our award-winning faculty leverage their expertise to help students grow into independent thinkers.

Doctoral students build a portfolio of research projects that are relevant to many stakeholders, including researchers, practitioners and policy-makers.



### **Distinguish your education**

Leeds School of Business stands on the cutting-edge of business education, positively transforming the future of business by inspiring and educating the next generation of leaders. Consistently ranked among the top business schools in the country, Leeds delivers an innovative, experiential curriculum taught by internationally renowned faculty.

#### What we look for

The PhD program prepares students to be researchers and teachers at major universities. Hence, applicants are evaluated on their potential to become leading scholars.

Applicants must be intellectually curious and highly motivated by academic inquiry, with strong research and communications skills.

Admissions decisions are based on test scores, previous academic performance, work experience, letters of recommendation, research interests and activities that demonstrate tenacity and scholarly potential.

## **Explore your future at Leeds**

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