

GIBS retains top spot in Africa for its Executive MBA programme

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The University of Pretoria's Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) has once again taken top honours among South African and African business schools in the latest UK Financial Times Executive MBA Ranking 2015.

The annual ranking, now in its 15th year, measures the top 100 Executive MBA programmes globally. The latest ranking sees the GIBS modular and part-time MBA formats feature in 87th place worldwide.

"The *Financial Times* ranking is a further testament to our efforts to be a leading business school in South Africa and increasingly on the African continent. This ranking strengthens our resolve to produce business leaders who are not only inclusive and global in their thinking and attitudes, but whose roots remain firmly in our continent," says Dean, Professor Nicola Kleyn.

The business school is in joint first place for the number of women represented on its board, and is ranked 13th for its percentage of female students. Once again, this recognises GIBS' efforts to ensure gender diversity, both internally and across its programmes.

GIBS MBA alumni continue to receive internationally competitive salaries according to the ranking, once again placing 35th out of 100 in the world for present day US\$-denominated salary and receive above average salary increases compared to the alumni of the top 100 ranked schools.

According to the *Financial Times*, business schools must meet strict criteria to be considered for the ranking.

The annual Financial Mail MBA survey, which was published recently, also recognised the GIBS MBA as the South African MBA with the best overall reputation by employers and the first choice among prospective MBA students surveyed, if cost and location were not a factor.

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