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Sacred Heart University will host an information session at its Stamford campus on December 10 for professionals interested in its new [doctorate of business administration](#) (DBA) in finance program.

The DBA, scheduled to launch in September 2014, is the first doctoral program offered by the University's [John F. Welch College of Business](#). The school has also recently added master's degrees in accounting, digital marketing and human resource management.

The 45-credit degree was licensed by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education in August and is in the fewer than five percent of elite business schools worldwide that are accredited by AACSB International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). Coursework will require two years in the classroom followed by one year for researching and writing a dissertation.

"The DBA in finance is student-focused, aligned with the participants' interests and career aspirations," says Professor Lucjan T. Orlowski, chair of the Department of Economics and Finance and director of the new DBA program. "It is intended to train high-level critical thinkers and analytical minds who can contribute to the challenges of a complex and dynamic global business world. Students will broaden their knowledge of finance and acquire up-to-date applied research and analytical skills necessary for advancing their careers at financial institutions, consulting firms, other business organizations, government agencies and, potentially, in academia."

Orlowski notes that the program will be highly personalized, leading to a specialized dissertation research project aligned with students' individual interests and goals. Students will also participate in DBA Field Seminars, customized per student in the areas of fixed income securities, investments, micro-market structure, derivative securities, international finance or portfolio management.

"The program is perfect for executives who want to expand the knowledge that they already have or to acquire new expertise that can either elevate their current career path or lead them in a new

direction,” Orlowski says. “This applied research doctorate is the future of education in business. Extending beyond the master’s degree is becoming the new normal.”

The information session will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, at SHU’s Stamford campus, located at 3 Landmark Square. Attendees will meet and have the opportunity to converse with Orlowski to learn more about the program and the application process.

Interested parties may register for the session by visiting www.sacredheart.edu/dbainfosession.