

MBA for Entrepreneurs

Earn your MBA. Build your venture.

A one-year, full-time MBA built on KFUPM's research and academic capabilities and the Dhahran Techno Valley venture engine, for career changers and globally mobile professionals who want to build, not just report.



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CREDIT HOURS

Jan-Dec

ONE YEAR, FULL-TIME · 2027

In person

BASED AT KFUPM, DHAHRAN

Core strengths



Build a real venture

Take a venture from validation to Deal Day through Ignition: Venture Studio I and II, taught at Dhahran Techno Valley every Thursday.



A distinctive ecosystem

Learn beside KFUPM research centers, labs and engineering talent, with Aramco, SABIC and KACST within reach.



Career outcome acceleration

Declare your outcome before the summer, complete an assessed internship, and get visa and residency guidance.

One year. Five pathways.

SUMMER · EACH IS ASSESSED

01

Your own startup

02

A DTV deep tech venture

03

Corporate residency at Aramco or SABIC

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Faculty research

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Study abroad

Optional extension: one year of post-MBA incubation after the program, for top ventures selected at DTV's Deal Day.

The program at a glance

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COURSES

1 year

FULL-TIME STUDY

1 year

OPTIONAL POST-MBA
INCUBATION

SAR 200,000

UP TO, IN FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Key concepts

New Venture Creation

Deep Tech Commercialization

AI-Native Ventures

Entrepreneurial Finance

Competitive Strategy

Venture Sales and Scale

Founder Governance

Leading Human-AI Teams

Tools and technology

Agentic AI Development Tools

Generative AI Models

Business Analytics Tools

Techno-Economic Analysis

Patent-to-Pilot Projects

Focus areas

Entrepreneurship

Finance

Information Systems and AI

Marketing

Operations

Faculty experts shaping what's next



Prof. David De Cremer

Chair Professor,
Leadership and AI in
Business



Prof. Yichuan Wang

Professor, Marketing
Technologies and
Analytics



Prof. Emiliós Galariotis

Professor, Finance
and Digital
Currencies



Prof. Yogesh K. Dwivedi

Chair Professor, AI,
Digital and
Innovation



Prof. Gilberto Montibeller

Visiting Professor,
Decision Science
and Risk Analysis



Dr. Nadia Zahoor

Associate Professor,
International
Strategy and
Entrepreneurship

Build with AI from day one

Every core course is revised to build in AI, and ENTR 514 takes teams from problem to working prototype using agentic development tools. No programming experience required.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

November 14
2026

Admission requirements

Academic: Bachelor's degree, minimum GPA 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.

English: IELTS Academic 6.5, TOEFL iBT 70 or Duolingo 120. Waived for KFUPM graduates and graduates of universities in the USA, Canada, UK, Australia and New Zealand.

Experience: Minimum two years of full-time work after graduation.

Quantitative: One college-level math course and one statistics course, or the approved pre-program module.



Start your journey today

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