

## **Scotland's top business programme is also best value in the world**

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) course at the University of Strathclyde offers better value for money than at any other university in the world.

This is one of many positive showings for the University in an authoritative international study of MBA courses, which also ranks the course offered by Strathclyde as the top programme in Scotland, 7th in the UK and 13<sup>th</sup> in Europe.

Furthermore, it has made huge strides on the international stage, emerging as a new entry at 30<sup>th</sup> in the survey's worldwide top 100, which includes Ivy League institutions such as Harvard and Yale.

In addition, graduates from Strathclyde's MBA programme showed the sixth-highest percentage increase in salary, with the average leaping 143% to \$113,071, three years after graduation

The findings appear in the Financial Times MBA 2008 rankings, which have been published today (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan). This survey assesses courses at universities around the world on a range of performance and financial criteria.

Value for money was calculated on the basis of salaries which alumni currently earn, course length, fees and the opportunity cost of taking time out to study an MBA..

Strathclyde Principal Professor Andrew Hamnett said: "These rankings reflect an excellent performance by everyone connected with the University's MBA course and they can all be justly proud of their achievements.

"The survey confirms that Strathclyde has one of the leading business schools in the UK and Europe, as well as significantly being one of only 27 worldwide to have accreditation from three of the world's main business school quality assessment bodies- AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB" Our MBA students receive an excellent return for their money in the form of a high-quality course in a competitive field."

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1. The University of Strathclyde Business School has more than 170 academic staff, more than 4,500 full and part-time students. It offers courses in a variety of business fields, including many linked to other disciplines, such as Modern Languages, Law and Technology.