

TELUS MBA Graduate Testimonials - 2018



Hugo Arevalo

The TELUS MBA has certainly been a major milestone in my professional and my personal life. When I started the program I didn't know what to expect besides the usual learnings that an MBA is to deliver, but I found more, much more. Through the TELUS MBA we had the opportunity to apply our learnings to real challenges at TELUS and even more exciting we had the opportunity to present our findings and recommendations to decision makers in those teams affected. Often we had the satisfaction of seeing some of our recommendations being adopted.

But with no doubt the greatest personal benefit from the last two years in the TELUS MBA was that of going through the program with 19 of the most qualified professionals I have met in my entire career. Learning, discussing, challenging and coming up with common understandings and recommendations were experiences that not only helped me to learn about our entire organization but also opened my mind to different ways to analyze and tackle challenges that I face at work on a daily basis.

I am certain that we have been given an amazing toolbox, one that we will be able to use when presented with new challenges at work and that will help us to return to the investment and trust that TELUS put on us when sponsoring this program.



Jodi Baxter

The TELUS MBA program provided me with not only an incredible educational experience, but I also built this incredible network with the 19 cohort members who come from across the TELUS organization. Each course opened my eyes to many new areas of the TELUS organization to focus and offer solutions. We used our intimate knowledge of the TELUS organization to share ideas to improve operations, culture and further drive our values creating incredible personal and corporate ROI.



Mathieu Bergeron

The TELUS MBA has been a tremendous learning experience on all aspect. The opportunity to discuss the challenges our business faces with 20 colleagues and apply our freshly acquired learning to solving them is unlike anything I could have imagined from any learning experience. I leave this program with a degree, with a high quality toolset that is going to help me throughout my career and maybe most importantly, with a strong network of highly capable individual across my organization that I can leverage to solve any challenges put in front of our organization.



Zak Bhamani

The TELUS MBA was an amazing experience – I was able to learn from the comprehensive technical and academic curriculum and have the unique opportunity to strategically apply the learnings to real-life situations in business, and witness the results at TELUS . In addition to a very personal journey of professional and individual development, I built a network of 20 incredibly intelligent high-performing leaders from across the country and across the TELUS organization!

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Mike Dittrich

Hands down the most engaging and fulfilling experience of my professional life. Not only did I acquire essential leadership skills and knowledge, the program helped me to gain deeper insight into pursuing all facets of my life with greater purpose and meaning.



Fatima Kassamali

The TELUS MBA Program has enlightened me with so many powerful concepts, literature reviews, and social experiences which I am very grateful for. With the MBA tools in my pocket and the network of cherished relationships I have formed from this journey, I am ready to flourish in many ways I would have never thought possible two years ago – the program has shown me a path about how to become an enhanced version of myself with the numerous roles I play in life.



Dan Kligerman

The TELUS MBA has been a transformational experience in terms of developing next-level leadership skills, massive new insights into our business and opportunities to improve it, and establishing a highly trusted network of colleagues I expect to work with for years to come. No other training and development initiative has come close to offering such unprecedented value and immersion into leadership, strategy, and into the heart of what makes our organization tick.



Guy Laberge

The TELUS MBA is a journey to improve someone's skills and competencies, the mind. But to really become a master, both mind and body needs to be nurtured, trained, and at their best to reach mastery.



Kim Chan Logan

The TELUS MBA was a life changing experience. I was equally enriched by the content and the people – top notch faculty who taught us the latest thinking from around the globe and outstanding classmates who supported and challenged each other, and in the process elevated the discourse and our collective learning beyond anyone's expectations.



Edith Lui

The TELUS MBA has been one of the most transformative and eye-opening learning experiences that I have had the opportunity to join. I have learned to view my life in an interconnected realm, considering both immediate and macro effects of key decisions. This program has helped me develop as an effective leader - one that not only able to deliver results and develop others but also able to drive change and innovation.

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Sabarish Mahadevan

I am truly grateful to be part of the first cohort of the TELUS MBA program offered by the University of Victoria. Over the last two years, I've seen a transformation into a matured, well-rounded leader and thankful to my UVic professors, my esteemed classmates and TELUS leaders for the learnings. The wait to pursue an MBA degree has been worthwhile as I couldn't have asked for a better cohort to travel this two year journey with and have become richer by 19 friends for life.



Bal Mahal

The TELUS MBA program requires discipline, stamina, consistency and grit. Although it is challenging, it has significantly strengthened my network, skills and capabilities as a strategic business leader and equipped me to overcome obstacles that may arise, both professionally and personally.



Kevyn McGregor

Undertaking an MBA after 20+ years of career experience was expected to be challenging, with an opportunity to absorb how others succeed in terms of varied culture, approach and broadening social networks – which I wasn't sure I'd achieve in studying with other members of our company. Given the breadth of experience and varied work cultures, I not only gained all I was hoping for, but more given the deep learning enabled by stellar professors, common language and social trust.



Amalan Ponnampalam

I entered the TELUS MBA program expecting to learn a great deal and add 3 significant letters to the end of my name, but I left with a deep understanding of how to be a better leader, with the strongest professional network I have ever been part of, and with an enhanced sense of urgency to challenge the status quo. With the trifecta of knowledge, network, and motivation, I know we will go on to do great things for our organization and in our lives.



Lynn Salekin

Being a member of the TELUS MBA significantly enhanced my awareness of business practices across the country, challenges facing TELUS, and the amazing talent of the leaders we have within this organization. The program has transformed my thinking to recognize and acknowledge the rapidly changing global economy and how TELUS can position itself to maintain a competitive advantage.

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Jill Schnarr

One of the best decisions I have ever made was to enroll in the TELUS MBA program at UVic's Gustavson School of Business. Doing an MBA at this stage in my career helped me to embrace the latest insights and research in our ever-changing, constantly transforming business marketplace. The typical MBA courses like marketing, negotiations, accounting, finance and law, along with the international business concentration studying business process outsourcing in Europe, and the program's intense focus on new technologies and platforms combined together to create a powerhouse of learning that is imperative in today's world.



Moutie Wali

The TELUS MBA program was a life-changing experience for me that has deeply impacted every aspect of my life. Through this journey I was able to become a stronger, more knowledgeable leader, but above all I was able to find my purpose, know who I really am, and what I am capable of. The transformational experience helped me uncover the person I was truly meant to be.



Americo Viola

The past two years of the TELUS MBA has provided me with tools and frameworks to bring my leadership to the next level. I have an immense level of appreciation for the TELUS MBA program as it has helped me develop into a more able leader and groomed for the challenges ahead in our industry. Through the course of the program, I have been able to establish the foundations of lifetime friendships and strengthen bonds with my fellow learners. Needless to say, the experience has been life altering and I am a better person overall because of it.



Matthew Wilder

The TELUS MBA allowed me to establish a meaningful and authentic connection with 19 other leaders in the organization who are as passionate about growth as I am, both for their personal growth and the organization's. In addition to gaining a set of business leadership skills, I have connected with a deeper sense of calling.



Phoebe Yu

The TELUS MBA has been an amazing journey with outstanding professors at UVic and top-notch leaders as classmates. We learned from each other, challenged each other's assumptions, and pushed to make each other better – the outcome was so much more than gaining knowledge and tools to advance the future of TELUS; I learned about wisdom and mastery, and made friends for life.