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DURHAM, N.H. - Professionals and companies hard hit by the economic downturn are getting a helping hand from the University of New Hampshire Whittemore School of Business and Economics, which is offering scholarships to people who want to pursue an Executive MBA.

"During downturns, companies downsize and rely on remaining staff to handle an increasing amount of work and responsibilities. It is more important than ever to invest in leadership, entrepreneurship and decision-making capabilities that will enable organizations and people to thrive under the challenge," says Christine Shea, associate dean of graduate programs and research at the Whittemore School.

"The people of the State of New Hampshire depend upon leaders of local industry to navigate the turbulence and come out stronger and more globally competitive than ever. The UNH Whittemore School graduate business programs have long been an integral part of the solution," Shea says.

Scholarships will be awarded based on need and merit. Any individual with seven or more years of professional business experience, three or more years of management experience and an undergraduate degree is eligible to be considered for admission to the 19-month program. Applicants with slightly less experience but with exceptional undergraduate and GMAT performance and on the fast-track to executive careers may also be considered.

The program is conducted at the New England Center on the university campus in Durham. Classes meet all day every other Friday and Saturday, normally in a twice per month sequence. Meals and hotel accommodations are included in the program so students can fully focus on school while creating strong ties to fellow students and faculty.

In the last 30 years, more than 600 people have graduated with an Executive MBA from UNH. The program format allows students to work full-time while attending school so the transfer of real-life solutions to the workplace is immediate.

According to Shea, students in Executive MBA programs tend to have more experience and be more readily promotable to executive leadership positions than those in any other masters programs. Students accrue great value from the lasting professional and personal network they develop with their peers and faculty members who are a part of their UNH Executive MBA experience.

"Being able to enjoy a world-class graduate executive-level education right here at home has been a cornerstone of the New Hampshire economy," Shea says.

For more information, visit www.emba.unh.edu or call 603-862-1367.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea and space-grant university,
UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 11,800 undergraduate and 2,400 graduate students.

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