**Master of Supply Chain Management**

**2024 Project Application Form**

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**A team of Master of Supply Chain Management (MSCM) students can help your company tackle supply chain and other operational issues.**

*Utilizing the knowledge and skills acquired in the MSCM program along with their previous work experience, MSCM students can effectively analyze data, build decision models, and make actionable recommendations to improve your business. They can address challenges in sourcing, procurement, conversion, and logistics management processes needed to efficiently manage the flow of goods and services.*

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| **2024 MSCM CONSULTING PROJECT TIMELINE** |
| **Project Term**  | Spring quarter: March 25-May 31, 2024 |
| **Team** | 4-5 MSCM Students  |
| **Application Deadline** | Friday, January 12  |
| **Introduce Projects to Students**  | Mon., Feb 5– 6:00-8:00 PM - Virtual |
| **Sponsors Advised of Team Assignment**  | By March 5**\*** |
| **Project Kick-Off-Working Dinner** | Mon., March 25- 6:00-8:00 PMWorking Dinner - On Campus**\*\***  |
| **Project Research. Weekly check-in with Sponsors** | March 25 – May 24 |
| **Final Presentations** | May 26-June 5 at Sponsor Office **\*\*** |
| **Project Fee** | $3,750 – Payable upon project completion |
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**\***  We sometimes have more applications than teams but are usually able to offer alternative

 resources to meet the goals of the project.

\*\* Depending on sponsor location and other considerations, these events may take place virtually.

**2024 MSCM Project Application**

**Date:**

**Company/Organization Name:**

**Address:**

**Website:**

**Primary Contact:**

**Title:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Secondary Contact:**

**Title:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

*Contact information is shared with the student team only after they are assigned to the project.*

**Project Description** *Please answer the following questions to describe what you’d like to accomplish while working with a team of our students. We will use the information to determine the suitability of the project for the program. The students will use it to select the projects for which they apply. You will have an opportunity to discuss your project with the students at the February 5 virtual meeting.*

**The students receive training on Six Sigma problem-solving methodologies, so will be ready and eager to apply what they’ve learned.  Projects with large data sets are particularly suited for this program. Listed below are some of the functional areas and potential topics which the teams can address. Please indicate which of these describes your project. You may select more than one.**

**\_\_\_ Strategy:**Supply chain audit, mapping and benchmarking; global network design.

**\_\_\_ Planning:**Forecasting and demand planning, capacity analysis, sales & operations planning.

**\_\_\_ Distribution:**  Inventory optimization, warehouse location and efficiency, omnichannel management,

 transportation and logistics decisions.

**\_\_\_ Manufacturing and Service:**  Production planning, service systems design, wait-time analysis,

 staffing plans.

**\_\_\_ Sourcing:**  Make vs. buy analysis, supplier selection process, auctions, scorecards, contracts,

CSR benchmarking, procurement.

**\_\_\_ Process Improvement:**   Lean and Six Sigma, reengineering, decision support systems, spreadsheet

 modeling, software selection, project planning, collaborative processes, carbon footprint reduction.

1. **What is the main question you would like to answer or business problem you are trying to solve?**
2. **What resources would be made available to the team in support of the project?**  *Examples include selected customer information, competitor information, survey data, industry reports, internal research reports and financial statements. As noted above, projects with large data sets are particularly suited for this program.* ***All projects are confidential. The students will work under a non-disclosure agreement (NDA)if requested.***
3. **What are your expected deliverables?** *The project will conclude with the team presenting their findings and recommendations to you at your office or in a virtual meeting. What would you expect to receive at the final presentation? Examples might include modeling tools, an operating plan, flow charts, etc.*

If a team of MSCM students is assigned to your project, their first task after the March 25 Working Dinner will be to write a detailed scope of work and plan which both you and the program will approve before they proceed. Minor changes in the direction and expected deliverables may occur as the project progresses.

**Please email the completed application to** **mscm@uw.edu** **and** **gneumill@uw.edu** **by January 12, 2024**

Please contact us if you have questions about this application or any other part of the MSCM project program. We will follow up to discuss your application to ensure that the MSCM program goals align with yours and provide details on the February 5 virtual project introduction. Thank you for your interest in working with our students!

**Master of Supply Chain Management Program**

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