



The Full-Time MBA Program Admissions Chat January 3, 2019

Chat with Berkeley Haas

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Hazel_Moderator: Hi, everyone. Thank you for joining us today. My name is Hazel Zambrano and I will be hosting the chat today. I am joined by my colleagues Liz Rosenberg, Angela Fleekop, and Candace Gonzales Tumey, members of the Admissions Committee, and Jared Roehrig and Tyron Carter, members of the Operations team. Please send us your questions!

Iris: I want to re-submit my GMAT test score after round 2 application. I noticed that on the FAQ, the latest score submission date is 2 weeks before the end of February. **Does that mean that I can submit my new score before Feb 15 and still can be considered as round 2 application candidate?**

Answer: Hi Iris! You can resubmit any new scores 2 weeks before the decision deadline, so that would actually be Feb. 28th. The decision deadline is March 14th.

Taiba: Good morning. **Is it okay to send in the GRE scores after the application deadline?**

Answer: Hello Taiba, as long as you have taken the GRE before the submission deadline, you can send your new scores after the deadline.

Ryosuke: Thank you for this opportunity. I have a question regarding my abroad experience. Full-Time MBA Application Instructions says applicants should not list schools or send transcripts for study abroad courses unless quantitative courses were taken. Just to double check I took Calculus I, II and econometrics courses. **Besides, the transcript from degree granting school only says "Foreign University Credit" and does not indicate name of courses I took. In this case, can I list school and upload the transcript for study abroad courses?**

Answer: Hello Ryosuke, great question. Yes please send and upload the transcripts from your abroad courses.

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Yuxiang:

Dear Admissions! My name is Yuxiang Fan, and I have two questions on the application. The first one is about employment. **The application requires a 'current' employer, but I have left my 'most recent' company for months. What should I do with it?**

Answer:

If you don't have a recent employer you can use that section to explain to us what you're doing now since your last job.

Jayaram:

How much of an impact will recommenders have?

Answer:

Hello Jayaram! We absolutely consider the letters of recommendation seriously. Please choose your recommenders wisely.

Attendee:

Is there an optional Berkeley essay? The CGSM application essays packet is ambiguous: "Below are the required and optional essays for Berkeley Haas..." However, only a required essay is included.

Answer:

Hello! There should be an optional essay that you may choose to complete.

Joseph:

Hi Haas Admission Committee, I am an IC design engineer from Taiwan. I'd like to ask one question. I know there are roughly 280 students in the MBA program. **What if the program has too many students to familiar with each other's professional background? Is there any activity for students to get to know each other?**

Answer:

There are many social, as well as academic activities that you can participate in to get to know your classmates.

Selim:

If I do not hold USA citizenship, am I eligible to apply at the University? And also, get a full scholarship for an MBA from a third party involved?

Answer:

Hi Selim! Of course, you are eligible to apply. Our international applicants make up roughly 40% of our student body. Please feel free to reach out to the [International Office](#) for any questions regarding Visas, which students may receive in time for their upcoming school year. You are also eligible to receive scholarships.

Indira:

I was curious to know who designed Haas treks? I know they're student designed, but is it done by students in specific clubs or classes?

Answer:

They are designed by a variety of groups - some are done by clubs and organizations and others are done by international students who are eager to take classmates to their home countries. There are a variety of ways to be involved in designing a trek.

Attendee: Hi guys, thanks for organizing the chat. **The question is - should we mention "Why Haas" or the school at all in any of the two essays?**

Answer: Great question! It can never hurt to let us know how Haas fits into your plans for achieving your career goals. If you are invited to interview, you will get the chance to let us know all your reasons for wanting Haas at that time.

Bilwa: Hi, this is Bilwa from India. So I come from a Chemical Engineering background. **I wanted to know, what would Berkeley Haas want to see in my application, as a potential bridge to the choice of MBA?**

Answer: Thanks for your question. We would like some insight into your reasons for wanting an MBA. Do you want to transition careers and why do you think you need the MBA to make that happen? We have many applicants who come from a chemical engineering background so it's a familiar path for us.

Jaie: I have a couple of questions: **Is the scholarship tab of the online application accessible after the submission deadline?**

Answer: Yes, the scholarship section will continue to be available even after you've submitted your application.

Chika: **Hi, does the round you apply in limit your Haas scholarship or grant opportunities?**

Answer: Scholarship funds are available in all rounds.

Gayatri: Hi, I'm curious to know more about the MPH and MBA joint degree. Two questions: I work in the field of international health and **I'm curious to know whether this degree prepares a candidate for the US domestic healthcare industry or whether it is also helpful for preparing to tackle global health challenges? Second, is there a particular type of profile that applies to the MPH/MBA dual degree or does general public health experience in developing contexts suffice?**

Answer: Hi Gayatri! It prepares you for both depending on your career goals – a wonderful aspect of having a small program like Haas is that you are able to meet early with our Career Coaches and formulate a plan on how to best focus your efforts. Without seeing your application in its entirety, it sounds as though your background would suffice, but it is also your career goal that matters.

Ernest: **After this chat, will we have access to the chat transcript?**

Answer: Yes you will have access to the chat transcript

Ryosuke: **How important is the significant interaction field?** I met a lot of alumni and current students. All of them are meaningful, but at the same time, I can pick the most meaningful one and person who gave me that advice. Does number of persons I write in this field somehow indicate my commitment to the program?

Answer: Hi Ryosuke! The number of interactions is not indicative of your commitment to the program. We simply would like to know who you have spoken to and how that has impacted your consideration of the program. There is no strategy here on what they reveal to us.

Iris: Thank you for your reply. **That means that I just need to submit my score before end of Feb / beginning of March to be consider as round 2 applicant?**

Answer: As long as you submit your NEW scores by Feb 28th, your app can be considered in round 2. But you would still have to submit your first scores by the Jan 10th deadline.

Jaie: **While listing out community activities, we have to mention the 'size of the organization.' Does this relate to the number of employees?**

Answer: Yes, please indicate on your application the number of employees in the organization.

Taiba: **How do I connect with the Haas alumni in my city Mumbai?**

Answer: You can reach out to our [International Student Reps \(ISRs\)](#) through our website and they can help connect you to alumni.

Dallin: I have worked at one company since graduating from university and have had the same supervisor during that time, he will be providing one letter of recommendation. **For the second letter would it be better for someone else at my current employer to write that letter or a direct supervisor from an internship that took place 5 years ago?**

Answer: If someone else other than your current employer can speak to your work experience and knows you well, feel free to use someone else from your current job. We have also seen letters come from previous work experience, community involvement, or internships. It's up to you to decide on who you think can best speak to your work experience and impact.

Selim: **If I can get a full scholarship for an MBA, not from the university but another party, what is the minimum score of GMAT required?**

Answer: We do not have a minimum GMAT score for admission. We evaluate all applications holistically.

Erdi: Good Morning from Chicago! **My question involves the recommendation letters, are they due at the same time as the application or will the people writing them have additional time to submit them?**

Answer: Hi Erdi – Yes, the letters of recommendation can be sent in later. However, you should know that your application will not be read until those letters have been received. I would encourage the recommenders to send them in no later than a week after the deadline date. If they are much later than that, your application could be moved to a later round. We will notify you if we have not received them.

Sitos: **Is it acceptable for one of the two letters of recommendation to be from a senior peer?**

Answer: The ideal recommenders have some sort of supervisory relationship with you so they can speak, objectively, about your performance relative to your peers. Your current supervisor or most recent former supervisor are the best recommenders but a senior colleague who can speak to your performance can be fine too.

Iris: Another question, my line manager recently left my current company to join another company. **Should I put his new company title and email address in this case when I fill out the recommender details?**

Answer: Yes that's fine. You can note for us that this person has left the company as well.

Jennifer: **Can we send you both our GRE and GMAT scores or must we choose one?**

Answer: Hello Jennifer, yes you may submit both scores. Great question.

Reshmi: Hello team. I am a former dentist and dream to pursue an MBA in healthcare. **Are there any limitations or inhibitions in applying to the third round?**

Answer: Hi Reshmi! Scholarship opportunities may be more limited in Round 3. All applications are evaluated equally, regardless of which round you apply.

Yuxiang: Another question is about my goal. I graduate with bachelor degree in business-related major. But I cannot find a specific research area/major in Haas MBA program, so I wrote my essay with a bit general goal for future development. **How can I improve my essay if I do not have a clear direction?**

Answer: We do not have any specific majors or areas of concentration at Haas as we focus on a general management education. For your career goal, it is always best to be as specific as possible to let us know why you are looking to undertake an MBA.

Jayaram: Hi, thanks for the reply. I am just worried that since I am waiving my right to review the recommendation and am not allowed to guide him in any way, **what's the best way to ensure that my recommender is aware of Berkeley values and the qualities sought for this program?**

Answer: Encourage them to review our website and meet with them to discuss your interest in our program and your goals for the MBA.

Claudia: **When's the best time of the year to visit Campus if interested in applying in Round 1? How can I make the best out of my visit?**

Answer: Hello you can visit us here at anytime. We would suggest to visit while classes are in session so that you can get a real feel of Haas. Our office is open Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm PST. You can also visit our website to schedule a tour.

Irvinder: **How does the admissions committee view multiple GMAT attempts in assessing an application?**

Answer: We do not average scores, but will look at each attempt and take your highest combined score into consideration. You are not penalized for taking the exam multiple times.

Eva: Hello, thank you for organizing this chat! **Is there a preferred word limit for the description of responsibilities / accomplishments for current position?**

Answer: There is no word limit but please be as concise as possible while doing your best to explain your experience, trajectory, and accomplishments.

Bryant: **In career goals essay section, if my future function is business development at a startup, what would be best to select?**

Answer: It doesn't really matter but, if you have an industry you think you'll target, such as high tech or engineering, let us know that.

Alejandro: While describing our extracurricular activities, **is there a suggested or adequate length of the description?**

Answer: Hello Alejandra! We will read what you submit. Please make it a reasonable length. Briefly describe the organization and your impact.

Abhinav: Regarding the number of employees, **do I mention the no of employees in my division, or the company as a whole?**

Answer: You can list the number in the company as a whole.

Attendee: **Do you value the overall GMAT score most or is there a particular section Berkeley values more (e.g., Verbal, Quant)?**

Answer: We look closely at your Quant score since many of our classes here rely on quantitative ability. However your overall score is also important to see how well rounded you are and how you stack up against other applicants.

Eli: **What factors make a great six-word story? Apart from giving you a better view into a candidate's life, what else differentiates a good story from a great one?**

Answer: Authenticity is important to us. Don't tell us what you think we want to hear. We really just want to learn more about you. Think about what your application as a whole tells us and if anything is missing that you want us to know.

Raphael: **I was hoping to know how my application might be affected by acceptance or not into The Consortium, from a procedural standpoint. (e.g. admission fees).**

Answer: Hi Raphael, I am not certain of your question. Once admitted, all students are subject to the same admissions fees.

Pallavi: Good morning, thanks for hosting this chat. I hold a bachelor's degree from the University of Delhi and am confused regarding how to enter my GPA in the Education section. There are two fields - one for US GPA and one for International GPA but the International GPA doesn't have a field for the scale used by the university, so I'm not sure how to enter it. Insight on how to fill this section would be really helpful! **Also, I got my grades converted by the WES so should I add in the converted grades in the US GPA fields?** Thanks!

Answer: Hello Pallavi, please enter your GPA the best way you can and we can correct it on our end.

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Selim: Yes, and the organisation that is assisting me during my application is going to take care of Visa and the scholarship. Am interested in the requirements by the university, so I can be considered for an MBA. **Can you help in more detail what do I have to provide for this?**

Answer: Your best bet is to look at our class profile on the website for the ranges of GPAs and GMAT/GRE scores. We holistically evaluate your academic record, test scores, work experience (trajectory and impact), letters of recommendation, and fit with the Haas culture.

Indira: Thanks, Angela! Another specific question - one thing that's important to me is contributing to the mba community. **Is the MBAA active at Haas? Are there opportunities to become involved planning social/cultural exchange events?**

Answer: There are many opportunities to be involved and our MBAA is very active (there is a social chair position within it). Individual clubs and organizations are also involved in putting on cultural events.

Jong Hwan: Hi. **Could you tell me R1/R2/R3 ratio for available spot approximately? (i.e, 40%/40%/20%)?** I am wondering if it is better for me to apply in R3 with better application.

Answer: Hello Jong, we suggest for students to apply when they feel they have their best application. We do not reserve a certain number of spots for the different rounds.

Saphicher: Good afternoon, thanks for being online for this chat. I'm a Senior who is going into the workforce and will later apply to an MBA program after a few years. **Do you have any advice on how I should bring up my wanting to enroll in an MBA program to my employer?** I would like to know, for instance, if there are any benefits they offer and if I would have a 'job' with them upon my graduation.

Answer: There is no best way to bring this subject up with an employer because every employer views the value of the degree differently, based on their company culture and the needs of the business. Your best bet is to get to know your supervisor well and have a

Dallin: **Is there a resource for learning about what kind of experience my spouse will have if I attend Berkeley?**

Answer: We have a very active partners club on campus. Reach out to our Haas Student Ambassadors at hsa@haas.berkeley.edu and ask to be connected with them.

Jose: Dear admissions, thank you for given us the opportunity to ask some questions and solve some doubts. My first question is related to the employment section. I worked in the same company for more than four years, where I have developed an ascending career path. **Is it ok to write in the description: the main functions of each position since I only use one employment label?**

Answer: You should tell us your main functions, accomplishments and achievements and use the supplemental essay section to let us know anything that you think is pertinent to the evolution of your career.

Ryosuke: **What am I supposed to put in "Valid From" and "Valid Until" field under "Mailing Address" section?** The address has been valid since I moved current address almost 4 years ago and valid until I decide to move out.

Answer: You can put the estimated date from when you moved there and put the valid until for a future date.

Attendee: Good Morning. Thank You for taking the time to answer questions. **If, we have a GMAT score that is within the middle 80% of last year's class profile, however it is on the lower side, should we write an optional essay to address this score?**

Answer: Hello, we leave that section of the optional essay up to the applicant to express any information that he or she feels that we should know.

Maham: Hi, this is Maham from Pakistan. I come from a business administration background (BBA degree) and have been associated with the technology industry since 2015 in roles revolving around presales, business analysis and business development. I am now considering MBA applications. My UGRAD CGPA was 2.97. **What steps should I take to ensure that my application makes the cut?** I am aiming for the fall 2020 cycle.

Answer: Hi Maham! There is no guarantee that you will be admitted to the program. Please submit the best application that you can, choose great recommenders, and write powerful essay to increase your chances of acceptance.

Iris: When I was filling out the application form, in the employment section, I found that I need to fillout my responsibility/ accomplishment at my work. **I wonder if I should write same achievement as what I write in the resume? I am confused about this part,**

Answer: It's fine if there is some repetition there, but you can use that space to elaborate or tell us anything else that you may not have had room for on your resume.

Reshmi: Thank you so much for your reply. I have another question as well. **I m a green card holder here. so is TOEFL a requirement for my MBA application??**

Answer: If you didn't earn your undergrad or graduate degree in a country where English is the official language, the TOEFL is required by the University of California.

Sinduja: **What percentage of Haas students pursuing the entrepreneurship track actively work on a business idea through the semester and/or launch a venture before graduation ?**

Answer: Tough to give you a percentage but it certainly happens all the time. If you'd like to be put in touch with a student currently pursuing an entrepreneurial path, contact our HSAs at HSA@haas.berkeley.edu.

Dennis: Good morning. **I was wondering what I should put in the 'Responsibilities / Accomplishments' section under employment info, and how it should differ from what's in my resume (especially since it doesn't specify a character limit).**

Answer: You can use this section to provide additional information that you may not have room for on your resume, but we also know that there will likely be some repetition and that's ok!

Ernest: I'm not applying until next fall. **Are there typically spring/summer opportunities to meet the admissions team face to face?**

Answer: Hello, you can stop by anytime Mon-Friday from 9am-4pm. No appointment needed.

Isha: Hello Admissions, thank you for taking the time out of your day to address our questions. I had a question in regards to Extracurriculars post college. I am applying through Consortium and the only place they allow me to write that has a limit of 500 characters. **Is there anyway I can add more information than that for my extracurriculars?**

Answer: Hi Isha! We would encourage you follow the word count. We include word limits to be fair to all applicants.

Attendee: Hello! Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions. I have a question regarding my letters of recommendation. **I am still waiting for one of my recommenders to submit my letter, but since he has been really busy reporting results to HQ, I'm not sure he will make the deadline. I've read in the FAQ that it is possible to extend it a few days. Could it be possible in this case? If so, until when could he submit the letter?**

Answer: Yes, there is a generally a grace period of a week after the deadline for LORs to come in, but your application cannot be reviewed until it is received.

Christine: Hi Haas Admissions, thanks so much for holding this session today! Since the Consortium application limits the explanation of all extracurriculars to 500 characters and does not ask for a description of the nature of the activity but the Haas application does, **can the Consortium Core Essay #2 (Is there any other information you would like to share) be used to add descriptions of extracurriculars?** Many thanks!

Answer: Hi Christine! Please follow the instructions for the application that you are using to apply. We are not expecting any additional information that is not requested. We do sometimes look up the activities on our own if they are not immediately obvious. So if the activity is a bit more obscure in nature, you may want to provide additional information about it. Hope that helps!

Daniele: Thanks for hosting this session! **When on the waitlist, is there a specific class or area of coursework that the Admissions Committee would like to see in order to prove quantitative abilities (e.g. statistics, econ)?**

Answer: Hi Daniele! We advise students who want to improve their standing on the waitlist to take Calculus or statistics classes, but other classes such as econ. are also good ideas.

Mariann: Good morning, thank you for hosting this chat. **How can I ensure that you have successfully received my TOEFL and GMAT scores?**

Answer: Hello Mariann, once we have received your scores we will update your file. You are able to check your status through your student portal. If we do not receive your scores in a timely manner. We will reach out to you about them.

Jaie: **In essay 2 (goals), should we also write about how MBA helps us achieve our goals, or just about how the post-MBA goal will lead to the long-term goal?**

Answer: Hi Jaie - you may touch on both points.

Sandy: Hello, I've been working in human services for the last 3 years and just started working in Supply Chain again. **Is the program focused on a specific business area? I'm interested in supply chain but also finance.**

Answer: We are a general management program so you will have access to many different industries, including supply chain and finance.

Sitos: **Is now too early for a campus visit if I want to apply in fall 2019?**

Answer: No, you can stop by anytime Mon-Fri 9am-4pm PST.

Yusuke: Happy New Year and thank you for arranging this event. I got the two same TOEFL scores, which have different scores in each section. One has higher Listening and Speaking scores, the other has higher Reading and Writing scores. **Can I report the two scores in my application? Furthermore, can I report new higher TOEFL scores after submitting my application?**

Answer: Hello Yusuke, yes please submit all scores.

Himank: I have a higher quant score in my first GMAT attempt (710 with Q50). But a better overall score in my second and latest GMAT attempt (730 with Q49). **Is there an option to share both my scores? If one, which one should I prefer?**

Answer: Hello, please submit both set of scores.

Tingyi: Hello admin team, happy new year and thank you for your time! I'm hoping to take electives from Berkely education school during my MBA. **I'm wondering where can I check the elective rules? (I've tried to check on the website, but so far can't find it.)**

Answer: You can take up to 6 units outside of Haas as an MBA student. As long as you meet any prerequisites for the course in another school, you would be eligible.

Attendee: **Is there a preferred word limit for the optional essay reapplicant statement about how you have improved your candidacy?**

Answer: We would prefer 300 words.

Yan: **Hi, if I submit my application a few days after R2 deadline. Will you still process it as R2?**

Answer: Hi Yan. You must submit your application before the January 10th deadline. You may however send improved scores to us which we can add to your already existing ones (TOEFL, GMAT etc).

Katarzyna: **Dear Admissions, what is the acceptance rate in R1 and R2 vs R3?**

Answer: It varies every year, but we accept people in all rounds.

Juan: **How important is it to have an "Interests section" on the resume?**

Answer: Hi Juan! Good question. I think an interest section is a good idea because it helps us get to know you a little better. It is not necessary however.

Corrine: **How closely should we stick to the resume template formatting? If we, for example, want to add an additional line in the Education section to list relevant Quant courses, is this okay?**

Answer: That is just fine! We only provide the template as a guideline.

Bilwa: Hi, Bilwa again. So i am currently employed for 1.5 years now, after getting placed from campus. However, i am planning to apply for fall 2020 by which time i shall i have concluded 3 years of experience . **At the time of applying however only 2.2, so does that account for a potent work experience sought by your Course?**

Answer: We accept a wide variety of years of work experience, from 2-10 years, with our average being around 6.

Daniele: Hello Jared, thanks for the response above on taking calculus and statistics! Assuming the class lasts longer than the admissions process (i.e. we won't get a final grade before the admissions process is over), **is there a certain way the admissions committee would like to be updated on class progress? Grades on specific assignments? Reflections on the class progress?**

Answer: You can always send us updates with your grades or class progress (projects, news etc) to this email and we will add it to your application: decision@haas.berkeley.edu.

Franco: Good morning. **I would like to ask you if our partners will be able to attend some of the classes as a listener/ spectator?**

Answer: While there may be some times when visitors are invited to attend class, as a general rule attendance is limited to the student enrolled in the program.

Ryosuke: I am about to submit my application for round 2. But I realized that, while conducting final review, whenever I put postal code of my employer, the field become blank after I save and reopen the section.....**is that supposed to be like this if my company is not in the US or is this some kind of systematic error? What am I supposed to do? Can I just leave the field blank? Thank you!**

Answer: It might be an error, so I would double check it before you submit. If it persists, then go ahead and submit regardless.

Attendee: **Would a strong background in engineering help to offset a lower 42 quantitative score with a 680 overall on the GMAT?**

Answer: Hello, when reviewing application we look at the total applicant. Meaning scores, work experience, grades, essays, Letter of rec, etc.

Attendee: Hi from Italy! **As an international student can I get a scholarship while applying for the MBA?** Thank you

Answer: Ciao! Yes you may. I would look at the list of scholarships we offer on our website and see which might interest you.

Attendee: **Is there a resume template available?**

Answer: Yes you are able to find that information under our admissions tab on our website.

Sinduja: **Is the TOEFL requirement waived for candidates who have an undergraduate degree from abroad, but have completed a 2 year graduate program in the US?**

Answer: Yes it is.

Attendee: **Hi Admissions, if we are planning to re-take the GMAT and submit our scores again, should we be upfront about it during our application right now? Or should we wait to notify admissions after we have received it?**

Answer: Hello, you can notify us upfront or afterward. But you must submit your current score and you must have new score in before or on February 28, 2019.

Jose: Great, thank you for your answer. My second question is: **I saw in the webpage that the interviews are sent in a rolling basis, does the admission team review all applicants information before selecting the candidates for the interview or do you have a rolling admission review?**

Answer: Hello Jose, we have a rolling admissions review, yet everyone is notified of their admission on the decision deadline.

Dani: Hello! **Is there a strong preference for fitting a resume into 1 page or is a 2-page resume also acceptable? Beyond the helpful notes on the Professional Experience page of the Haas website, are there any other critical resume tips to keep in mind?**

Answer: We would prefer a 1 page resume, unless you have over 10 years of work experience.

Tingyi: Hi Team, thank you for helping us on the application. I'm wondering in the form, there is a question "Have you recently had significant interaction with a current student or alum?" **What kind of interaction will be define as significant? I've done a video call with a current student for around 1 hour. Does this count?**
Thank you!

Answer: I think that's very significant!

Attendee: **If my employer's reporting relationship is vague, should I use my judgment to identify the person who is my most direct supervisor?**

Answer: We prefer recommenders to be direct supervisors but you might have your other coworker do it if you report to them as well. You can have them spell out your relationship in more detail on the letter.

Attendee: Hi! Thank you for hosting this chat. I didnt have a quant major in undergrad and am looking into supplemental courses to take before I apply. **Are there particular business courses I should consider?**

Answer: Hi there! We suggest taking a Statistics or Calculus course but also like Econ.

Yuxiang: I have a question in the employment category. **What should I put in the 'Direct Reports'?** I have tried to put my supervisors in it, but it seems only number acceptable.

Answer: We want to know how many people report to you directly. If you don't have any, list zero.

Raveena: **Hi, what sort of resources are there for students that are interested in product management? Similarly, what resources are there for educational technology sector and for the media sector?**

Answer: There are many, many resources for students looking to pursue all sorts of career paths. From clubs to treks to case competitions to advising and coaching through our CMG, we've got you covered. If you'd like to speak to students pursuing any of these paths, feel free to contact our HSAs at hsa@haas.berkeley.edu.

William: Hello - I'm trying to get a better feel for my potential fit at Haas, and it would be really nice to be able to connect with a current student. **Apart from the 9 student ambassadors listed on the website, is there any other recommended resource to connect?**

Answer: Hi William! I assume you are referring to the Haas Student Ambassadors? They are a great resource and you can ask them any questions you may have about student life. There are also recorded webinars on our website listed under Admissions Events which I highly recommend.

Attendee: Hi Admin team, Thank you for helping us. In the application, it mentioned "For transfer and study abroad courses, provide a copy of the transcript from the institution where the transfer credits were earned." I did an exchange student program, but didn't transfer the credit back to my original university because I already matched the requirement for graduation. However, I wasn't able to get the transcript from the exchange university anymore. **I'm wondering in this case, should I still list my exchange experience? Or should I add an optional essay to explain this?**

Answer: If you are not able to get the transcript. You can send us an email stating why for the exchange program and we will respond accordingly.

Cameron: Thank you for taking the time to answer questions today. **If Haas is our first choice should we indicate that anywhere in our application or should we just let an enthusiastic application speak for itself?**

Answer: Hi Cameron! We will ask why Haas in the interview so be prepared to tell us about your reasons at that time. Thank you for choosing Haas! We think it's a pretty fabulous program too.

Bruno: **Do I need to pay the mba.com to send you my GMAT scores? Or is it fine to just state them in the application?**

Answer: They need to be sent to us officially by GMAT.

Sergey:

Thanks much for providing the chat opportunity. I have a few questions and would appreciate your feedback: **1. Can you please define what “official transcripts” mean exactly? Does the transcript need to be in the sealed envelope? The university I attended in Eastern Europe does not issue transcripts in sealed envelope... How could I prepare the “official transcript” in this case? 2. Do you automatically consider all applicants for fellowships and scholarships? 3. Would you recommend having months and years for each job in a CV? 4. Should applicants list any publications (e.g. journal, blogpost, magazine) in CV (if they have any)?** This will likely not fit in 1 page.

Answer:

1.) An official transcript must be an original, signed and with the seal of the institution, not a copy. It does not need to be in a sealed envelope.
2) All applicants are automatically considered for merit and leadership scholarships but there are other privately funded or need-based scholarships that do require a separate application or supplemental information.
3) It is best to provide months and years on the resume.
4) It's not really necessary to list publications on the resume, especially if they're not directly applicable to the MBA application.

Raphael:

Hello, and thanks for hosting the session. **If my Consortium application is not successful, then how would that affect my application to Haas, from a procedural standpoint? (e.g. paying a different admission fee, etc.)? Is this a question better posed elsewhere?** Thanks again!

Answer:

Hi Raphael, thank you – If the Consortium application is not successful and you are admitted to Haas, we do not charge you additional application fees.

Raveena:

Hi, **can you discuss more about opportunities to enhance our global exposure/international experience (other than the International Business Development program)?**

Answer:

Other than IBD, students can take advantage of GNAM, the Global Network for Advanced Management, a network of top business schools across 5 continents. This program offers the opportunity to explore business as it is conducted in emerging nations and developed countries. There are also numerous clubs and activities as well as an exchange program. Please go to the Global Focus section of our website for more info.

Attendee:

I feel that my transcript may be lacking quant courses, but I took rigorous quant courses such as AP calculus in high school. **My current role is within finance, so I feel like that also offsets the transcript gap. What are your thoughts?**

Answer:

We take a holistic review to your application, so we will consider your current work experience and how that supplements your quantitative strength. If you want to give us additional details that may not be evident elsewhere you can include them in the optional essay.

Kate: Hello! I did poorly on an upper level Econ class that I took my freshman year of undergrad. **However I did well on subsequent Econ classes that I took in my sophomore, junior and senior year. Is that something I should address in an optional essay?**

Answer: Sure! You're more than welcome to explain this further in the optional essay.

Raveena: **Is there a way for us to contact current students to talk about their specific experience at Haas, particularly students that are interested in similar things as ourselves?**

Answer: Yes! Reach out to our Haas Student Ambassadors at hsa@haas.berkeley.edu.

Eva: Although my undergrad major was in the humanities, I took Statistics courses in undergrad and advanced (AP Calc BC and Multivariable Calculus) in high school. **Is it enough to see that on my transcript or should I flag this in my optional essay?**

Answer: Your high school classes probably won't really carry much weight when we review. If you are unsure about this, you can tell us in your optional essay or even take a continuing education class if you feel your undergrad was not quant heavy enough.

Fei: Hi, I come from China. I know that a 100 TOEFL score is usually the lowest score that is considered to be competitive. However, my score is a bit lower than 100. I have studied abroad in a University in Japan, where English is the instruction language (a master degree program of 1.5 years). And I have received a proof from my tutor about my English proficiency. **As Haas is my dream school, I really want to know how bad influence of 100- score will have and whether the proof I mentioned will work.**

Answer: Hi Fei! A 90 is the lowest we receive for admittance so a 100 does not disqualify you. Please keep in mind that we look at all aspects of your application including relevant coursework. You may also retake your TOEFL after the submission deadline if you want to send us any improved scores.

Miki: Good morning. Thank you for giving us today's opportunity. I would like to ask the recommender's choice. **When I choose two recommenders, is it acceptable that both of them are belonged to same department? I mean, they may have the same episode to mention in the letters of recommendation (but the perspective may differ). Is it ok?**

Answer: Yes, it is just fine to have letters from multiple people in the same company.

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Raveena: If I recently moved to a new job and my new employer/manager would not know enough to write about me in a recommendation letter, **is it OK for me to use my most recent prior manager?**

Answer: Absolutely. And there is a section where you can tell us why you have not used your current supervisor.

Rohan: Thanks for hosting the session! **How important it is to present essay from an angle different to professional for a more holistic approach?**

Answer: It's always best to help us to get to know you from different angles so we can see what you'd have to offer the class both personally and professionally.

Monica: Hello - I saw that you cannot apply to the evening/weekend and full time in the same cycle. **Does that mean that you can't apply for both in the same round or can't apply for both in the same admissions year?**

Answer: Hello Monica, when applying on your application there is a box on our full-time application where you can check to be considered for evening and weekend if perhaps you do not get admitted into Full-Time MBA. Your application can only be reviewed by one

Attendee: **When applying through the Consortium, should we try to weave in "Why Haas" into our 6-word essay?** Given the limited real estate it doesn't flow as well, but I'd like to be able to express the research I've done on Haas and how a Haas MBA can help me.

Answer: Hi! There is no need to weave why Haas into the essay, we will ask why Haas in your interview. Use your essay to tell us something incredible about you and your life experience.

Yan: Hi! For reapplicants, **does the additional essay to explain improvement have the same level of importance to the six-word story to you?**

Answer: Yes, we will look at all essays equally.

Yusuke: I'll take the TOEFL test in January and February in order to get higher scores. **Can I report them after the 2nd round deadline and could you consider them for admission?**

Answer: Only if you take the exam before our deadline of January 10, 2019. If you do not have a TOEFL exam before this deadline, your application will not be reviewed in Round 2.

Attendee: **I'm taking supplemental courses (Stats, Calc, and Micro) Does the school have a preference regarding which school to take these courses?** UCLA's extension courses are much cheaper than UC Berkeley's so I want to take it there.

Answer: Sure! We accept courses from any accredited institution. We accept community college credit as well! (even cheaper I think).

Maham: **How can I connect with a current Haas student or recent alumni from my country?**

Answer: Reach out to our [International Student Representatives](#). You can find them on the Contact Us page of our website.

Pallavi: One more question - **I tried reaching out to the student ambassador for the Haas Coffee Chat in my area a few times but haven't heard back. Not sure if he's getting my emails. Do you have any suggestions?**

Answer: We were closed for the holiday break so feel free to follow up or write to mbaadm@haas.berkeley.edu to get the coffee chats list. Thanks!

Mariann: Thank you for your very helpful reply! One more questions, I work as a Consultant and therefore I often change supervisors. My former direct supervisor from a previous project has worked with me over a long period of time, and knows me very well. I thus believe she can provide a more honest and in-depth recommendation than my current supervisor, who I have only worked with for 3 weeks. **Would it be okay to get the recommendation from my previous supervisor? or what does Haas prefer?**

Answer: Yes you are able to get one of your LOR from your previous direct supervisor.

Attendee: Good Morning! I live on the East Coast and might not be able to visit campus before the application deadline. **How much importance is given to in person visit versus connecting through student ambassadors, alumni, etc?**

Answer: Hi there! Both are great and we don't prefer one over the other. I would suggest attending any admissions events that we host remotely as well such as coffee chats and hang outs as we can see when you attend them on your application.

Sandy: **Can you explain the difference between the Full-Time MBA program and the Working Professionals MBA program?**

Answer: Hello Sandy, unfortunately, you will have to contact our evening and weekend MBA program about that particular program. You are also able to visit our website to get a sense of the two different programs.

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Jong Hwan:

Hi, does age really matter?

Answer:

We look most closely at work experience. I wouldn't let age stop you! Our Executive program typically has older students who have the most Work Experience.

Attendee:

Hi Team, **I'd like to apply to the Haas full time MBA program, but my work experience is a tad higher than the average (7 years). Am I at a disadvantage?**

Answer:

Hello, no you're not.

Attendee:

Good afternoon, as far as taking a Calculus course. I took a Business Calculus course but earned a 'D' and a 'B' my second time enrolling. **How does this effect my chances of enrollment and what would I highlight somewhere else in my application to increase my chances, despite this grade?**

Answer:

Hello, we look at the total applicant so please do not allow that to deter you from applying. You can also use the space in the optional essay to tell us what happened.

Jong Hwan:

I am sponsored by my company and the only does it for 2 year full time MBA program.

Answer:

Hi Jong. Our program is 2 years in length so that should work. Please be advised that the application process is the same for you regardless of sponsorship.

Mitchell:

Hey there! My decision to apply for MBA programs came later than ideal this year. But I'd still like to hit any 2nd round deadlines that I can. That said – you mentioned that Feb 28th was the deadline for GMAT scores to be considered. **Can I submit an application without a GMAT score now, then wait and submit my first GMAT score in the coming months? (Sorry if this question is repeated frequently).**

Answer:

Hello Mitchell, the February 28th deadline is for those who are sending updated scores. At the time of submission of application you must have your GMAT score submitted with the application to be reviewed.

Madison:

Hello Haas Admissions Team! Thank you for your help answering our questions today! **For our application essays, do you recommend touching on all Defining Leadership Principles throughout our essays or focusing on one or two?**

Answer:

No need to call those out to us, as we are looking for examples of them throughout your application, rather than having you state them directly.

Chika: Hi. **After the application is submitted, does each applicant receive an invite for an interview? If so, how many weeks after submission?**

Answer: Hello, everyone does not receive an interview invite. You have up until the decision deadline to receive an interview invite.

Bhargav: **Will the webinar be available later to review?**

Answer: Hi there. If you are referring to our webinars on our site, they are readily available. There will be a transcript of this chat sent to your email as well.

Iris: Hi Adcom, Thank you for answering the questions. **When I am filling out the application form online today. I found that I need to write the company revenue in the employee section. I work in a global big tech firm. I wonder if I should write the global revenue or country revenue in this case?** Also, I am asked to write the responsibilities and achievement in the employee section. **Do people normally write the same content as their resume? Or you expect to see a general job description?**

Answer: You can write the revenue globally so we can see the scope of the company. It's up to you if you want to change anything from your resume but it's most important to see your duties and accomplishments.

Angel: Thank you for your answer Angela! I have another question. At work I don't have any permanent direct reports, but when I lead a specific project with a client I usually oversee the work of 3-4 consultants. In those projects I'm responsible for their performance, but I'm not their permanent direct supervisor. These projects usually take from 1 to 3 months length. **What number should I submit under Direct Reports given this case?** Thanks!

Answer: You can list zero, but explain it to us further in the employment description section.

Alejandro: **In Essay #2, is it adequate to describe my long-term goals, in order to explain the rationale of my short-term goals?** (Even though long-term goals are not specifically asked for)

Answer: That's just fine!

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Jose: I saw in the webpage that the interviews are sent in a rolling basis, my question is: **does the admission team review all the applications before selecting the candidates or do you have a rolling admissions review? To sum up: Is it better to submit your application earlier?**

Answer: When you submit your application has no bearing on when you receive an interview. As long as you submit by the deadline, your application will be reviewed and you have the same chance of being selected to interview.

Jacqueline: Hello, Thank you for hosting today's session. **I was wondering how many applicants are chosen for the interview round and when applicants might know if they have been selected for an interview?**

Answer: Hello we do not have a set number. All applicants are reviewed on a rolling bases. You have up until the decision deadline to receive an invite to interview.

Jong Hwan: **I am wondering if older than average applicant is a disadvantage.**

Answer: No it is not. We look at all applications hollistically, regardless of age.

Fei: The second question is about the six-word story. **May I quote a six-word sentence from a masterpiece?** I have found a sentence that exactly depicts my experience and the motivation of the MBA.

Answer: That's fine, but make sure you put it in quotes so we know it isn't original.

Selim: I believe I have all that ready to provide, **so do I have to talk to someone at the university who handles application, or at the official Website of the University? Either one, can you help directly with the contact or link so I can get straight to it?** Thank you!

Answer: If you'd like to know if all of your documents have ben received, then you may call us at 510-642-1405 or check the application checklist on the webiste for a list of what is required.

William: Good Morning! **How much consideration are specific interests given in ascertaining fit for the program?** A strong interest of mine specifically is the Berkeley Energy & Resources Collaborative. **How much time should be spent on in essays discussing specific interests in the essays?**

Answer: We want to know how your interests and background affect your career goals and why you want an MBA. We accept candidates with a variety of backgrounds across industries.

Attendee: A successful six-word story will pique the reader's interest in the forthcoming explanation. Together, the story and explanation will share a specific and personal experience that helps the reader get to know you better, giving insight into your character, values, or how you would uniquely contribute to the Berkeley Haas community. That's the tip for the 6-word story essay. **I was wondering should we mention how we would contribute to the Haas community or it should come across (be demonstrated in) our story?** Thanks.

Answer: Hi there! Whatever you think would help us get to know YOU authentically while communicating why you would be a good cultural fit here, is advisable. If your potential to contribute is connected to your six word story, then that's good, but I wouldn't mention that if it feels unnatural to your story.

Julian: Hello! I'm planning on applying in the Fall of 2019. **Does Haas have a Prospective Minority Day/Diversity Day coming up before the Fall application?**

Answer: Yes, we will host another Diveristy Symposium in the Fall 2019, stay tuned for dates!

Chika: **What is the maximum LOR? Can I submit 3 or I should only submit 2?**

Answer: We would prefer 2, thanks!

Charles: Hi, I have a question on student life at Haas. **Do most students live on campus, or do students spread out around the Bay Area?**

Answer: Most students live in the area surrounding campus.

Attendee: Good morning - **Does the undergrad GPA average/range published in the Class Profile reflect that of the 2-year GPA applicants calculate in the application, or the GPA from applicants' full undergraduate transcripts?**

Answer: Our average GPA listed is from our admitted students' undergraduate experience.

Attendee: I took my university's equivalent of calc 1 in undergrad but was not required to take calc 2, statistics or Econ. **Would be it necessary to complete the calc sequence and also take a full stats and Econ sequence? Or is one class of stats and/or one class of econ sufficient to supplement a non-quant background?**

Answer: Hi! We suggest taking 1 of each to see how you perform generally in those areas, but its entirely up to you whether you want to go deeper into each subject.

Bruno: **Do I need to pay the mba.com to send you the GMAT official scores to you? Or may I just insert my score in the application?**

Answer: You may self-report your scores on our app at no cost and later will have to pay a fee to have GMAC send us the official scores.

Joseph: Morning! **Does the Admission Committee choose students from different working backgrounds averagely? Or most candidates are graduted from business-related departments?**

Answer: We accept candidates from a diversity of backgrounds and have no quotas for certain industries.

Attendee: Hi Admissions, **if we are planning to re-take the GMAT and submit our scores again, should we be upfront about it during our application right now? Or should we wait to notify admissions after we have received it?**

Answer: It's fine for you to let us know you are planning to retake it.

Raymond: Hi, and thank you for hosting this chat. I will finish my last semester in Spring 2020 (2 courses, part-time) and would like to apply for a Fall 2020 start. **Will I be allowed to apply before graduation?** I currently work full time and already have years of work experience. Thank you!

Answer: You will have to wait until after you graduate to apply.

Mitchell: My decision to apply for MBA programs came later than ideal this year. But I'd still like to hit any 2nd round deadlines that I can. That said – you mentioned that Feb 28th was the deadline for GMAT scores to be considered. **Can I submit an application without a GMAT score now, then wait and submit my first GMAT score in the coming month?**

Answer: Hello the Feb 28th deadline is for those who are submitted an updated score to the score they have recently submitted at the time of submission. You must have a GMAT score to apply when applying by Jan 10, 2019.

Mikhail: **In Essay #2, would it be helpful to describe what resources at Haas will help us attain our short-term goals?**

Answer: You can tell us about that if you'd like, but we want you to avoid long lists of resources at Haas, since we want you to use that space to tell us more about your goals.

Marc: Hi everybody! **I hold a French master's degree, there is no gpa in my score report. how could I manage with it?**

Answer: Hi there Marc! We will look at your grades and evaluate them. Please do not attempt to convert your GPA into the American GPA scale.

Shotaro: **If I submit an essay for the "Scholarship" section, will it be reviewed as part of my admissions application?**

Answer: Yes, the scholarship section will be available for review after submission.

Attendee: Hi Admissions, my GMAT score is lower than the average but within the 80% range. I have a lot of quantitative work experiences I talk about in my resume to counter this issue alongside with my recommendations. **However, is there any advice you may have to show a strong quant background (besides re-taking the GMAT, which I plan to do)?**

Answer: We will look at all of those things together in a holistic review. If you want to give us additional information about quantitative preparation, you can include it in the optional essay.

Ernest: Thanks so much Candace! **This might be an unrealistic ask, but are there any free opportunities that the team will consider?**

Answer: Hi Ernest - are you referring to events to meet admissions? We travel all over the country and abroad during the summer. Our [events page](#) should have an updated calendar around May.

Yusuke: I used the World Education Service (WES) and got the GPA as US educational equivalency. **Can I upload the WES report as well as my university transcripts on the academics page?**

Answer: Hi Yusuke. You do not need to convert your GPA at all but may do so if you provide the report. It's up to you.

Madhura: Hello sir, I recently contacted current MBA student to understand more about Marketing focus of Haas. I also want to understand the percentage of Haas alumni in high-tech marketing and what kind of activities marketing club at Haas does. **Where can I find this specific information?**

Answer: Our current students can tell you more about the marketing club. The percent of alumni in the field is always changing.

Ryosuke: **When do I need to send an official GMAT score report? Can you start reviewing the application with self-reported score or do I need to send for you to start reviewing?**

Answer: You may self-report the scores first and then send us the official scores when and if you are admitted.

Attendee: I am not proud of this, but I have a sub 3.0 ugpa. (By the way, I've changed and have a 4.0 in my masters program.) I read that any applicants that admissions wants who have sub 3.0 ugpa present an administrative hurdle. **Since Berkeley is a public university, there's a requirement that all grad students have over a 3.0, and that only a sign off from a high up dean can get around that?**

Answer: Hello! Please know that we consider applicants with all GPA backgrounds. We have admitted individuals with less than a 3.0 historically. Please emphasize others aspect of your application that would make you a great MBA candidate. We also consider your Masters GPA as well!

Stanislav: Good morning, Dear Officers. Two questions: **What is the typical age range for admitted applicants? What is the best way to address it if you are say 30 years old?** Thank you in advance!

Answer: We accept a diverse range of students of all ages, so there is no need to address this in your application.

Iris: **Does it make any difference if I join the Forte MBA launch program?**

Answer: Forte can provide you with some great resources throughout your MBA journey.

Mallory: Hi there! I recently took the GMAT a second time and improved my score by 100 points. My first score was quite low so I canceled it on the spot. **Should I reinstate it to show the score improvement, or should I just report my second score?**

Answer: It's up to you. We are always glad to see improvement, but it's up to you whether you want to share that with us.

Bilwa: I wanted to ask another question. Are there any pre-requisite courses to applying for full time MBA?

Answer: No there are not.

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Bhargav: I work at a Tech firm with multiple a couple of managers and Sr. Managers with a Haas MBA. I have discussed the program and the school with them and I also work with them but haven't had the opportunity to do more interactions. **Where would you place this on the interaction scale - basic to significant?**

Answer: Please use your best judgement on the interpretation of the interaction.

Jose: Thank you for your answers. Another question is related to IELTS score, I could not send it virtually. **Do I have to send this score physically?**

Answer: You may self-report your scores and then have the company send us the official scores either physically or electronically.

Ryosuke: Regarding the question I asked about "Valid From" and "Valid Until" field under "Mailing Address" section. **I was told to put a date when I moved to the current location but it is not possible to select a date before 2018. So should I just to put 1/1/2018 if I moved there before 2018?**

Answer: Sure, that will work fine.

Mariah: Good morning! I am a reapplicant applying through the consortium. **I don't see an optional essay prompt to address how I've improved my candidacy since I last applied. Is there another way for me to address this in my application?**

Answer: We don't have this but if you would like to send us a supplemental essay to address this, you may.

Bruno: **But I will have to send the official scores via GMAC only through admission? Or should I do this even before I have a decision about my application?**

Answer: You do not have to send the official scores unless we request them from you.

Madison: Hello again! I am applying for Fall 2020 admission. Will the essay questions be the same on the application?

Answer: They are subject to change so check back once our 2020 application is live. Thanks!

Raveena: **Would you say that that is a sufficient reason to not use your current supervisor? Or should we still go ahead and ask the new supervisor?**

Answer: It's up to you. Whoever can best speak to your impact and work ethic at your organization is a great choice.

Charles: I work in a project based environment, where I don't have any direct reports, and instead build a team to fit each unique project. I usually have 4-10 people reporting to me, but the people change frequently. **Should I just put the average number of people reporting to me as "Direct Reports" or is there a better way to convey that information?**

Answer: The average number is ok and you should use the supplemental essay to let us know anything that might be hazy for us.

Attendee: Hi. **I just read a response that I can submit GMAT scores 2 weeks before the deadline? Are you saying that after the actual round deadline, you can submit new scores 2 weeks before the Haas admission makes a decision on whether to admit an applicant?**

Answer: Yes, you can send any new scores 2 weeks prior to our decision deadline.

Maham: **Do Coursera courses and other MOOCs count as supplemental courses that one can take prior to applying?**

Answer: Yes, but they are not as impactful as a course from an accredited institution with a grade.

Sandy: I just wanted to know if the courses, professors, length of the programs differ. **I also wanted to ask if there were advantages or disadvantages of choosing the Full Time over Working Professionals.**

Answer: Yes the length is different of the two programs. Full-Time is a 2 year program and Evening and Weekend is a three to four year program.

Attendee: **Do we need to take TOEFL before submitting application? If not till when can we do that?**

Answer: Yes, you do If you are an international student with a bachelor's degree from an institution where English is not the primary official language of the country.

Madhura: **How does Haas count international experience of applicant?** For example, any international work assignment in another country for 2-3 weeks is considered?

Answer: We value international experience highly and you should use your application to tell us how it has informed you.

Eva: For the extracurricular activities, **should we provide an overview of what the activity entails under “nature of organization or activity?” For example, “Volunteer at local soup kitchen” or should this be a topline description like “Community Service?”**

Answer: You can describe the activity for us in that section.

Jacqueline: Hello, thank you for hosting today’s session. **I was wondering how many applicants are chosen for the interview round and when applicants might know if they have been selected for an interview?**

Answer: We offer interview invitations on a rolling basis. The number of interviews given varies every year.

Ryosuke: Regarding the question I asked on official GMAT report, I was told that the official score will be required only if I am admitted. **Does it mean I do not need to request to have official score to sent unless I am admitted?** (The answer I got was clear enough but just to double check. Thank you!)

Answer: It’s in your best interest to send us the official score before and (before you are admitted) but we will notify you if and when we need it.

Attendee: **In case I do not have access to internal documents relating to company information such as “Annual Revenue” and “Number of Employees”, especially for past employers, may I rely on online data such as bloomberg?**

Answer: Sure, that works.

Mounika: Hello - **What would you say makes the Haas MBA program unique compared other programs?** I’ve just started researching MBA programs and trying to determine the similarities and differences between the experiences & opportunities for growth each will offer.

Answer: We think our culture differentiates us, but it’s always a good idea to ask our students what they think!

Ashish: I want to be Product Manager in Internet firms such Amazon post my MBA. For Essay 2, **what would be the best option to select in `Future Industry` and `Future Function` for this role?**

Answer: I believe you can enter "Technology" or something that you think best fits the general field.

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Madison: Hello, I am a member of the 2019 Forte MBALaunch program. Is Haas a sponsor of this program this year?

Answer: Yes, we do partner with Forte.

Madison: Thanks! That's great news! **Does the Forte Fellow scholarship work similarly to other Haas scholarships?**

Answer: Hi Madison! We have Forte Fellows, but we do not have Forte scholarships due to Prop 209.

Bruno: I have just graduated from university and I will apply to the program. I've been working in internships and family business for the last four years. **Should I apply to the program in the Fall 2019 intake or Fall 2020 intake? If possible, I want to get in the MBA in 2019, but if Berkeley judges that I need further professional experience, is it possible that Haas offers me a deferred enrollment?**

Answer: We do not offer deferred enrollment and it is highly unlikely that students defer their admission offer. You should apply whenever you think your application is strongest.

Fanghao: **If my original transcript is in both my original language and English, do I still need to provide a translation from certified translating organizations?**

Answer: No you do not.

Hazel_Moderator: Thank you for joining us today, and thank you for your patience. Feel free to keep in touch with any questions along the way. It's been a pleasure getting to know you throughout this process. Feel free to keep the connection going. Thank you.