

## Questions for Adcom

School Interviews: Question List - Google Docs

### General Questions about School/Program

1. **Activities at the school:** Can you make us aware of new happenings at [Your School]? Any new initiatives, program options, proposed changes in the curriculum, or appointment of new professors etc.
1. **School strengths:** What are the few direction/courses/fields within [School Name] MBA program which you would call its strengths?
1. **Full time MBA vs other programs:** What challenges do you see in front of traditional full time MBA programs in years to come in light of the advent of hybrid MBA programs which are flexible, allow students to retain their current employment, and offer a decent combination of online - on campus coaching.
1. **Over-aged Applicants:** BSchools often make it clear that there is no age limit to apply to their programs; however, a large section of over-aged applicants (applicants with 10+ years of experience) worry about their acceptance chances at full time MBA programs. Considering there is an option of Executive MBA open for such applicants, what type of over-aged applicants should consider applying to tradition full time MBA program instead of EMBA program?
1. **Applying to other schools:** Do you consider which other schools applicant has applied to and whether that selection of schools affect the admission chances of applicant?
1. **BSchool Research:** For those who can't visit the school, what are some of the best ways to learn about the school and interact with current students
1. **(Question for HBS)** Does the elimination of R3 will have any impact on the class composition? Although, HBS is one of those elite business schools that receive thousands of impressive candidates each year, is the school expecting to miss out on a handful of rockstar contenders who waited to submit their applications until R3 for a variety of compelling reasons?
1. **(Question applies only to HBS, Wharton, Columbia, and Booth)** [School Name] has one of the largest student intakes. What are some of the benefits of being a part of a big school? how do candidates perceive the large number of people swarming the school day-in day-out? Are there any downsides of a large class size?

## Questions about application

1. **General app question:** Collaborative nature is one of the most sought after characteristic of an MBA student; While evaluating applications how do you assess if a particular applicant can make positive contributions to the class?

1. **Application mistakes:** What's the number one mistake you'd say you most commonly see in applications?

1. **GMAT vs GRE:** How do you assess applicants with GRE scores compared to those with GMAT scores? Are you simply using a converter tool or are there other specifics you're looking at? Are GRE applicants at a disadvantage?

1. **Application Round:** Is there any advantage of applying in Round 1 vs Round 2?

1. **International Experience:** How much international experience matters in evaluation? If an applicant doesn't have formal international experience but has worked in teams from different nationalities; will it be considered as international exposure?

1. **Essays:** What are some red flags in an essay or application?

1. **Essays:** How strictly word count limits are supervised? Is it okay to go slightly over the limit?

1. **Alternative Transcript:** In case an applicant - typically the one who has lower GMAT / GPA - want to strengthen application by providing additional transcript, do you have a preference for any programs to obtain alternative transcript?

1. **Recommendation Letters:** Could you suggest two best recommender choices for applicants in the following situations? Best two recommenders for each situation.

Situation 1: An applicant who can get a recommendation from his/her current supervisor?

Situation 2: An applicant who CAN NOT get a recommendation from his/her current supervisor or

anyone else from his/her current organization?

Situation 3: An applicant running his/her own firm or working in family business.

Recommender choices: Current direct supervisor, Former direct supervisor, Colleague, Customer, Close Friend, College Professor, Family Member.

## Questions for Current Students

1. **School / Campus:** Describe the culture and atmosphere of your school and student body.
1. **School / Campus:** What are some must-hit spots on a [School Name] visit?
1. **School / Campus:** What attracted you and overall pick [School Name] out of your other school choices?
1. **School / Campus:** How is the interaction between 2nd years and 1st years? Do seniors provide any guidance/assistance on study areas as well as recruiting
1. **Housing:** Where do most MBA students live? In collegetown, or downtown [City name]?
1. **Application Advice:** Looking back on studying and taking the GMAT, what are your best tips, advice, and recommendations?
1. **Any weaknesses / Areas of improvement:** What's one thing you'd change about [School Name]?
1. **Internships/Placements:** I have heard that networking events start very early in the first semester. Can you elaborate how early is "very early", and what roles do these networking events play in recruiting?

1. **Internships/Placements:** How much time students spend on networking/internship research/interview prep in comparison with time spent on classes/study?

1. **Internships/Placements:** Did you find any relevance of GMAT score, undergrad GPA and accomplishments, or previous work experience, in placement interviews? Which areas these interviews generally revolve around?