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In the USA  
Deadlines & Essay Questions  
2013-2014

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# MBA TOP 30 Schools in the USA

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### 1. Harvard University (HBS)

#### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/09/16

Round 2: 2014/01/06

Round 3: 2014/04/07

#### By Noon Boston Time

#### Essay Questions

You're applying to Harvard Business School. We can see your resume, school transcripts, extra-curricular activities, awards, post-MBA career goals, test scores and what your recommenders have to say about you. What else would you like us to know as we consider your candidacy? (No limit)

#### Recommendation Questions

How do the candidate's performance, potential, background, or personal qualities compare to those of other well-qualified individuals in similar roles? Please provide specific examples. (300 words)

Please describe the most important piece of constructive feedback you have given the applicant. Please detail the circumstances and the applicant's response. (250 words)

GMAT: Score Range 550-780

Median GMAT 730

TOEFL: Minimum 110

### 1. Stanford

#### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/02

Round 2: 2014/01/08

Round 3: 2014/04/02

#### By 5PM Pacific Time

#### Essay Questions

- **Essay 1:** What matters most to you, and why?
  - The best examples of Essay 1 reflect the process of self-examination that you have undertaken to write them.
  - They give us a vivid and genuine image of who you are—and they also convey how you became the person you are.
  - They do not focus merely on what you've done or accomplished. Instead, they share with us the values, experiences, and lessons that have shaped your perspectives.
  - They are written from the heart and address not only a person, situation, or event, but also how that person, situation, or event has influenced your life.

- **Essay 2:** What do you want to do—REALLY—and why Stanford?
  - Use this essay to explain your view of your future, not to repeat accomplishments from your past.
  - You should address two distinct topics:
    - Your career aspirations
    - and your rationale for earning your MBA at Stanford, in particular
  - The best examples of Essay 2 express your passions or focused interests, explain why you have decided to pursue graduate education in management, and demonstrate your desire to take advantage of the opportunities that are distinctive to the Stanford MBA Program.
- **Essay 3:** Answer **one** of the three questions below. Tell us not only what you did but also **how** you did it. What was the outcome? How did people respond? Only describe experiences that have occurred during the last three years.
  - **Option A:** Tell us about a time in the last three years when you built or developed a team whose performance exceeded expectations.
  - **Option B:** Tell us about a time in the last three years when you identified and pursued an opportunity to improve an organization.
  - **Option C:** Tell us about a time in the last three years when you went beyond what was defined or established.

#### Recommendation Questions

##### Professional/Workplace recommenders

1. Please comment briefly on the context of your interaction with the applicant. If applicable, describe the applicant's role in your organization.
2. How do the candidate's performance, potential, or personal qualities compare to those of other well-qualified individuals in similar roles? Please provide specific examples.
3. Describe the most important piece of constructive feedback you have given the applicant. Please detail the circumstances and the applicant's response.

##### Peer recommender

1. Please comment briefly on the context of your interaction with the applicant. If applicable, describe the applicant's role in your organization.
2. Please describe a time when the applicant changed your thinking or actions.
3. Describe the most important piece of constructive feedback you have given the applicant. Please detail the circumstances and the applicant's response.
4. (Optional) Are there any additional statements about the applicant's performance, potential, or personal qualities you believe would be helpful to the MBA Admissions Office?

GMAT: Score Range 580-790

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Median GMAT 730

TOEFL: Range 101-119

Median 113

### 3. University of Pennsylvania (Wharton)

#### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/01

Round 2: 2014/01/07

Round 3: 2014/03/27

#### Essay Questions

1. What do you aspire to achieve, personally and professionally, through the Wharton MBA? (500 words)

2. Academic engagement is an important element of the Wharton MBA experience. How do you see yourself contributing to our learning community? (500 words)

Additional for reapplicants )

All reapplicants to Wharton are required to complete the Optional Essay. Please use this space to explain how you have reflected on the previous decision on your application and to discuss any updates to your candidacy (e.g., changes in your professional life, additional coursework, extracurricular/volunteer engagements). You may also use this section to address any extenuating circumstances. (250 words)

Optional essay)

If you feel there are extenuating circumstances of which the Committee should be aware, please explain them here (e.g., unexplained gaps in work experience, choice of recommenders, or questionable academic performance, significant weaknesses in your application). (250 words)

#### Recommendation Questions

Check online recommendation form

GMAT: Score Range 630-790

Median GMAT 725

TOEFL: Average 110

### 4. MIT (Sloan)

#### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/09/24

Round 2: 2014/01/07

#### Essay Questions

Essay 1: The mission of the MIT Sloan School of Management is to develop principled, innovative leaders who improve the world and generate ideas that advance management practice. Discuss how you will contribute toward advancing the mission based on examples of past work and activities. (500 words or fewer, limited to one page)

Essay 2: Describe a time when you pushed yourself beyond your comfort zone. (500 words or fewer, limited to one page)

#### Recommendation Questions

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. How does the applicant stand out from others in a similar capacity?
3. Please give an example of the applicant's impact on a person, group, or organization.
4. Please give a representative example of how the applicant interacts with other people.
5. Which of the applicant's personal or professional characteristics would you change?
6. Please tell us anything else you think we should know about this applicant

GMAT: no minimum score required

Average Score 713

TOEFL: not required

### 4. North Western University (Kellogg)

#### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/16

Round 2: 2014/01/07

Round 3: 2014/04/02

**By 11:59PM Central Time**

#### Essay Questions

ESSAY 1

What's the greatest obstacle you've overcome (personally or professionally)?

How has overcoming this obstacle prepared you to achieve success now and in the future? (350 word limit)

ESSAY 2

What have been your most significant leadership experiences? What challenges did you face, and what impact did you have?

This is your opportunity to explain how you Think Bravely. (500 word limit)

ESSAY 3

Part 1: What career/role are you looking to pursue and why? (250 word limit)

Part 2: Why are Kellogg and the MBA essential to achieving these career goals? (250 word limit) (Please answer Part 2 in terms of your program choice: One-Year, Two-Year, MMM, JD-MBA).

#### Recommendation Questions

Check online recommendation form

GMAT: Score Range 650-740

TOEFL: not required

## 6, University of Chicago (Booth)

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/10/03

Round 2: 2014/01/08

Round 3: 2014/04/03

**Essay Questions****Short Answer Essays**

Please respond to the following two essay prompts:

a. My favorite part of my work is... (250 words maximum)

b. I started to think differently when... (250 words maximum)

**Presentation/Essay**

The Chicago experience will take you deeper into issues, force you to challenge assumptions, and broaden your perspective. In a four-slide presentation or an essay of no more than 600 words, broaden our perspective about who you are.

Understanding what we currently know about you from the rest of the application, what else would you like us to know?

**Recommendation Questions**

**Please provide a written letter of recommendation. Be sure to include how the applicant ranks comparative to his/her peer group. Other items to consider are the applicant's:**

- Most salient strengths
- Areas of development, including efforts the applicant has taken to show improvement
- Team skills and leadership ability
- Initiative, curiosity, and motivation
- Other matters which you feel we should know about the applicant

**GMAT:**

Score Range 650-740

**TOEFL:**

Minimum 104

## 7, University of California-Berkeley (Haas)

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/10/22

Round 2: 2014/01/07

Round 3: 2014/04/15

**Essay Questions****Short Answer Essays**

Please respond to the following two essay prompts:

a. My favorite part of my work is... (250 words maximum)

b. I started to think differently when... (250 words maximum)

**Presentation/Essay**

The Chicago experience will take you deeper into issues, force you to challenge assumptions, and broaden your perspective. In a four-slide presentation or an essay of no more than 600 words, broaden our perspective about who you are.

Understanding what we currently know about you from the rest of the application, what else would you like us to know?

**Recommendation Questions**

1. How strong is the candidate's focus in terms of being results-oriented, strategically-minded, and career-driven?

2. How does the candidate demonstrate leadership, e.g., by creating a vision, motivating others, managing resources, and taking risks?

3. How strong are the candidate's interpersonal skills as shown by their professionalism, teamwork, attitude, and conflict management?

4. How effective is the candidate in communicating clearly, eloquently, and confidently (in written and oral form)?

5. What are the areas in which the candidate could develop further?

**GMAT:**

No minimum required

must be taken between 2012/04/01-2014/4/30

**TOEFL:** minimum 100

must be taken between 2009/04/01-2014/4/30

## 8, Columbia University

**Application Deadline**

Early Decision 2013.10.2 for J term

Regular Decision 2014.4.9

**Essay Questions****Short answer Question**

What is your immediate post-MBA professional goal? (100 characters)

\*Example

**Essay 1**

Given your individual background, why are you pursuing a Columbia MBA at this time?(500 words)

**Essay2**

Columbia Business School is located in the heart of the capital-Manhattan. How do you anticipate that New York City will impact your experience at Columbia? (Max 250 words)

**Essay3**

What will the people in your cluster be pleasantly surprised to learn about you? (Max 250 words)

**Optional essay**

An optional essay will allow you to discuss any issues that do not fall within the purview of the required essays.

### Recommendation Questions

- Your relationship to the applicant
- The applicant's performance
- Strength and Weaknesses of the applicant.
- The applicant's interpersonal skills
- The applicant's written and spoken communication skills
- how does the applicant accept constructive criticism or handle conflicts?
- How effective are the applicant's interpersonal skills in the workplace?

GMAT: Average score of class 715

TOEFL: no minimum score required

9, Dartmouth College (Tuck)

#### Application Deadline

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| Early Action Round | 2013.10.9 |
| November Round     | 2013.11.6 |
| January Round      | 2014.1.3  |
| April Round        | 2014.4.2  |

Due by 5PM EST

#### Essay Questions (limited 500 words)

1. Why is an MBA a critical next step toward your short- and long-term career goals? Why is Tuck the best MBA fit for you and your goals and why are you the best fit for Tuck?
2. Tell us about your most meaningful collaborative leadership experience and what role you played. What did you learn about your own individual strengths and weaknesses through this experience?
3. Describe a circumstance in your life in which you faced adversity, failure, or setback. What actions did you take as a result and what did you learn from this experience?
4. (Optional) Please provide any additional insight or information that you have not addressed elsewhere that may be helpful in reviewing your application (e.g., unusual choice of evaluators, weaknesses in academic performance, unexplained job gaps or changes, etc.). Complete this question only if you feel your candidacy is not fully represented by this application.
5. (To be completed by all reapplicants) How have you strengthened your candidacy since you last applied? Please reflect on how you have grown personally and professionally.

#### Recommendation Questions

GMAT: Average score is 719

Range is 530-780

TOEFL: no minimum score required

10, NYU (Stern)

#### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/15

Round 2: 2013/11/15

Round 3: 2014/01/15

Round 4: 2014/03/15

International applicants encouraged to apply by Round 2

, may also apply to any other round too.

By 11:59PM US eastern time

#### Essay Questions

Essay 1 maximum 750

Professional Aspiration

- Why pursue an MBA at this point of your life?
- What action have you taken to determine that Stern is the best fit for your MBA experience.
- What do you see yourself doing professionally upon graduation?

Essay 2 maximum 500

Option A your two paths

The mission of the Stern School of Business is to develop people and ideas that transform the challenges of the 21st century into opportunities to create value for business and society. Given today's ever-changing global landscape, Stern seeks and develops leaders who thrive in ambiguity, embrace a broad perspective and think creatively about the range of ways they can have an impact

Option B Personal Expression

Please describe yourself to your MBA classmates. You may use almost any method to convey your message (e.g. words, illustrations). Feel free to be creative.

If you submit a non-written piece for this essay (i.e., artwork or multimedia) or if you submit this essay via mail, please upload a brief description of your submission with your online application.

#### Recommendation Questions

Check recommendation form

GMAT: Average 721

TOEFL: minimum 100

## 11, Duke University (Fuqua)

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/09/18

Round 2: 2013/10/21

Round 3: 2014/01/06

Round 4: 2014/03/20

**Essay Questions**

Check online application form

relatively simple questions from the other schools.

**Recommendation Questions**

1. Comment on the applicant's interpersonal skills (effectiveness in establishing and maintaining relationships; working with supervisors, peers, and subordinates; willingness to work in a team environment). (Limit 2000 characters)

2. What do you consider the applicant's three primary talents or strengths? Please provide examples, if relevant. (Limit 2000 characters)

3. In what areas does the applicant need improvement or growth? If you have had the opportunity to provide the applicant with constructive feedback, please provide specific examples of the feedback and the applicant's response to it. (Limit 2000 characters)

4. If you would like to provide any further comments you feel would aid the committee in the evaluation of the applicant, you may attach additional information. Please compose your comments off-line and upload here.

GMAT: no minimum required

TOEFL: no minimum required

## 12, U of Virginia (Darden)

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/10/15

Round 2: 2014/01/07

Round 3: 2014/03/27

**Essay Questions** (500 words maximum)

**Share your thought process as you encountered a challenging work situation or complex problem. What did you learn about yourself?**

**Recommendation Questions**

Check online application form

GMAT: Average 706

TOEFL: no minimum required, Average is 106

## 13, Yale University

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/09/25

Round 2: 2014/01/09

Round 3: 2014/05/22

**Essay Questions****Essay 1:**

What motivates your decision to pursue an MBA? (300 words maximum)

**Essay 2:**

The Yale School of Management provides leadership education for broad-minded, rigorous, and intellectually curious students with diverse backgrounds; a distinctive integrated curriculum; connections to one of the great research universities in the world; and the broad reach of an innovative and expanding global network of top business schools.

What motivates you to apply to the Yale School of Management for your MBA? What will you contribute to Yale and Yale SOM? (450 words maximum)

**Recommendation Questions**

GMAT: Average 719

TOEFL: minimum 100

## 14, UCLA (Anderson)

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/10/22

Round 2: 2014/01/07

Round 3: 2014/04/15

**Essay Questions**

What are your short-term and long-term career goals, and how will an MBA from UCLA Anderson specifically help you achieve these goals? (750 words maximum)

*Optional*

Are there any extenuating circumstances in your profile about which the Admissions Committee should be aware? (250 words maximum)

**Recommendation Questions**

Check online recommendation form

GMAT: no minimum required

Average is 707

TOEFL: minimum is 100

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### 14 UCLA

#### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/22

Round 2: 2014/01/07

Round 3: 2014/04/15

#### Essay Questions

What are your short-term and long-term career goals, and how will an MBA from UCLA Anderson specifically help you achieve these goals? (750 words maximum)

#### Optional

Are there any extenuating circumstances in your profile about which the Admissions Committee should be aware? (250 words maximum)

#### Recommendation Questions

Check online recommendation form

GMAT: no minimum required

Average is 707

TOEFL: minimum is 100

### 14, U of Michigan-Ann-Arbor (Ross)

#### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/01

Round 2: 2014/01/02

Round 3: 2014/03/03

#### Essay Questions

1. Introduce yourself to your future Ross classmates in 100 words or less.
2. a. What about your professional experiences has led you to determine that business school is the right next step? (150 words)  
b. As you have researched MBA programs, what actions have you taken to learn more about Ross and what has led you to believe that Ross is the right MBA program for you? (150 words)  
c. What career do you plan to pursue after business school and why? (150 words)
3. Describe a time in your career when you were frustrated or disappointed. What advice would you give to a colleague who was dealing with a similar situation? (400 word maximum)
4. Optional question: Is there anything not addressed elsewhere in the application that you would like the Admissions Committee to know about you to evaluate your candidacy? (300 word maximum)

#### Recommendation Questions

1. Please comment on the context of your interaction with the applicant. If applicable, briefly describe the applicant's role in your organization.
2. How does the candidate's performance compare

to other well-qualified individuals in similar roles?

3. What behavioral areas have you identified as the applicant's areas for growth?

How would you describe the applicant's awareness of, and efforts to address, these areas?

4. Please provide any additional comments about the applicant's performance, potential, or personal qualities you believe would be helpful to the Admissions Committee.

GMAT: Average is 703,

middle 80% range is 650-750

TOEFL: minimum 100

### 16, Cornell University (Johnson)

#### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/02

Round 2: 2013/12/04

Round 3: 2014/02/12

#### Essay Questions

#### Essay #1 "Who you are"

We continue to ask the "chapter headings" essay because we really enjoy reading it and get great information about you that we cannot get anywhere else in the process, even the interview.

You are the author for the book of Your Life Story. In 300 words or less please write the table of contents for the book. Note: approach this essay with your unique style. We value creativity and authenticity.

#### Essay #2 "Who you turn out to be"

Instructions: Please answer the following three questions in abbreviated format. (Keep each answer in 150 words or less)

When did you decide that business school was the next step for you? (Was this an epiphany or an evolutionary process? What was the catalyst that caused you to consider this next step?)

Johnson values people that make things happen for themselves. Give an example of how you have initiated this for yourself.

Please describe your immediate post MBA career goals.

#### Recommendation Questions

Check online application form

GMAT: no minimum required Average

Middle 80% range is 640-740

TOEFL: minimum is 100

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17, U of Texas-Austin (McCombs)

### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/15

Round 2: 2014/01/21

Round 3: 2014/03/27

### Essay Questions

In the Texas MBA program we value our tight-knit and highly collaborative culture. Outside of your professional goals, please discuss why you are a good fit with the Texas MBA program and how you intend to impact the Texas MBA community? (250 words)

What do you hope to gain from your Texas MBA experience? How do you expect to develop, both personally and professionally, during the Texas MBA program? (250 words)

**Optional Essay:** Please provide any additional information to the Admissions Committee that you believe is important and/or will address any areas of concern that will be beneficial to the Admissions Committee in considering your application. (200 words)

### Recommendation Questions

GMAT: Average 693

TOEFL: no minimum required, Average is 106

19, Carnegie Mellon University (Tepper)

### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/07/13

Round 2: 2014/01/02

Round 3: 2014/03/15

Round 4: 2014/05/05

Round 5: 2014/06/01

### Essay Questions

**Essay 1 (Maximum 500 words):** What transferable skills have you developed that are related to your professional goals outlined in Short Answer 1? Additionally, identify the skills that you will need to develop or enhance. Specifically, how will the Tepper MBA help you develop these skills?

**Essay 2 (Maximum 300 words):** Describe a defining moment in your life and explain how it shaped you as a person.

**Essay 3 (Maximum 300 words):** How will your presence in the Tepper MBA program benefit your fellow students? How will you contribute to the school as a student and as an alumnus?

### Recommendation Questions

Check online application form

GMAT: Average 693

TOEFL: no minimum required

18, Emory University (Goizueta)

### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/11

Round 2: 2013/11/20

Round 3: 2014/01/10

Round 4: 2014/03/14

### Essay Questions

#### Essay 1 (Maximum 200 words):

• What is your short-term career goal and why is an MBA from Goizueta an important next step toward that goal?

• If your initial career plans are not realized, what else are you considering?

#### Essay 2 (Maximum 300 words):

How will you contribute to and make a lasting impact on the Goizueta Business School community as a student or alumnus?

**Essay 3** Complete **one** of the following statements. Please limit your response to **250 words**:

- I am unique because...
- My most memorable cross-cultural experience...
- I am passionate about...
- The best piece of advice I've ever received is...

**Essay 4;** In **25** words or less, please share with the committee and your future classmates an interesting or fun fact about you

#### Optional Essay (Maximum 250 words):

If you have additional information or feel there are extenuating circumstances which you would like to share with the MBA Admissions Committee (i.e. unexplained gaps in work experience, choice of recommenders, academic performance issues or areas of weakness in application).

### Recommendation Questions

Check online application form

GMAT: the middle 80% range is 610-730

TOEFL: minimum 100

20, U of North Carolina-Chapel-Hill (Kenan-Flagler)

### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/18

Round 2: 2013/12/09

Round 3: 2014/01/13

Round 4: 2014/03/14

### Essay Questions

#### Essay 1 (Maximum 500 words):

What are the 2 or 3 strengths or characteristics that have driven your career success thus far? What are the other strengths that you would like to leverage in the future?



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### Essay 2 (Maximum 500 words):

Please describe your short and long term goals post-MBA. Explain how: your professional experience has shaped these goals; why this career option appeals to you; and how you arrived at the decision that now is the time and the MBA is the appropriate degree.

### Essay 3

(Maximum 500 words):

What personal qualities or life experiences distinguish you from other applicants? How do these qualities or experiences equip you to contribute to UNC Kenan-Flagler?

### Optional Essay; (Maximum 300 words):

If your standardized test scores are low, or if you have not had coursework in core business subjects (calculus, microeconomics, statistics, financial accounting), please tell us how you plan to prepare yourself for the quantitative rigor of the MBA curriculum

### Optional Essay (Maximum 300 words):

Is there any other information you would like to share that is not presented elsewhere in the application?

### Recommendation Questions

Check online application form

GMAT: the middle 80% range is 620-740

TOEFL: minimum 100

21, Washington University in St. Louis Olin

### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/01

Round 2: 2013/11/15

Round 3: 2014/01/04

Round 4: 2014/02/15

Round 5: 2014/04/01

**\*After April 1 we move to rolling admissions, during which we continue to accept applications on a first-come, first-served space-available basis.**

### Essay Questions

Check Online application form

### Recommendation Questions

Check Online application form

GMAT:

Average 696

TOEFL:

no minimum score is required, but highly competitive

22, Indiana University

### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/15

Round 2: 2013/01/05

Round 3: 2014/03/01

Round 4: 2014/04/15

### Essay Questions

#### Essay 1

Please discuss your post-MBA short- and long-term professional goals. How will your professional experience, when combined with a Kelley MBA degree, allow you to achieve these goals?

#### Essay 2

Describe a personal or professional challenge or set-back that you were able to overcome. What allowed you to persevere?

#### Essay 3

Suppose you had to choose three people—people alive now or people from another era—to travel with you on a cross-country automobile trip. Who would you choose and why? What would you hope to learn from them? (Think carefully about the company you want on those long stretches through Nebraska or Kansas.)

#### Essay 4

Describe what there is about your background and your experiences that will contribute to the diversity of the entering class and enhance the educational experience of other students.

#### Optional

Is there anything else that you think we should know as we evaluate your application? If you believe your credentials and essays represent you fairly, you shouldn't feel obligated to answer this question.

### Recommendation Questions

Check Online application form

GMAT:

Average 664

TOEFL:

Minimum 100

23, U of Minnesota (Carlson)

### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/11/01

Round 2: 2013/12/01

Round 3: 2014/02/01

### Essay Questions

Briefly describe your short-term and long-term career goals. Why are you choosing to pursue an MBA at this time in your career, and what are you hoping to accomplish by doing so?

Why are you interested in pursuing an MBA at the Carlson School of Management?

What do you feel makes you a strong candidate for the program? How will you contribute to the MBA Program overall?

**Recommendation Questions**

Check recommendation form

GMAT: no minimum score required

TOEFL: ranges of 90-105

23, University of Washington (Foster)

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/10/15

Round 2: 2014/11/15

Round 3: 2014/01/20

**Essay Questions**

Briefly describe your short-term and long-term career goals. Why are you choosing to pursue an MBA at this time in your career, and what are you hoping to accomplish by doing so?

Why are you interested in pursuing an MBA at the Carlson School of Management?

What do you feel makes you a strong candidate for the program? How will you contribute to the MBA Program overall?

**Recommendation Questions**

Check recommendation form

GMAT: no minimum score required

TOEFL: ranges of 90-105

25, George Town University

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/10/10

Round 2: 2014/01/05

Round 3: 2014/04/01

**Essay Questions****Essay 1**

- **Part A:** What is your short-term goal following graduation from the Georgetown McDonough Full-time MBA Program? What skills are you seeking to develop or improve upon in order to reach your goals? (500 words or fewer)
- **Part B:** What is your long-term career goal? (100 words or fewer)

**Essay 2**

**Option A:** Describe a global business challenge and its relevance to your post-MBA career. (750 words or fewer)

**Option B:** Describe yourself both personally and professionally and how you will contribute to the Georgetown McDonough community. (750 words or fewer)

**Essay 3**

Why do you want to attend the Georgetown McDonough Full-time MBA Program? Tell us in tweet format\*. (140 characters or fewer)

**Optional**

If you are not currently employed full-time, use this essay to provide information about your current activities. (250 words or fewer)

**Optional2**

Please provide any information you would like to add to your application that you have not otherwise included. (500 words or fewer)

**Recommendation Questions**

Check Online application form

GMAT:

Average 686

TOEFL:

minimum 100

26, University of South California (Marshall)

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/10/15

Round 2: 2014/01/10

Round 3: 2014/04/15

**Essay Questions**

**Short Answer 1 (Maximum 250 words):** What is your professional goal immediately following graduation from the Tepper School?

**Short Answer 2 (Maximum 250 words):** What are your long term career goals?

**Essay 1 (Maximum 500-750 words):**

Introduce yourself. How are you a good fit for the USC Marshall MBA community? The Trojan Network is highly regarded worldwide; how do your professional and personal goals add value to this expansive and collaborative brand?

**Optional Essay (Maximum 250 words):**

Here you may choose to provide additional information with regard to personal characteristics and/or challenges you have had which might enhance the diversity of your class

**Recommendation Questions**

Only one letter of recommendation is required. It is used as a gauge of your professional achievements and managerial potential. We prefer that your letter of recommendation be provided by a direct supervisor. This person should provide specific observations and examples of your leadership, teamwork, analytical skills and personal qualities

GMAT: the middle 80% range is 640-730

Average 700

TOEFL:

no minimum score is required, but highly competitive

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26, University of South California (Marshall)

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/10/15

Round 2: 2014/01/10

Round 3: 2014/04/15

**Essay Questions**

**Short Answer 1 (Maximum 250 words):** What is your professional goal immediately following graduation from the Tepper School?

**Short Answer 2 (Maximum 250 words):** What are your long term career goals?

**Essay 1 (Maximum 500-750 words):**

Introduce yourself. How are you a good fit for the USC Marshall MBA community? The Trojan Network is highly regarded worldwide; how do your professional and personal goals add value to this expansive and collaborative brand?

**Optional Essay (Maximum 250 words):**

Here you may choose to provide additional information with regard to personal characteristics and/or challenges you have had which might enhance the diversity of your class

**Recommendation Questions**

Only one letter of recommendation is required. It is used as a gauge of your professional achievements and managerial potential. We prefer that your letter of recommendation be provided by a direct supervisor. This person should provide specific observations and examples of your leadership, teamwork, analytical skills and personal qualities

GMAT: the middle 80% range is 640-730

Average 700

TOEFL:

no minimum score is required, but highly competitive

27, University of Notre Dame (Mendoza)

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/09/09

Round 2: 2014/11/04

Round 3: 2014/01/06

Round 4: 2014/03/03

**Essay Questions**

Check Online application form

**Recommendation Questions**

Check Online application form

GMAT:

Middle 80% range 640-740

TOEFL:

no minimum score is required, but highly competitive encourage to have iBT 100

30, Arizona State University

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/10/01

Round 2: 2014/11/27

Round 3: 2014/02/03

**Essay Questions**

**Essay 1**

Identify one life experience that led you to pursue your MBA, and tell us how this experience will advance your career. (500 words or less)

**Essay 2**

Share with us your top ten memorable moments. (One sentence per moment)

**Essay 3**

Please provide any additional information you would like to bring to the attention for the Admissions Committee. (**Optional question**; 250 words or less)

**Recommendation Questions**

Check Online application form

GMAT:

Average 673

TOEFL: minimum score is iBT 80

Average score is 107

30, Brigham Young University (Marrionett)

**Application Deadline**

Round 1: 2013/12/01

Round 2: 2014/01/15

Round 3: 2014/03/01

**Essay Questions**

Check Online application form

**Recommendation Questions**

Check Online application form

GMAT:

Average 670

TOEFL:

minimum score is iBT 94

Minimum score of 22 in speaking and minimum score of 21 in listening, reading, and writing

## MBA TOP 30 Schools in the USA

2013-2014 Deadlines & Essay questions

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### 30, Rice University (Jones)

#### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/10/28

Round 2: 2014/01/06

Round 3: 2014/02/24

Round 4: 2014/04/07

#### Essay Questions

##### Essay 1

Describe your short-term and long-term career goals, and how the MBA will help you achieve those goals. Include in your discussion: Why is now the appropriate time to pursue an MBA, and why are you interested in obtaining a Rice MBA? (750 words or fewer)

##### Essay 2

An MBA program includes learning that comes through students sharing their experiences with one another. Assuming you have one minute of time, please describe to the Admissions Committee how you would add value to the Rice MBA Class of 2016. (250 words or fewer)

##### Essay 3

Choose one of the following three essays (Maximum 500 words):

What is the best mistake you have ever made? Include its impact on you and how it altered your view of the world.

Describe a defining moment or event that changed your life.

What historical event would you like to have witnessed or participated in, and why?

##### Optional

You may use this essay to discuss anything else that you would like the Admissions Committee to know about you, or to provide information or clarification on one or more aspects of your application (750 words or fewer)

#### Recommendation Questions

Check Online application form

GMAT:

Average 676

TOEFL:

no minimum score is required, but highly competitive

### 30, Vanderbilt University (Owen)

#### Application Deadline

Round 1: 2013/11/25

Round 2: 2014/01/06

Round 3: 2014/03/03

Round 4: 2014/05/05

#### Essay Questions (less than 500 words each)

Why you want an MBA and what you hope to do once you graduate.

Where you hope it will lead you and why Owen is well suited to help you attain your goals.

#### Recommendation Questions

Check Online application form

GMAT:

Middle 80% range 640-740

TOEFL:

minimum score is iBT 102