

MBA Early Admission / Deferral Programs



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ABOUT PERSONAL MBA COACH

Personal MBA Coach has helped hundreds of applicants around the world get into top MBA, EMBA, part-time MBA and graduate programs including HBS, Stanford, Wharton, Chicago Booth, Kellogg, Columbia GSB, Dartmouth Tuck, MIT Sloan, London Business School, INSEAD, Yale SOM, UVA Darden, Duke Fuqua, Berkeley Haas, NYU Stern and many more, as well as advancing their careers with a 96% success rate.

Personal MBA Coach was founded in 2008 by Scott Edinburgh, a former management consultant and industry strategist with an MBA from Wharton and a BS from MIT. With a boutique and personalized approach, Scott helps turn analytical, general management and client services experiences into the powerful and convincing stories that admissions committee members are looking for. Personal MBA Coach helps clients through all aspects of the application process, including application strategy, pre-application planning, GMAT/GRE prep and school selection. Scott is on the Board of Directors and is a Committee Chair of AIGAC (Association of International Graduate Admissions Consultants: an organization that meets annually with admissions directors of the top 25 schools globally). Learn how Personal MBA Coach can make your dreams a reality by walking you step by step through the entire process.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Comprehensive Packages
- GMAT/GRE/EA Tutoring
- Interview Preparation
- Waitlist Support
- Gut Check
- Early MBA Planning

WHAT SETS PERSONAL MBA COACH APART

- Founded by Scott Edinburgh, a Wharton MBA, member of AIGAC Board of Directors and industry veteran with nearly 13 years of admissions consulting experience
- Prior corporate experience to inform your essays and goals including: consulting, banking, and strategy
- Former M7 & T10 admissions directors and M7 MBA interviewers on our team
- Flexible scheduling and fast turnaround times
- Personalized and customized GMAT/GRE tutoring
- One point of contact
- Direct, honest feedback
- Internal network of former clients at all top schools

Comprehensive Packages Overview



1. Develop Your Story

The boutique one-on-one approach begins day 1. With a kickoff call or meeting, Scott will learn all about you and your aspirations. Together you will select target schools, articulate your DISTINCT story and fine-tune your goals.



2. Resume Review

Virtually all professional resumes need to be tailored for business school applications. Your resume will be updated from top to bottom as many times as it takes to bring it to perfection.



3. Essay Brainstorming and Unlimited Essay Editing

Building from YOUR personal story, we will brainstorm topics and review award winning essays. Send your essays back for detailed edits and feedback as many times as it takes to get them right, with fast two day turnaround and direct and honest insight.



4. LOR Support

Don't underestimate this crucial step. Scott will guide you through selecting the ideal recommenders and preparing them so your LORs shine and align with your overall application.



5. Interview Preparation

Seal the deal with detailed interview guides and mock interviews with former M7 admissions interviewers, followed by written feedback. For Wharton/Ross, we will conduct group mock interviews and for HBS we include post interview reflection support.



6. Waitlist Strategy & Post Acceptance Support

Our relationship does not end when you hit submit. Whether you are accepted or waitlisted, Scott will continue his personal support. Find out how and when to reach out to get off the waitlist and receive advice on which school best suits your goals. He will connect you with former clients at your future school as you join the small Personal MBA Coach alumni family and attend Personal MBA Coach alumni networking events.



Harvard Business School 2+2

“The 2+2 Program is a deferred admission process for current students, either in college or full-time master’s degree programs. It is comprised of at least two years of professional work experience followed by two years in the regular HBS MBA Program. We’re looking for innovative thinkers who have demonstrated leadership and analytical skills and want to develop their knowledge and passion to make a difference in the world. Upon graduation, admitted 2+2 students spend a minimum of two years (maximum of four years) working in a professional position in the public, private, or nonprofit sector.

College seniors from any academic background are eligible to apply (more on eligibility below). Some preference will be given to high potential individuals on paths that aren’t as well established in leading to graduate business school, including applicants: Planning to work in an operating company, from a lower socio-economic background (first generation in college, lower income family background, less family exposure to graduate school), going into a technically demanding role, pursuing entrepreneurship.”

Eligibility

- Candidates from bachelor degree programs
- Candidates from joint bachelor/graduate degree programs
- Candidates from graduate degree programs who have not held a full-time work position (other than internships or co-ops). To be eligible for the 2+2 program, candidates need to have gone directly from undergraduate to graduate school
- To be considered for Class of 2024 (entering fall 2022), you must graduate from your program between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020

Class of 2023 Profile

- 115 commits out of 1403 applicants
- 9% acceptance rate
- Median GMAT: 730
- Average GPA: 3.79

Essay

- As we review your application, what more would you like us to know as we consider your candidacy for the Harvard Business School MBA program?

Fee

- \$100 Application fee



Wharton Advance Access Program



“The Advance Access Program is a deferred admission program that offers undergraduate seniors and graduate students in their final year of study a guaranteed pathway to the Wharton MBA after pursuing two to four years of quality work experience. The program seeks to recruit students who are innovative, intellectually curious and ready to take professional risks while impacting the world. Students from all academic fields and disciplines are encouraged to apply, and the program will accept a highly selective cohort of students whose academic and career interests expand the traditional notions of business education.”

Eligibility

- Must be an undergraduate or graduate student in your final year of study

Class Profile (during previous years, program was open to Penn students only)

- Wharton overall average GMAT: 730

Essays

- Essay 1: What do you hope to gain professionally from the Wharton MBA? (500 words)
- Essay 2: Describe an impactful experience or accomplishment that is not reflected elsewhere in your application. How will you use what you learned through that experience to contribute to the Wharton community? (400 words)

Fee

- \$100 application fee



Columbia Deferred Enrollment Program



“The Columbia Business School Deferred Enrollment Program offers undergraduate students the opportunity to gain a few years of work experience with a guarantee of admission to Columbia’s highly selective MBA program, and the flexibility to begin the full-time program two to five years after college graduation.

Columbia is looking for future leaders from all academic and personal backgrounds to maintain the diverse and supportive community for which Columbia is known.”

Eligibility

- Students graduating during the current academic year from a bachelor’s degree program
- Students completing a graduate degree program. Candidates must have started the graduate degree program directly after completing their undergraduate degree to be eligible for the Deferred Enrollment Program. Students enrolled in Ph.D. programs, law school, or medical school are not eligible

Class of 2023 Profile

- 114 admitted
- GMAT range: 640-790
- GPA range: 2.94-4.0

Essays

- How is a Columbia MBA going to help you? (maximum 250 words)
- What has been your favorite class and why? (maximum 250 words)
- Who is a leader you admire, and why? (maximum 250 words)
- (Optional) Is there any further information that you wish to provide the Admissions Committee? If so, use this space to provide an explanation of any areas of concern in your academic record or your personal history. This does not need to be formal. You may submit bullet points (maximum 500 words)

Fee

- No application fee



Yale SOM Silver Scholars

“As a Silver Scholar, you will spend your first year at Yale SOM developing the basic skills and mindset of a manager through our innovative core curriculum. During the second year, you will complete a full-time internship; this extended work experience will help you put your business education into practice, develop your leadership skills, and give you a competitive advantage as you pursue a permanent position. In your third year, you will return to campus for the conclusion of the MBA program, taking electives at Yale SOM and elsewhere at the university in the areas that most interest you and support your career goals.”

Eligibility

- Only current college seniors are eligible to apply. Your graduation date must be on or after December 1, 2019. You must be scheduled to graduate (complete all coursework and submit a final transcript with proof of undergraduate degree conferral) by August 1, 2020

Essay

- Describe the biggest commitment you have ever made

Fee

- \$250 application fee. Reduced fee of \$125 for applicants earning under \$10,000/year



Chicago Booth Scholars Program

“Undergraduate students who are considering an MBA in the future can apply to Chicago Booth’s Full-Time MBA Program during their final year of studies. The Chicago Booth Scholars Program allows you to complete the MBA application process while still at your undergraduate institution, then start at Chicago Booth after a conditional two to four year deferment period for professional experience. Chicago Booth Scholars is an early impact program that offers promising undergraduates the chance to secure a seat in the next generation of MBA talent.”

Eligibility

- Candidates in their final year of a bachelor’s degree program or candidates in their final year of joint bachelor’s/master’s degree program. To be considered for admission to the Chicago Booth Scholars Class in 2020, you must be graduating from your program between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020

Admissions Stats

- 57 Booth Scholars Admitted
- GMAT Range 650-780, GPA Range 3.28-4.0

Essays

- Chicago Booth immerses you in a choice-rich environment. How have your interests, leadership experiences, and other passions influenced the choices in your life?

Fee

- No application fee



UVA Darden's Future Year Scholars Program



“Darden’s Future Year Scholars Program offers exceptional college students the opportunity to gain acceptance into one of the world’s top MBA programs before beginning their professional journey. Admitted scholars may choose to begin their MBA after gaining two, three, or four years of work experience.”

Eligibility

- Students who are in their final year of undergraduate study or who are completing a 5th year master’s program with a graduation date between September 2019 and August 2020 are eligible to apply

Essays

- Darden strives to identify and cultivate responsible leaders who follow their purpose. Please provide an example of a situation in which you have made a meaningful impact. (200 words)
- Share a time in which you engaged with a perspective, identity, community, or experience that was different from your own and how it impacted your worldview. (200 words)
- Tell us what you would want your learning team to know about you - personal, professional or both. (100 words)
- Why are you interested in pursuing an MBA? (150 words)

Fee

- There is no application fee



Stanford GSB Deferred Enrollment Program



“Choose direct enrollment if you feel ready to pursue your MBA because of your current academic background, extracurricular experiences, impact through internships and work experiences, and personal aspirations. Note that for most college seniors, deferred enrollment is a better choice.

Choose deferred enrollment if you feel you would benefit from obtaining full-time work experience before enrolling. This is a good choice if you are unsure of your long-term professional path, and would like to explore an industry before earning your MBA.”

Eligibility

- Graduation from a degree program between October 2019 and September 2020. You must have been enrolled full-time prior to graduation
- Current full-time enrollment in a law or medical program
- Undergraduate degree program
- Combined undergraduate/graduate program (pursuing bachelor’s and master’s degrees simultaneously)
- Graduate program which you entered directly from an undergraduate program. (If there is a gap of one or more academic years between the two programs, you do not qualify for deferred enrollment)

Essays

- What matters most to you and why?
- Why Stanford?

Fee

- Reduced fee of \$100



MIT Sloan MBA Early Admission



“This application process is designed for ambitious and forward-thinking students around the globe who want to secure a seat in a future MIT Sloan MBA class. Apply now, and then work for two to five years before beginning your MBA program at MIT, the home of innovation.”

Eligibility

MIT Sloan MBA Early Admission is currently open to all enrolled full-time students who are:

- Graduating or have graduated from an undergraduate degree program during the current academic year
- Graduating from or currently attending a graduate degree program they entered immediately upon completing their undergraduate degree without full-time work experience

Essays

- Cover Letter
- 60 second video statement introduction to future classmates

Fee

- No application fee



Kellogg Future Leaders



“Getting accepted as a Kellogg Future Leader secures your place in our MBA program before you graduate. Then, we’ll hold your spot for 2-5 years while you gain experience in the professional world. Once you’re ready to step back on campus, you’ll be fully integrated into one of our top-tier MBA programs. Another perk? As a part of your deferred enrollment, you’ll have access to premiere Kellogg resources and receive support from a dedicated admissions officer.”

Eligibility

- Undergraduates in the last year of school, majoring in any discipline
- Master’s students who went directly into a graduate program from undergrad
- Domestic and international students
- *Ph.D., medical and law students should apply through the standard Kellogg admissions process

Essays

- Application opens February 26, 2020

Fee

- No application fee



Berkeley Haas Accelerated Access*

“Undergraduates who are considering an MBA in their future can now apply to the top-ranked full-time MBA program at Berkeley Haas. Accelerated Access allows you to complete the MBA application process while in your final year of study, gain conditional admission, and then start your study at Berkeley Haas after a two to five year deferment period for professional experience.”

Eligibility

- * OPEN TO CURRENT BERKELEY STUDENTS ONLY PER BELOW
- University of California, Berkeley undergraduate students in their final year of study, with a graduation date between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.
- University of California, Berkeley graduate students without full-time employment who enrolled in their graduate program immediately after completing their undergraduate studies, with a graduate degree graduation date between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020

Fee

- No application fee

Deadline Summary Chart: 2020 - 2021

Deferred Admissions Program	Deadline	Decision Date
Harvard Business School 2+2	April 29, 2021	July 7, 2021
Yale SOM Silver Scholars	Round 1: September 15, 2020 Round 2: January 7, 2021 Round 3: April 13, 2021	Round 1: December 8, 2021 Round 2: March 26, 2021 Round 3: May 18, 2021
Chicago Booth Scholars	April 1, 2021	June 3, 2021
Stanford GSB	Round 1: September 15, 2020 Round 2: January 6, 2021 Round 3: April 6, 2021	Round 1: December 10, 2020 Round 2: April 1, 2021 Round 3: May 20, 2021
Wharton	March 31, 2021	May 11, 2021
UVA Darden	To be announced	To be announced
Columbia Business School	April 15, 2021	Within two weeks of interview
MIT Sloan	April 20, 2021	June 8, 2021
Kellogg	To be announced	To be announced
Berkeley Haas	To be announced	To be announced

TESTIMONIALS



I have a bit of an unconventional background, so I wanted to work with someone dedicated and who really looks into my background to help me put my best foot forward. After some initial research and scoping calls with a shortlist of admissions consultants, it was a no-brainer to decide to work with Scott, because he really listened to what I had in mind and challenged me where appropriate. He was patient, friendly, yet super straightforward and critical. It was really pleasant working with Scott; I followed on with additional interview prep services. Got into Yale and MIT Sloan.

— MIT SLOAN



Scott is extremely knowledgeable in this field. He deeply cares about your development with heart and soul and wants to do whatever he can to help you get into your dream school. It has been a fantastic experience of working with Scott and he made my application process very enjoyable. I would not have gotten into Haas and Tuck with scholarships if I did not work with Scott from Personal MBA Coach. I highly recommend anyone who wants to get into their dream school talk to Personal MBA Coach.

— BERKELEY HAAS (W/ SCHOLARSHIP)



I worked with a larger admissions consulting firm last year and did not have success. I was going to give up and do it myself until my friend put me in touch with Scott, who was a life saver! Scott LOVES what he does and working with Personal MBA Coach was the best decision I have made in my career. From the initial deep strategy brainstorming session to the 8th review of my HBS essay, Scott was deeply invested in my success. The level of detail he gets into is quite impressive and his energy and availability blow everyone else out of the water. I got into 5 of the 6 programs I applied to and will be starting at HBS in a few months. I have sent 3 friends of mine to Personal MBA Coach and they are all equally thrilled. Give Scott a call now and don't think twice.

— HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL

LET PERSONAL MBA COACH HELP

Helping clients since 2008, our boutique one-on-one approach has led to a **96% success rate!**

Call or email for a consultation with founder, Scott Edinburgh

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