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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/EA 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 14 years of admissions consulting experience
- Scott presents globally and was invited to present to admissions directors at GMAC conference
- Prior corporate experience to inform your essays and goals, including consulting, banking and strategy
- Former M7 admissions directors and M7 MBA interviewers on our team
- Flexible scheduling and fast turnaround times
- Personalized and customized GMAT/GRE/EA 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 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. After being admitted through 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 before enrolling at HBS.

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 eligible to apply in the current application cycle, candidates must graduate from their program between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022

Class Profile

- 124 commits out of 1436 applicants
- HBS overall median GMAT: 730

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 Moelis Advance Access Program is a deferred admission program that offers both undergraduate and full-time master's 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 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, named Moelis Fellows, 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

- Wharton overall average GMAT: 733

Essays

- How do you plan to use the Wharton MBA program to help you achieve your future professional goals? You might consider your past experience, short- and long-term goals, and resources available at Wharton. (500 words)
- Taking into consideration your background – personal, professional, and/or academic – how do you plan to make specific, meaningful contributions 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. Please apply through the standard MBA or EMBA application process.

Class Profile

- 216 admitted
- GMAT range: 540-790
- GPA range: 3.11-4.0

Essays

- Why are you interested in obtaining a Columbia MBA in the future? (maximum 300 words)
- Who is a leader you admire, and why? (maximum 300 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.

While at Yale, you will learn from our renowned faculty of scholars and active practitioners, and you will have the benefit of your classmates' diverse life and work experiences. The Yale SOM Career Development Office will help you examine possible career paths, develop your networking and interview skills, and pursue an internship and a post-MBA position. The Yale SOM alumni network will serve as a resource during your job search and throughout your life.

Eligibility

- Only current college seniors are eligible to apply. Your graduation date must be on or after December 1, 2021. You must be scheduled to graduate (complete all coursework and submit a final transcript with proof of undergraduate degree conferral) by August 1, 2022.

Essays

- Describe the biggest commitment you have ever made. (500 words max)
- How did you arrive at your career interest? How have you or will you position yourself to pursue them? (250 words) Note: This essay cannot exceed 250 words. It is a hard limit.

Fee

- \$250 application fee. Reduced fee of \$125 for applicants earning under \$15,000/year.

A black pen, a spiral notebook, and a pencil are arranged on a light-colored desk. The pen is at the top left, the notebook is in the middle, and the pencil is at the bottom left.

Chicago Booth Scholars Program

As a Chicago Booth Scholar, you'll apply for admission during your final year of college. Then you'll work for two to five years before starting the Full-Time MBA Program or Evening and Weekend MBA Programs at Booth. During the deferment period, you'll have full access to Booth resources and events, specialized deferred scholar programming, and to our vast network of business professionals.

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

Class Profile

- GMAT Range 640-780
- GPA Range 3.28-4.0

Essays

- How will the Booth MBA help you achieve your immediate and long-term post-MBA career goals? (250 words minimum)
- An MBA is as much about personal growth as it is about professional development. In addition to sharing your experience and goals in terms of career, we'd like to learn more about you outside of the office or classroom. Use this opportunity to tell us something about who you are... (250 words minimum)

Fee

- No application fee



UVA Darden's Future Year Scholars Program

Darden's Future Year Scholars Program invites outstanding college students to join the ranks of a Top 10 business school, before ever gaining work experience. Admitted scholars may choose to begin their MBA after gaining two to five 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

- Tell us what you would want your Learning Team to know about you that is not on your resume. (150 words)
- *Select the prompt to which you will respond (200 words):*
- Q1: Tell us about a time when you acted with a team to solve a problem or seize an opportunity. What role did you play? What did you learn from this experience?
- Q2: Tell us about a time you acted to solve a problem for the greater good. What drew you to this issue? What did you learn from this experience?
- *Select the prompt to which you will respond (200 words):*
- Q1: Share a time when you learned something related to diversity, equity or inclusion that was previously unknown to you? How did this experience impact your perspective?
- Q2: Share a time when you advocated for a perspective, identity, or community different from your own. How did this experience impact your worldview?
- How does an MBA fit into your career plan? (150 words)
- Darden has an incredible network of alumni and partners around the world, and, in a typical year, the School connects with over 80 countries. If you could choose any location in the world, where would you want to travel? (5 words)
- And why? (50 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 the better choice.

Choose deferred enrollment if you feel you would benefit from full-time work experience before starting the MBA program. 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

- Candidates in their final year of a bachelor's degree or a joint bachelor/graduate program whose degrees will be conferred between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022.
- Candidates currently enrolled in a graduate program that they began immediately following an undergraduate or undergraduate/graduate program.

Essays

- What matters most to you and why? (650 words suggested)
- Why Stanford? (450 words suggested)

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 applicants who fit within the requirements listed below.

Undergraduate students who:

- Are in their final year of undergraduate studies; and
- Graduate between August 2021 and September 2022; and
- Will not enroll in an MD, JD, or PhD program immediately after completing an undergraduate program; and
- Have not had any prior full-time work experience with the exception of internships or co-op experiences

Graduate students who:

- Are in their final year of a graduate program; and
- Graduate between August 2021 and September 2022; and
- Started graduate school immediately after obtaining their undergraduate degree; and
- Have not had any prior full-time work experience with the exception of internships or co-op experiences

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

- Students who graduate between October 2021 and September 2022 can apply this year
- 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

Essays

- Application opens December 2021

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

- Undergraduate students in their final year of study, with a graduation date between July 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022.
- 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, 2021 and September 30, 2022.

Essays

- What makes you feel alive when you are doing it, and why? (300 words maximum)
- The definition of successful leadership has evolved over the last decade and will continue to change. What do you need to develop to become a successful leader? (300 words max)

Fee

- No application fee

Deadline Summary Chart: 2021 - 2022

| Deferred Admissions Program | Deadline | Decision Date |
|--|---|--|
| Harvard Business School 2+2 | April 28, 2022 | July 2022 |
| Yale SOM Silver Scholars | Round 2: January 6, 2022 Round 3: April 12, 2022 | Round 2: March 25, 2022 Round 3: May 18, 2022 |
| Chicago Booth Scholars | April 7, 2022 | June 9, 2022 |
| Stanford GSB Deferred Enrollment Program | Round 2: January 5, 2022 Round 3: April 12, 2022 | Round 2: March 31, 2022 Round 3: May 26, 2022 |
| Wharton Advance Access | April 27, 2022 | June 28, 2022 |
| UVA Darden Future Year Scholars Program | April 12, 2022 | August 2, 2022 |
| Columbia Deferred Enrollment Program | April 15, 2022 | Within two weeks of interview |
| MIT Sloan MBA Early Admission | April 20, 2022 | June 2022 |
| Kellogg Future Leaders | April 13, 2022 | June 15, 2022 |
| Berkeley Haas Accelerated Access | April 28, 2022 | June 16, 2022 |

TESTIMONIALS



I am currently a college senior. I've worked with Scott to apply for 6 MBA programs that have early admission/ deferral program. Now I have been accepted to one school and waiting for results on others. For the school I've been accepted, I also got half tuition which totally paid off the consultancy fees. I have to say that it has been a wonderful experience working with Scott...It was more than writing an essay but more like helping me to sort out my life. He could help me to explore all career options because he himself graduated from Wharton and has had a wide range of industry background. He was extremely patient and would hop on a call with me when necessary...It was awesome working with Scott and I would totally recommend anyone who is considering going to MBA.

— DEFERRED MBA CLIENT



The Personal MBA Coach Team has been instrumental in my MBA admissions journey. They truly made it possible for me to achieve my long term dream of getting admitted to a top business school... Throughout the process of working with Scott and the Personal MBA Coach team, I not only got admitted into the Full-Time MBA program – at the University of Chicago – Booth School of Business, but also developed key insights about myself, becoming a better writer, interviewee, and strategic thinker.

— CHICAGO BOOTH



I truly believe that I would not have had the same outcome had it not been for Scott and the Personal MBA Coach team! When looking for a consultant, I had initial calls with a lot of companies. Personal MBA Coach stood out to me because of its boutique nature – I knew once I spoke to Scott that I would really get that one-on-one focus that I didn't feel I would have with others. From the start, Scott and the team were honest with setting expectations yet dedicated to helping me maximize my chances at my target schools...I'm very excited to be attending an M7 school next year and I have Scott and the PMC team to thank for that!

— COLUMBIA 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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