



# Interview with Georgetown Admissions

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**Q:** *What is special about your MBA program? In addition to its' excellent reputation, what differentiates it from other Top MBA programs?*

**A:** The Georgetown McDonough MBA has a curriculum designed to prepare you for the global stage, plus the unrivaled access that only Washington, D.C. can offer. As a Georgetown MBA, you will have the opportunity to gain hands-on consulting knowledge through the [Global Business Experience](#), build your network of over 190,000 alumni across the globe, and receive individualized support from the MBA Career center. Most importantly, you will develop your business skills upon a Jesuit foundation of ethical and holistic practices that will define your role as a leader amongst peers.

**Q:** *Are there any recent changes in the programs or in the admission process?*

**A:** The Georgetown McDonough MBA has recently launched its [STEM-Designated Management Science designation](#) to ensure that graduates are prepared to enter a workforce that increasingly requires quantitative methods and management science skills to stay competitive. In addition, McDonough now offers a [Certificate in Sustainable Business](#) to equip students with the knowledge and practical experience to navigate the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) concerns in the modern business world.

**Q:** *Has the COVID-19 situation have an impact on getting accepted to the programs at your school? Is there any other impact candidates should be aware of?*

**A:** MBA Admissions has worked to transition its recruitment events to a [virtual format](#), as well as provided additional [testing accommodations](#) to ensure that we are being understanding of the unique challenges posed by COVID-19. Classes for Fall 2020 have also been shifted to a hybrid format with the option to either attend classes in-person or remotely. That being said, we are planning to return to the normal application process for the Fall 2021 intake.

**Q:** *Can you share some details about the atmosphere in the school? Amongst the students? Between students and faculty? How do students spend their free time?*

**A:** The McDonough MBA has a cohort-structure by which you take core classes with the same 60-70 students. This format promotes a collaborative rather than competitive environment. All classes and co-curricular activities are held within the [Rafik B. Hariri building](#), and so it is easy to quickly get to know your peers and have direct access to the faculty. In their free time, students get involved in several of our [40+ student organizations](#) (with access to over 380+ leadership positions), attend



[international student treks](#), and actively work with their [career coaches](#) as they pursue their summer internships and post-MBA jobs.

**Q:** *Can you share some details about the area the school is located in?*

**A:** Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business is located in Washington, D.C., the capital city of the United States of America. As such, you will have access to over 170 embassies, the World Bank, IMF, and multinational for-profit and nonprofit organizations (D.C. has the highest concentration of Fortune 500 companies per capita). You will have access to [prominent speakers](#) such as former presidents, influential CEOs and business professionals, and founders of multinational organizations. You will also have access to employers that [come directly to campus for recruitment](#), as well as access to hands-on experiential learning through [consulting projects with local organizations](#).

**Q:** *Can you share some details regarding job opportunities and summer internships for students in your school?*

**A:** 95% of the Class of 2019 received an offer within three months of graduation, and 92% accepted their offer. The average post-MBA salary was \$124,119 with an average signing bonus of \$30,737. 100% of students who sought out an internship received one. More information about our employment opportunities and stats can be found on our [employment report](#).

**Q:** *What is it that you are looking for in a candidate? Who will especially enjoy this school? who will be a good fit to the school?*

**A:** We are recruiting global-minded leaders that are looking to equip themselves with both the quantitative and managerial skills to best serve society. Students that enjoy collaborative work and active participation in co-curricular activities will flourish in McDonough's MBA program, as the student body is incredibly involved in the community.

**Q:** *One most important piece of advice for an applicant based on your experience?*

**A:** McDonough has a [holistic admissions process](#), which means that each individual component of the application (test scores, your academic and work history, your essays, and your interview) is intended to highlight a different aspect of who you are. Also, connect with current students/alumni to learn more about how best to position yourself as the right fit for our community.

**Q:** *What NOT to do in the admissions process?*



**A:** Please only submit the requested application materials and make sure to follow the maximum length requirements for the essays. If you do wish to submit additional information, you can include it in the optional essay.

**Q:** *Are later rounds worth considering?*

**A:** We will have scholarship opportunities throughout all four application rounds. For international students, we recommend students apply in the first two application rounds (to ensure that you have time for VISA processing).

**Q:** *GMAT and importance as a % of the candidacy? What is the minimum GMAT you are looking for?*

**A:** We accept both the GMAT and GRE to fulfill the test requirement, but your test scores are just one aspect of your overall application – we also look at your academic history and professional work experience to determine your ability to excel in the classroom. We do not have a minimum test score, but you can review our [class profiles](#) to learn more about the range of scores that our Class of 2019 received.

**Q:** *Is there anything you'd like our candidates to know regarding the admissions process?*

**A:** We highly recommend making the time to connect with our [MBA Admissions team](#). Not only are they available to clarify any questions about the application process, but they can also help you connect with students in functions/industries that you are interested in learning about.

**Q:** Can you tell us more about funding – scholarship/fellowship options in your school?

**A:** Students do not need to submit a separate application to be considered for scholarships – the MBA Admissions team determines your eligibility through the standard application process. 45% of enrolled Full-time students in the class of 2021 were awarded a merit-based scholarship, and we have more than \$1.5 million in available funding. Many of our scholarships also come with [partnerships with various external organizations](#) that come with networking and recruitment resources.

**Q:** Can you share some information about partners who are joining the student- Employment options for him/her? What are the visa requirements?

**A:** McDonough has a Georgetown Partners and Families organization that partners can join to grow their social and professional network in Washington, D.C. In addition, partners that need assistance finding job opportunities can access the [MBA Career Center](#). For more information about VISA requirements, you can also connect with the [Office of Global Services](#).