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ONE YEAR, MAXIMUM IMPACT



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The Cambridge MBA is recognised around the world as a leading programme that develops well-rounded, capable and driven business leaders of the future.

We select each cohort with care to create an experienced and diverse community. You will complete the MBA ready to make an impact at organisational level and to lead teams on a global scale.

The curriculum is broad, yet offers options to tailor according to your interest. There is a heavy focus on project work, with each term's learning culminating in a practical learning milestone. The skills and knowledge acquired on the MBA are achieved through a collaborative ethos – the core value of The Cambridge MBA.

The Cambridge MBA is consistently highly ranked in the one year programmes by the *Financial Times* and *The Economist*.



A welcome from the Programme Director

You will join us as a highly engaged global citizen, and you will leave us in a special position to address global challenges and opportunities – as a Cambridge MBA.

Every year we see the effect a Cambridge education has on our students, as they develop into more resilient and versatile professionals, able to adapt and operate in a wide variety of diverse and complex global environments. We look forward to guiding you through the unique experience that is The Cambridge MBA.

Cambridge Judge Business School is in the business of transformation – of individuals, of organisations and of society. As a place of both inspiration and opportunity, Cambridge brings together communities who work together to make an impact. Those who bring the best of themselves to The Cambridge MBA year will in turn receive the most from the Cambridge experience. The Programme is carefully crafted to ensure students are fully immersed in a well-rounded and intellectually stimulating business education, enabling you to lead and build teams successfully and to have influence and impact in whatever organisation in which you are involved.

We encourage you to take advantage of every opportunity to collaborate and connect with your classmates, their experience and global perspective – combined with that of Faculty and teaching staff across the business school – will ensure that you develop a deeply ingrained habit of taking a 360-degree view on everything you tackle in the future. In the classroom our carefully curated mix of nationalities, sectors and backgrounds, creates a diversity like no other you will encounter in the world.

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Michael Kitson MBA Director





"I can't imagine any other programme that can empower an entrepreneur like the Cambridge MBA can ... Cambridge has inspired and empowered me to build a creative business."

Amy Munz Founder and CEO, Acting Systems MBA 2016/17 A unique proposition

An MBA...

- ... where global citizens become future leaders
- ... that comprises a rigorous year-long, full-time study period
- ... that allows a tailored learning journey
- ... which is delivered by a world-leading university with a legacy of innovation
- ... that brings together a diverse range of professionals
- ... where you will know every classmate's name
- ... that is located in the dynamic start-up capital of Europe
- ... that gives access to global corporations and practical learning opportunities
- ... where collaboration is fundamental
- ... that demands full participation and commitment to self-development

Key facts

Duration: One year Delivery: On-campus, full-time Tuition fees for 2020/21 (including College membership fees): £57,000 Class size: c.200

Four terms, each with a distinct focus:

Michaelmas term: Team building Lent term: Team leading Easter term: Influence and impact Summer term: Application and re-launch

Plus, the ability to tailor your course based on: 16 compulsory core courses 48 elective courses¹ 10 Concentrations¹ Career Development Programme

Each term has a different **learning milestone**, allowing you to apply and demonstrate your learning.

¹ This number represents the courses available in 2020/21. This list is subject to change and classes may have size limits.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and associated restrictions to physical distancing, some temporary changes have been made to the delivery on the MBA in academic year 2020/21: face to face interactive sessions with leading academics which will be blended with online provision, to safeguard wellbeing.

Michaelmas Term Team building	Lent Term Team leading	Easter Term Influence and impact	Summer Term Application and re-launch
(Live project with external clients, November)	Learning milestone: Global Consulting		
	Project (Live project with external clients, April)	Learning milestone: Concentration Project: Board Impact	
		Board Impact (Presentation of a business analysis to a mock company board as part of your Concentration, June)	Learning milestone: Summer Project (Individual project or work placement, August)

The Cambridge MBA Our setting

Cambridge Judge Business School is situated in the heart of Cambridge, sitting shoulder-to-shoulder with University Colleges and surrounded by science parks, incubators and innovation centres.

Since its inception in 1990, Cambridge Judge Business School has forged a reputation as a centre of rigorous thinking and of high-impact transformative education. We are situated within one of the world's most prestigious research universities, and in the heart of the Cambridge Cluster, the most successful technology entrepreneurship cluster in Europe.

As a student at Cambridge Judge Business School, you will benefit from access to an impressive range of business support, including **Accelerate Cambridge** and the **Entrepreneurship Centre**, which provides a portfolio of programmes and connections to relevant societies, enterprise champions and departments across the University of Cambridge. "There is no such thing as a typical experience at CJBS. Our students come here to learn how to ask incisive questions rather than follow the latest fads. They participate in an atmosphere of searching, rigorous thinking and entrepreneurial spirit."

Christoph Loch Director of Cambridge Judge Business School



University of Cambridge

Founded: 1209

Nobel Prize Winners: 90

Colleges: 31

Overall number of students at the University: 19,000+

Size of alumni network: 200,000+

Follow-on funding raised by University portfolio companies: £1.2bn+



"One of the things that distinguishes Cambridge is that people come here to study, and many don't leave. People stay and start businesses, and these entrepreneurs are very happy to come in and share their wisdom with our students and act as mentors."

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Simon Stockley Senior Faculty in Management Practice and Entrepreneurship Fellow, Cambridge MBA The Cambridge Cluster

The University of Cambridge is surrounded by the Cambridge Cluster or 'Silicon Fen': a network of companies with the largest investment per capita in Europe.

Innovators based at the University and in the wider local community have developed over 1,600 firms employing more than 30,000 people.

CJBS has close links with these companies, many of whom are clients for the **Cambridge Venture Project** or provide guidance to students during their course. Some of these firms are start-ups formed by Cambridge MBA alumni, who maintain close links to the School, and benefit from the network of entrepreneurs, technologists, and business experts who live, work and study in the city.

College Life

As a Cambridge MBA, you will become a member of one of the 31 University colleges. Each college has its own character, but all have a diverse student body and a rich history.

They form a unique part of the Cambridge experience and allow you to experience the traditions of the University of Cambridge.

Colleges provide a social hub, and another network in addition to the one at CJBS. Many students join a college sports club, such as a rowing club, and take part in Formal Hall, a traditional evening dinner, which forms an essential part of the Cambridge experience.

There are students with a wide-variety of academic interests and international backgrounds within each, which encourages the exchange of ideas, especially at the regular college social events. "As a Cambridge student we are also part of college life. The Cambridge collegiate system has given me an opportunity to connect with the wider university and I have already made multiple connections with students studying everything from astronomy to infectious diseases. It is incredible to be surrounded by people who are studying different disciplines."

Charles Heller British American Tobacco MBA 2018/19 "With such an internationally diverse and experienced mix of students on the Cambridge MBA I also felt that there would be other students like me who had their family or young children alongside them here in Cambridge."

Keiko Fukumori Monozukuri Ventures MBA 2018/19

Families

For those with families, Cambridge is ideal. Small with green spaces, it has a wide-range of cultural, educational and leisure activities. With a cosmopolitan population, schools in Cambridge welcome children from around the world.

If you are a student parent, your college will be able to provide you with support and guidance. Most colleges offer accommodation for couples or families, and many have facilities for parents to meet and socialise together. If you choose to live with your partner or family outside of college, the University's accommodation service can help you to find a place to live.

Each college has a designated childcare contact who is a point of contact and a voice for student parents within their college, and several colleges have nurseries or allocated places at nurseries. There are a number of University groups for children and parents, as well as the University of Cambridge Holiday Playscheme and Children's Centres throughout Cambridge.

The Cambridge MBA Our curriculum

Our curriculum has four distinct phases, arranged across four terms. It is designed to follow a 'micro to macro' pathway, to transform you professionally and personally. You will complete the MBA ready to make an impact at organisational level, and lead teams on a global scale.



MBA Curriculum

Michaelmas Term 1 TEAM BUILDING Project focus

Core Courses: Entrepreneurship Management Science Corporate Finance Financial Reporting and Analysis Microeconomics Organisational Behaviour Management Praxis I

Learning Milestone

Cambridge Venture Project

Lent Term 2 TEAM LEADING Organisational complexity

Strategy Marketing Corporate Governance: Organisations Digital Business Management Praxis II

Choose three electives (see list on our website)

Learning Milestone

Global Consulting Project

Easter Term 3 INFLUENCE & IMPACT Global context

Concentration selection:

Culture, Arts and Media Digital Transformation Energy & Environment Entrepreneurship Finance Global Business Healthcare Strategies Marketing Social Innovation Strategy

Macroeconomics Operations Management Business & Society

Learning Milestone

Concentration Project: Board impact

Summer Term 4 APPLICATION & RE-LAUNCH Summer project

Choose one from: Individual Project Work Placement Research paper

Tailored Learning

Our curriculum is carefully designed to deliver a rigorous and relevant business master's degree. You will progress logically through a 'micro to macro' pathway, starting with the fundamental disciplines of business and team building. You will progress to focus on your team leading skills, assimilating your discipline learning and learning how to make an impact at organisational level.

As the programme progresses, you can start to tailor your route through the programme, by combining the elements on the facing page with your core curriculum.

Your options:

Taught elective courses

Elective courses (see page 28 for a full list) cover a wide range of disciplines and sectors and are taught by our academic faculty, often bringing in contributions from business practitioners.

Global Consulting Project

The GCP is a live team project with a multi-national organisation. Students can source their own project or choose one from many organised by our Projects team in a range of sectors and locations.

A Concentration

Students can extend their learning and networking in particular areas by undertaking one of 10 Concentrations.

Summer Term activities

During the Summer Term, you can choose to undertake an internship, a research project, or an individual project.

- Student-led activities such as Special Interest Groups (SIGs) SIGs are led by students to collaborate, network, and expand their knowledge of a particular sector. SIGs invite speakers and hold regular networking events.
- Sector-related elements of the Career Development Programme The Careers team can give you advice and support in developing skills and contacts in a particular sector of interest.

Concentrations

Cambridge MBA Concentrations are packages of electives, case challenges and workshops focused around certain sectors or functional areas. Your Concentration will allow you to tailor your MBA learning, gain more experience in your current field, or develop understanding in a field new to you.

Each Concentration culminates in the 'Board Impact' project, which requires teams to present their project findings to a simulated company/organisation board.

Strategy

This Concentration will provide you with a practical grounding in core skills: defining propositions that clients want, selling consultancy services to clients, and delivering successful consulting assignments, before stretching your abilities in a real consulting environment.

Digital Transformation

This Concentration will help you rethink how you lead the transformation of your organisation through digital innovation. You will look at how digital innovations such as AI, the Internet of Things, Big Data, and blockchain can facilitate new business models across industries.

Entrepreneurship

This Concentration will give you the skills to help you start a business and grow it successfully. You will also develop core enterprising skills that will help you as an employee in an organisation, should you decide that you are not ready to start your own business right now.

Finance

After thirty years of confident models and assertions, finance theory is in disarray; a new architecture is needed. You'll analyse the causes and impact of financial bubbles, consider the part played by innovative financial engineering and examine the role played by banks.

Social Innovation

Whatever the specific sector you're interested in, this Concentration is for people with an interest in leadership for social change, whether in public, private or beyond profit sectors. This Concentration will look at different business models to address social problems.

Culture, Arts and Media Management

This Concentration explores the arts and media perspective on issues which are confronting all business sectors – globalisation, new technology, brand building, customer development, business model re-engineering, exploitation of intellectual property and much more.

Marketing

This Concentration gives participants the opportunity to learn how businesses tackle real-world and relevant marketing issues. A key highlight of the module is the contribution of senior industry speakers who use real examples to show how a marketing strategist approaches such issues.

Energy and Environment

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This Concentration brings together the strengths of the business school in the areas of energy economics and policy. In a volatile age when energy is increasingly at the top of the agenda, managers need to understand how this is likely to change the business environment.

Healthcare Strategies

Healthcare is a challenging area in which to be a leader. It is politically sensitive, subject to constant technological and scientific advances, and faces difficult circumstances with regard to demographic and lifestyle changes. The Health Strategies Concentration addresses these topics.

Global Business

In today's semi-globalised, knowledge-based economy, many businesses are involved in some kind of international operations. The field of global business deals with a subset of such firms – the multinational enterprises which undertake crossborder operations.







Concentrations: Case studies

Concentrations are run by specialist coaches, who may be a member of our academic faculty or an external business professional, with particular expertise in the given field.

Strategy and Marketing Consulting*

Coach Night 1 Speakers from Flock Associates and CNBC

Coach Night 2 Speakers from McKinsey

Coach Night 3 Speakers from Bruswick and Barclays

Coach Night 4 Speakers from Marks & Spencer and Facebook

The final project The final project was based on the following challenge: What English language business news product or service is: a) desired by large numbers of people; b) something people and businesses are prepared to pay for; and c) has video as a component of it? What platforms should be used to deliver this product or service on?



Concentration Mentor:

Professor Jaideep Prabhu

* These details refer to a previous Concentration. Concentrations are subject to occasional changes.

Healthcare Strategies

Coach Night 1 Pam Garside, a tour of the health sector and what to expect from the Concentration

Coach Night 2 Speaker from Outcomes Based Healthcare

Coach Night 3 Healthcare Specialist from **IBM EMEA**

Coach Night 4 Speaker from Health and Life Sciences, KPMG

The final project

Student teams presented to a panel of industry experts on a question relating to healthcare, such as how a start-up should sell into the NHS, big data and the health sector, or developing a business plan for the organisation of a new service for a long term condition.



Concentration Mentor:

Pam Garside

Each of the Concentrations consists of four Coach Nights during which the Coaches or external speakers host workshops or hold panel discussions.

Electives

During Lent and Easter terms, students take six elective courses, two of which will count toward Concentrations. This allows students to customise their learning pathway and study a sector or area of interest in greater detail.

Lent term

Behavioural Finance
Building Customer Centric Organisations
Cases in Corporate Finance
Creative Arts and Media Management
Digital Marketing
Doing Good Well: Leading Social Innovation for Local
and Global Impact
Energy and Emissions Markets and Policies
Entrepreneurship in Practice
Entrepreneurship Through Acquisition – Becoming a
CEO from an MBA
Introduction to Options, Futures and Other
Derivatives
Leadership in Organisations
Leading Effective Projects
Managing Big Data Analysis
Managing for Sustainability
Managing Innovation Strategically
Marketing and Innovation in Emerging Economies
New Venture Finance
Risk Management and Strategic Planning
Philosophy of Business
Strategic Pricing
Thinking Strategically
Topics in Financial Statement Analysis
Topics in Investment Management

Easter term

Advanced Strategy
Cost Management and Control
Consumer Behaviour
Design Sprint for Digital Innovation
Disruptive Technology and Innovation
Entrepreneurship: How to Start a Company
Equity Valuation
Fintech Strategies
Global Marketing
International Business
International Finance
Lean Six Sigma Process Improvement
Mergers and Acquisitions
Organising Healthcare
Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology
Private Equity
Strategic Brand Management
Strategies for Energy and Climate
Supply Chain Strategy
The International Film and Screen Industries
The Liberalisation and Regulations of International
Financial Markets
The Purpose of Finance
Venture Capital and the Entrepreneurial World



"The Cambridge MBA offers a chance to explore your ideas, experiment with leadership techniques and also just to learn and understand yourself better."

Chiara Kunnie Praekelt MBA 2017/18 **Experiential Learning**

A distinctive feature of the Cambridge MBA is the focus on experiential learning, giving you regular opportunities to apply your knowledge and skills within a live setting through projects, or 'learning milestones'.

Three of the learning milestones during the programme are team-related projects involving company clients or external practitioners.

The Cambridge Venture Project (CVP): In term one you will work in teams on a live market analysis challenge for a Cambridge start-up or intrapreneurial venture. The CVP will give you first-hand experience of some of the challenges faced by innovators in high-risk, high-pressure environments. Teams are allocated a mentor and also have input from Cambridge Judge Business School faculty.

The Global Consulting Project (GCP): In the second term, you will form your own teams and consult with blue-chip multinational corporations or international organisations on location, on a particular aspect of their business. The GCP is a highlight of the Cambridge MBA for many, providing a valuable opportunity to apply your learning, experience new sectors or roles and build global networks with a view to your post-MBA career goals

Concentration Project: Board Impact You will choose from one of 10 Concentrations to participate in during your third term. At the end of your Concentration you undertake a team project, in which you will present your findings to experts in a simulated boardroom situation.

Summer Projects: To allow you to tailor the MBA towards your own individual career objectives, we offer a choice in the final Summer Term. Options include undertaking a piece of research, an individual project, or doing an intensive course such as the Lean Six Sigma Green Belt.

Many students opt to take an internship or work placement during the summer phase, which allows them to gain valuable experience for their CV and can sometimes lead to an offer of full-time employment.

Propelling Aspiring Entrepreneurs

The Cambridge MBA takes the brightest individuals on the path to realising their entrepreneurial goals, through education, practical support, and immersion in the vibrant entrepreneurial scene in Cambridge.

The entrepreneurial journey



Master the theory

Core MBA modules Learn the fundamentals across business functions

Entrepreneurship Electives

Gain an understanding of the theory behind starting and growing a business



Develop your skills

Cambridge Venture Project Work with small companies to help them grow

Entrepreneurship Centre Participate in courses and attend skills and networking events



Craft your ideas

The MBA Entrepreneurship Concentration Learn how to apply the theory to your own business ideas

Cambridge Networks Share ideas with successful entrepreneurs working within the 'Silicon Fen'



Find your team

University Networks Find your team within the MBA classroom, your College peers, Entrepreneurship Special Interest Group or Cambridge University Entrepreneurs Society (CUES)



Student-led activities

Student-led activities such as Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

SIGs are led by students to collaborate, network, and expand their knowledge of a particular sector.

SIGs invite speakers and hold regular networking events.

Get funding

Accelerate Cambridge After your MBA, apply

for the CJBS's start-up incubator that helps launch and grow new ventures. Ideation@CJBS weekends help develop ideas, while pitch days give access to investors

Career Development Programme 1/2

The MBA Careers team provides a broad programme of coaching and guidance to help you achieve the post-MBA job you are looking for, and to equip you with effective employability tools for life.

Individual advisory and coaching

The size of our MBA cohort allows for a highly-personalised career development programme.

In-depth, individual advisory and coaching sessions with the MBA Careers team and Career Consultants are available throughout the academic year. The sessions are designed to help you identify and refine your career goals, and support you in developing a realistic strategy to achieve your post-MBA goals.

Practical workshops and surgeries

These structured sessions provide the tools to help you define your personal career goals, plan your career strategy, conduct research and job searches and then manage the application and interview process.

Sessions include:

- Managed Case Workshops
- Competency and case interview practice
- Know yourself and your personal brand
"Through the Cambridge MBA I was able to do the triple jump: I have changed industries, I've changed functions and I've changed location. Through the skills that I learnt on the MBA I really wanted to have a career in technology and to work for a fast-growing company like Amazon." 35

Lana Bazzy

Amazon MBA 2016/2017 Career Development Programme 2/2

Typically over 90 per cent of our MBA graduates are employed three months after finishing their MBA studies – a figure which shows the regard in which our graduates are held by recruiters around the world.

Career treks

The team work with students to arrange relevant career treks to employers' offices. Recent treks have included: Amazon Fulfilment Centre, Facebook and Land Rover. The team has also organised overseas careers treks to locations including Silicon Valley, San Francisco, Singapore and Edinburgh prior to the start of the programme.

Recruitment events

Throughout the year we run a variety of events hosted by leading name employers. They also post job opportunities on our online platform, contact students directly having identified them as potential candidates, and work one-to-one with careers staff to inform us of job opportunities and identify candidates.

Special Interest Groups

MBAs can join special interest groups which represent different industry sectors. These are supported by the Careers team in pinpointing employability opportunities: conferences, speakers, contact with alumni, and visits to companies.

"The Cambridge MBA really allowed me to develop my networking skills on a higher level than before. Working with a lot of other students from a wide diversity of backgrounds and collaborating in teams has been essential in developing my career journey and my current role."

Gavin Chen

Wandera MBA 2017/18

Career Outcomes

Our graduates use their MBA experience to take their career in new and exciting directions. Some move function or industry, and others use their MBA to access a new location.

Our annual **MBA Employment Report** confirms the variety of options available to Cambridge MBAs after their studies, and also the established appeal of Cambridge MBA graduates to a wide range of international employers.

94% Graduates with job offers three months out

96% Switched location, function or industry £99,753 Average package salary

43% Switched all three (location, function and industry)

Top employers: *Amazon, Deloitte, Genpact, Google , McKinsey & Company*

Post-MBA sector employment



"Owning a start-up, you need every skill under the sun. The skills I have used from my MBA include the necessary hard skills, but it is the softer skills that have really come to the fore the most."

Katherine Rock Pizzey's Patent Attorneys MBA 2017/18

The Cambridge MBA **Our community**



Students - diverse and experienced

Our high-achieving students come from a huge variety of industries and locations, giving you and your class insight into a range of different sectors, business methods and cultural experiences.

MBA Class of 2019/20

202 Size of class

30 Average age

691 Average GMAT score



41 Nationalities

65%/35% Male/female gender balance

"Being among the brightest minds in today's business world and a proud member of Cambridge Judge Business School's network allowed me not only to focus on the big picture, but also to see it in high definition."

Houssein El Sayed PA Consulting MBA 2014/2015 Faculty - inspirational and impactful

At CJBS, our research is paramount. 95% of research undertaken has been deemed worldleading or internationally recognised by the independent Research Excellence Framework (REF).

The School has a world-class faculty of around 55 members, whose research interests span the globe and the full spectrum of business issues. Many are leaders in their field, directing cuttingedge research and consulting for businesses and government. They bring their knowledge and inspiration to the classroom to create a transformational learning experience.

Research at CJBS is organised around six subject groups which reflect the interests and expertise of our individual faculty members. Members of the Faculty can also be associated with one or more research centres, enabling the School to take full advantage of the potential for interdisciplinary collaboration. Similarly, scholars from across the University of Cambridge are keen to collaborate with students from CJBS, and we offer exceptional opportunities to learn and network.

As an MBA you can engage with the activities of our various research centres, plus other initiatives such as the Entrepreneurship Centre and the Centre for Social Innovation.

"The Cambridge MBA year really taught me how to work with a very diverse set of individuals with many different viewpoints, from the classroom to the wider Cambridge college life. Be open minded and this will really help shape your career goals going forward."

Thales de Paula World Economic Forum MBA 2017/18

Alumni – wide-reaching and influential

During your time at Cambridge, you will come into contact with a wide-variety of people, from world-leading faculty to influential leaders.

You will become a member of a large global network from the moment you accept an offer to join our MBA class. You will learn from your peers, supporting each other and building relationships before the course even begins, by attending careers treks and orientation events.

During the MBA, you will be engaging with the latest research and thinking from world-class faculty and their network. You will meet with, and forge relationships with, people from a variety of sectors and organisations.

Once you have finished your MBA, you will continue to develop the relationships you have made within the School and the wider University, through the 400+ alumni groups worldwide.



"After spending ten years in consulting, coming to the MBA and meeting so many diverse people really set me on my way to set up my own business. It gave me the confidence and drive to think boldly."

Natalia Ramsden SOFOS Associates MBA 2016/17

The Cambridge MBA **Applying**

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Who are we looking for?

We are looking for people with confidence, creativity, integrity, a global outlook, and the ability to think critically and collaborate with others.

You should be someone who has excelled academically, are highly motivated and ambitious, and can thrive under pressure.



You will have 3 years' full-time work

experience after completion of your undergraduate degree (including some international work experience) at the point of starting the MBA, and can show a clear career progression.

You must take either the GMAT or GRE to apply to Cambridge. We do not request a specific score range, but the average GMAT score for each cohort is typically c.690.

"There are a lot of opportunities throughout the MBA to try different things and get exposure to new industries and projects. Overall, keep an open mind and be flexible."

Michael Virk Harry's MBA 2017/18

The application process

Our online application process is straightforward and efficient. Once you create an account and start your application, you can save your work and complete it over time.

To apply you will need:

- A valid GMAT/GRE score
- One reference from a supervisor or peer
- Answers to all four essay questions
- £150 application fee
- Transcript of your undergraduate degree, detailing courses taken and level attained
- Proof of English language ability (TEFL/TOEFL certificate)

On the facing page is an outline of the admissions process and the timeframes you can expect for your application.

Application deadlines

There are five application rounds for entry in September 2021

• Round 1 deadline:	7 September 2020
Round 2 deadline:	19 October 2020
Round 3 deadline:	11 January 2021
Round 4 deadline:	8 March 2021
• Round 5 deadline:	26 April 2021

For a detailed description of our application process, and to start your MBA application, please visit:

www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/programmes/mba/apply



Begin to prepare your application Suggested time: Four weeks



Complete your application and submit Suggested time: Four weeks Use the checklist on the left to help you.



Applications reviewed by Admissions Committee Time: Three weeks after relevant deadline If application is successful, you will be invited to interview. If interview is successful, we will offer you a place.



Accepting an offer Time: Three weeks from offer First payment required.



College placement Time: Six weeks Second payment required



Visa application process Time: 12 weeks Relocation to Cambridge **Funding and Loans**

There are a number of scholarships and loans available to Cambridge MBA students.

Scholarships and bursaries

There are a number of scholarships available to Cambridge MBA students, ranging from Cambridge Judge Business School bursaries, University of Cambridge and College scholarships, to external funding.

If you want financial assistance with fees through scholarships, you should apply in the earlier rounds – several sector related scholarships are only awarded in admissions rounds one to three.

Scholarships and bursaries range in the amount offered.

All scholarships and bursaries are awarded before the start of the academic year. There are no funds that can be awarded after the School year has started, and candidates should not make financial plans assuming that they will receive funds after they have started the programme.

For more information visit: https://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/programmes/ mba/fees-funding/scholarships-funding/

Loans

There are a number of loans available to candidates holding an offer for the Cambridge MBA. These range from **The Prodigy Finance Loan Programme**, which has been exclusively created for MBA candidates, **Career Development Loans**, and **country-specific loans**.

"My MBA education enhanced my global outlook; it opened the door for me to join an international bank like Citi. The MBA for me was an eye opener, it served the purpose of removing some of my blind spots and opening me up to the opportunities and industries that exist outside of my comfort zone."

Tom Stanley Citi Bank MBA 2016/17



Frequently asked questions

When do I have to submit my application by? All applications must be submitted via our online application system. Candidates should submit their application by 17:00 GMT on the day of their chosen deadline.

What is your application fee?

The application fee for entry in 2021 is £150.

Who can be my reference?

Sometimes it is not possible to ask your current line manager for a reference, in which case we are happy to accept one from a former line manager or supervisor. Failing this, we will accept a reference from a customer, supplier or adviser with whom you work on a professional basis. We do not require an academic reference. An automated reference request will be sent to your referee once you have entered their contact details into our online application system.

Do I have to take the GMAT or GRE before applying?

Yes, you must have taken the GMAT or GRE prior to submitting your MBA application. We ask you to self-report your score on your application form and instruct the test provider to make your official score report available to us online. Please note we will not review your application until we are able to access your official score report.

Do you require a minimum GMAT score?

No, we do not specify a minimum GMAT score - it is just one of the many criteria we consider in the selection process. However, the majority of our students have a score above 640, and the average for this year's class is 694. We look for good balanced scores on the verbal, quantitative and analytical writing sections of the test, which demonstrate to us that you have the variety of skills required to succeed on the Cambridge MBA.

Do I have to take an English language proficiency test?

Fluency in English is a pre-requisite for the Cambridge MBA. If English is not your first language, you must have taken a recognised English proficiency test in the two years prior to 30 September on the year for which you're applying for entry.

How can I contact the MBA Office? Email us at **mba-enquiries@jbs.cam.ac.uk**



Meet us

Meeting Cambridge MBA staff and alumni online and in person is a great way to discuss the features and value of a Cambridge MBA, as well as the wider Cambridge experience.

MBA Fairs

We attend many MBA Fairs around the world, hosted online by third-party organisations. Please see our website for a full schedule of fairs we will be joining online in the coming season.

Open Days

We regularly host virtual open days across our campus in Cambridge, where you'll have the opportunity to see the School, meet Admissions, alumni, current students, and MBA lecturers. You'll also be able to experience a sample lecture, take part in a networking session and gain an overview of the Cambridge MBA programme.

Webinars

We hold webinars which range from a programme overview with our Admissions Manager, to specific topics of interest such as careers destinations, entrepreneurship, and the College experience.

Email

You can email the Admissions team at any time at: **mba-enquiries@jbs.cam.ac.uk**

The University of Cambridge and the Colleges will welcome as many students as possible to Cambridge for the start of the next academic year and is committed to continuing to deliver high quality education and a rich student experience. Cambridge Judge Business School will be open to welcome students to Cambridge, offering face to face interactive sessions with leading academics which will be blended with online provision, to safeguard wellbeing.

Ensuring student wellbeing and appropriate physical distancing will remain a priority and this approach of interactive online provision and face-to-face discussion groups will provide the flexibility to adjust our approach as the academic year progresses and according to the evolving context of the global pandemic. Any changes we make will be guided by our desire to offer a safe and enriching environment for our students.

At the same time, at the Business School, we see this as an opportunity to invest and are accelerating changes to further enhance the educational experience of our programmes. We know that our students value engagement with the faculty and with each other in the classroom, so the smaller classes will focus on discussing and extending the concepts covered in the online material.

We are a global community and will continue to be one and we are working with the Collegiate University for the start of the academic year to prepare the Cambridge experience for our incoming classes of 2020.



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