



Cornell Q&A

Q: What is special about your MBA program? And how does it differ from other top MBA programs?

A: The Johnson School's two-year MBA curriculum provides a comprehensive foundation in key business fundamentals while offering the flexibility to customize your studies. You'll get to choose electives, minors, immersion areas, and other learning experiences that align with your career goals. Our program provides flexibility by taking courses in other reputable programs at Cornell, as well as on the Cornell Tech campus on Roosevelt Island in New York City.

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

A: Recently, we added the 1+1 program which allows our students from the two-year MBA program the opportunity to complete their first year in Ithaca, with their core courses, followed by the immersion learning program and in their second year enroll at the Cornell Tech campus and take advantage of The Student Curriculum. This program is designed for students with tech experience and who are looking to bridge the gap between business and the digital economy. To learn more about this program, please review this site: <https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/programs/full-time-mba/1plus1/>.

One change in the admissions process is within our essay prompts. We will allow candidates the opportunity to answer one of two questions. The first essay is the *Impact Essay* and the other is The *Unique Trait that Defines Me Essay*. Here you will find the link to our admissions requirements and deadlines:

<https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/programs/full-time-mba/admissions/>.

Q: Given the ongoing conflict in Israel and the pro-Palestinian demonstrations on campuses worldwide, how will these factors impact admissions for prospective Israeli students? Additionally, how can you reassure Israeli students who may be worried about studying in your university in the current unstable and challenging situation?

A: Cornell University prioritizes [student safety and campus conduct](#) with several divisions (e.g. Student & Campus Life, Public Safety) focused on safety and providing services in a comprehensive approach that prioritizes transparency and empathy. Cornell does not tolerate antisemitism, Islamophobia, and all other forms of hate, and takes swift and immediate responses when threats are made to our community. Cornell's [statements](#) throughout the past year remind our community that we must all be diligent in our role in fostering a community of belonging, even in the most challenging of times.

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 Johnson community is a vibrant community, where students, faculty, and staff collaborate in various ways. Whether it's in the classroom, through recruiting opportunities, or during social events we find ways to stay engaged. Our faculty have an



open-door policy where students can share their thoughts, get advice, and ask for feedback.

During free time, our students are involved in a variety of different [clubs and organizations](#). They take on leadership roles within these clubs and through [Leadership Program](#) opportunities. To learn more about life in Ithaca, please visit the follow website: <https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/new-students/living-in-ithaca/>.

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

A: Cornell University is located in Ithaca, N.Y., which is in Central New York. We are about 4 hours north of New York City and in the heart of wine country in New York State. Ithaca is a beautiful college town with so much to offer, including waterfalls, hiking trails, and more. The Cornell MBA program is located at Sage Hall on the Cornell University campus.

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

A: Students work closely with the Career Management Center (CMC) to obtain their internship and full-time job offers. The CMC is a dedicated team of professionals who provides the necessary tools and guidance to our students to make sure they are well equipped for the recruiting process. To learn more about the various resources and recent career placement, please visit the following website: <https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/career-management/>.

Q: What is it that you are looking for in a candidate?

A: We are looking for a candidate who will make an impact in our community. Someone who will bring their life and professional experiences to help the community grow. Finally, we are looking for candidates who will be great ambassadors of the Cornell brand and will continue to promote the school as a student and beyond.

Q: What NOT to do in the admissions process?

A: Don't tell us what you think we want to hear. We want you to be authentic and genuine in every aspect of the admissions process. A great way of being authentic is during the interview process and every meaningful conversation you have with a member of our community. This is a great opportunity for you to tell your story and demonstrate how you are a great fit within the Johnson community our program.

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

A: Take your time as you go through the admissions process. Get to know the school by connecting with members of the community and identify how you will be a good fit within the community. Also, make sure you do your due diligence when focusing on your career goals. We see many candidates who are career switchers, but we want to make sure you have done your research regarding the industry before applying to business school.



Q: Any tips for Israeli applicants considering applying to your school?

A: Continue to stay connected with our students and alumni to learn how the Johnson community prepares our students for their post-MBA goals and life in Ithaca. You can connect with students through our [Johnson Admissions Ambassadors](#) program.

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

A: Scholarships are merit-based. Here you will find further information regarding funding opportunities: <https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/programs/full-time-mba/admissions/financial-planning/scholarships-and-grants/>.

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

A: [Johnson Joint Ventures](#) is a club for partners and families of students in the Johnson MBA Program. Their goal is to connect partners and families to the Johnson and Ithaca community, and to foster friendships therein.