



## HEC Paris Q&A

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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:** Known as the Alma Mater of CEO's, the school has a strong focus on Leadership development and has a strong emphasis on entrepreneurship, with resources such as the HEC Incubator, CDL and the Entrepreneurship Center supporting students in launching and growing their own ventures.

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

**A:** We are excited to announce a new option for our MBA program at HEC. Starting in January, you can now choose to complete the MBA in just 12 months, in addition to our traditional 16-month program.

**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 atmosphere at HEC Paris MBA is vibrant and dynamic, characterized by a blend of academic rigor and a strong sense of community. Students at HEC Paris MBA often describe the environment as highly collaborative. There is a strong emphasis on teamwork, with many projects and assignments designed to be completed in groups. This fosters a sense of camaraderie and mutual support among students. Students spend their free time traveling throughout Europe, spend time in Paris, student club activities, BBQ by the lake etc.

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

**A:** HEC campus is situated in a town called Jouy en Josas, just 17km from Paris, from which the culture, history, and charm of the French capital are easily accessible. The campus itself is massive and very beautiful! Some unique features include a forest, a lake, student residences and a chateau all within the campus, which makes it a nice collegial environment.

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

**A:** Internships are not mandatory but are possible in the summer break. About 60% of MBA students complete an internship during their studies. 93% of our MBA's get employed within 3 months after graduation.

**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:** HEC Paris MBA looks for candidates who demonstrate a strong combination of academic prowess, professional achievements, leadership potential, and personal qualities that align with the school's values and culture. (leadership potential, entrepreneurial spirit, strong motivation and drive, willingness to collaborate with others)

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

**A:** Connect with your dedicated recruitment manager before starting your application so that you can receive personalized tips and advice on how to make your profile stand out.

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



**A:** Don't apply without first researching the school, this will show on your essays and during the interviews with Alumni.

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

**A:** Yes, we have monthly rounds at HEC and your chances won't be impacted by the timing of your application.

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

**A:** GMAT Focus Edition 555+ (we also accept the GRE and Executive Assessment Exam)

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

**A:** [Connect with HEC](#)

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

**A:** [Connect with HEC](#) to receive personalized feedback

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

**A:** Any candidate who has applied to the MBA Program will automatically be considered for our Excellence and Diversity scholarships by the HEC Paris MBA Scholarship Committee. (up to 50% of total tuition fees)

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

**A:** In France, partners of MBA students can apply for a Long-Stay Visa for Spouses of Students (Visa de Long Séjour pour Conjoint de Étudiant which is valid for the duration of the student's program.

Generally, holders of this visa are not permitted to work, but they may be eligible to apply for work authorization once in France.