



London Business School Q&A

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

A: 90%+ international community across a lot of our programmes – a great chance to build a global network!

Blend of learning styles – we use case study method, workshops, experiential learning (such as London CAP or our Global Experiences!)

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

A: No major changes – our programme undergoes incremental improvements year on year, to include new electives, different Global Experiences etc. We launched our new Sustainability concentration in 2023.

Our Admissions process is no different to previous years either.

We are introducing our new One-year MBA Programme. It has a pre-requisite and is for people who already have a top Masters in Management (MiM) qualification.

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: Israeli students are very much sought after on all our programmes and are always a target nationality for us. We have Israeli specific scholarships on our MBA programme to show that. LBS is a very welcoming and global student community.

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: A very collaborative and engaged community! It's often been described that kindness is currency at London Business School – we have a very supportive atmosphere.

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

A: We are located in the heart of London, right next to Regents Park! A short tube ride away to the City of London and also very well connected to all other areas of the city.

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

A: We have recorded 90% of our MBA2023 class securing a job offer following graduation – the top sector that candidates go into has been consulting for a number of years.

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're open to candidates of all sector backgrounds – we aim to recruit as diverse class as possible! Typically we look for academic excellence, leadership potential and a global mindset within the candidates we admit.

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

A: Research! You cannot spend too much time researching or talk to too many people. Talk to current students, alumni, recruitment and admissions staff, find out everything there is to know! (Do be mindful of their time though, don't email everyone on blast, be targeted in your approach!)

Q: What NOT to do in the admissions process?

A: Ensure you show your specific desire for LBS and not just a generic answer to the essay i.e. you should talk to LBS students, alumni and staff and then exhibit that research in your application. Candidates who show no specific desire for LBS or need for what makes us unique will not do well in the admissions process.

Q: Are later rounds worth considering?

A: Yes, we admit candidates up until the end of Round 3. However, there are a lot of things to think about – candidates will need to act quickly to pay deposit fees, and secure a visa on time. If you are a candidate considering scholarships, we tend to advise applying in Round 1 or 2. We do have some funding available in Round 3, but it becomes a lot more competitive.

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

A: We review very holistically, so we don't set a % weighting for GMAT. Typically we'll look at scores 565+ in the new GMAT Focus Edition (600+ in GMAT's 10th Edition). Our average in previous years has been around 700 (10th Edition), which is equivalent to 655 in GMAT Focus.

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

A: We take a broad and holistic view when reviewing applications. So if you have something less strong in your profile, you can point to other areas that compensate for it. We choose great people...those who can offer something special to the class from their experiences and personality.

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

A: Nothing specific, but do find some of our Israeli student ambassadors to find out about their experiences!

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

A: We had a modest portfolio of scholarships – we're in the process of trying to grow (we have a large alumni fundraising campaign underway with one of the pillars being scholarship provision).



Majority of our scholarships are merit based, so based on the overall merit of the application. We have Israeli specific scholarships.

We don't award scholarships until candidates have been through the entire admissions process

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 January 2024, the policy of dependents on student visas changed in the United Kingdom. For non-research masters degrees, essentially anything that is not a PhD, students can no longer bring dependents with them on their visa. It means if you did want your partner to join you, they would need their own immigration permissions, such as a work visa or study visa. This would need to be arranged independently from LBS – unfortunately, we cannot assist with this.