

## MIT Sloan 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** A few things come to mind!

- 1. The MIT Sloan School of Management is driven by its mission—to develop principled, innovative leaders who improve the world and to generate ideas that advance management practice.
- In addition to a plethora of resources available to them at Sloan, our MBA students are also encouraged to take advantage of opportunities across MIT and within the broader community. There's tremendous value in an interdisciplinary approach to learning and to collaborating with people who bring different skills and ideas to the table.
- 3. The MBA curriculum at MIT Sloan is extremely flexible and allows students to customize their academic experience to fit their individual interests and needs.
- 4. MIT Sloan and MIT more broadly has an extremely strong entrepreneurial ecosystem. From classroom opportunities (including an Entrepreneurship & Innovation Track) to the Martin Trust Center, Delta V, the 100K Competition, and more.

**Q**: Are there any recent changes in the programs or in the admission process? **A** There will be some application related updates available this summer once the application is live

**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**: With regard to safety on campus. The MIT and MIT Sloan administration continue to hold the safety of the entire community (faculty, staff, and students) as a top priority. We have no doubt that this will continue into the months / years ahead.

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: My favorite way to describe the culture at MIT Sloan is by sharing a phrase that students and alumni use frequently; "Sloanies helping Sloanies." ("Sloanie" is the nickname for a Sloan student or alum!) The community is collaborative, humble, and driven to work together to make a difference. Students play a very active role on campus, through Sloan Senate, as leaders and members of professional and affinity clubs, by organizing conferences and events, and much more.

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

**A**: MIT Sloan is located in Cambridge, Massachusetts (USA) just across the Charles River from Boston. The greater Boston area includes several higher education institutions, lots of American history, and a vibrant sports and culture scene. MIT Sloan's neighborhood, Kendall Square, is a hot spot for tech and biotech companies.





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

A MIT Sloan students pursue a variety of professional goals across industries and functions, often using the 2 years to pivot from one career to another. In addition to common post-MBA paths in consulting, finance, and technology, many students find careers in healthcare, product management, and entrepreneurship. MIT Sloan students receive strong support from the Career Development Office, student clubs, faculty, and the generous MIT alumni network.

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: MIT Sloan seeks students whose personal characteristics demonstrate that they will make the most of the incredible opportunities at MIT, both academic and non-academic. Through the admissions process we look for candidates with demonstrated success (academic and professional) as well as personal attributes such as an ability to work collaboratively and support others, leadership experience and potential, and the ability to creatively problem solve. MIT Sloan students come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences, but all can be described as collaborative, humble, doers.

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

**A**: Be yourself! We want to learn about you, not a cookie cutter version of the person you think we're looking for.

Q: What NOT to do in the admissions process?

**A**: The application process is a chance for us to get to know you better, so be thoughtful and truthful in your stories.

Q: Are later rounds worth considering?

**A:** It's true that later rounds are more competitive because the admissions committee has already accounted for a portion of the seats in the class. That said, candidates are better off applying with a strong application in a later round, rather than rushed application submitted in Round 1. Personal or professional circumstances can also make later rounds a better choice for some.

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

**A:** The GMAT or the GRE is just one piece of your candidacy. Along with your academic background, it helps us understand your capacity to handle the rigorous classroom experience at MIT Sloan. At MIT Sloan, we do not assign percentages to various application components. Each piece of your application speaks to different attributes and each candidate will shine in different ways.

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

**A**: Don't sell yourself short! Be proud of who you are and what you've accomplished. We're intentionally crafting a diverse class, across many different measures, and there's room for all kinds of backgrounds and experiences. Be thoughtful about how you're using each application component to tell a complete story.

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

**A**: The best tip we can give to anyone applying to one of our programs is to be yourself. There are no tricks in our application. There are no right or wrong answers to our questions. The application is structured in a way to provide you the applicant the opportunity to share with us





who you are, your experiences to date, how you plan to contribute to the community, and what you hope to gain from the experience.

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

A: MIT Sloan considers all admitted students for merit-based funding.

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

**A:** MIT Sloan has a strong partner community and welcomes SOs (Significant Others) to participate in much of what's happening on campus, including social events.