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Live Chat with Johnson Cornell Admissions Team | 9 AM Pacific Time (4 PM GMT)

Topic set by **Narenn** on Tue Sep 08 2015 20:40:18 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)

21:30 Narenn **Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club Cornell (Johnson) Q&A session today and a BIG welcome to Eddie Asbie, Associate Director of MBA Admissions and Financial Aid at Cornell, Kim Szpiro, Assistant Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, and David, Current Cornell first year**

21:30 Narenn **Today Eddie, Kim, and David will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at Cornell.**

21:31 Narenn **This chat is now open for Q&A. Please start asking your questions one by one.**

21:31 Cornell_Eddie **Hi everyone! We look forward to chatting with everyone today.**

21:32 David_CurrentStudent **Hi everyone! I'm a current student and I'm happy to answer any questions as well**

21:32 Cornell_Eddie **Hi David. Thank you for joining us**

21:33 Cornell_Kim **We want to learn more about you through your application and interview so that we can fill the class with bright, motivated individuals like yourself. We also encourage you to learn more about us by taking part in activities like this chat. We also suggest taking the time to visit our beautiful campus and meet our students and staff.**

21:33 Cornell_Kim **You can plan your visit to campus using our Plan a Visit link on our website <http://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Full-Time-MBA/Admissions/Events#planyourvisit>, or talk to our students and alumni using our On-line Ambassadors program <http://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Full-Time-MBA/Admissions/Johnson-Ambassador-Search>. Eddie and Kim are excited to answer your question**

21:35 aditya **Hi.. I am interested in the 1 year program. I wanted to ask if going to a 1yr program is of any disadvantage vis-a-vis 2 yr program?**

21:36 Cornell_Eddie **Hi Aditay. Thank you for asking the first question. When looking at the 1-Year and 2-Year program it is important to understand your goals. We see career enhancers in the 1-year and a lot of career switchers in the 2-year program**



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21:37	Cornell_Eddie	I would encourage you to reach out to current students to find out about their experience
21:37	aditya	Yeah I will definitely do it. Thanks!
21:38	naughtyninja	Hi kim! Can I start my application during round 1 but submit the same for round 2?
21:39	Cornell_Kim	You can start your application at any time. If you submit the application during round 1 (and after the deadline) then we will review it with the round 2 applications.
21:39	adityanarvekar	Hi David. Could you please help us with your background before b school and your desired industry post MBA?
21:40	David_CurrentStudent	Hi Aditya. Sure, I'm a 2 year student and a career switcher. As Eddie mentioned I chose this path over the 2 year. Partly because it gave me the opportunity to do an internship and let me explore whether or not my desired career is actually something I want. Before b-school I was an engineer working in the construction industry and post-MBA I'm looking to go into consulting.
21:40	fleece316	What kind of differentiating factors do you look for in an applicant's profile?
21:41	Cornell_Eddie	@fleece316, we are looking for a candidate who is unique, motivated, and more. During the application, you should be able to highlight your experience, academic performance, and more. We want someone who understands our program and is a good fit
21:41	krutik123	hi,I want to know how does the adcom view candidates with experience of about 3 yrs as compared to candidates with experience of about 5yrs(the class avg)? Does this mean that the candidate with less amount of work ex will need to report a higher GMAT score as compared to the candidate with more amount of work ex? thanks in advance. 😊
21:41	Cornell_Kim	Hi Krutik123. Although the average years of work experience in the class is 5 years there is a range of experience. What is of greater importance is the quality of your work experience.
21:42	anandsuman1309	In general, what is the split of students admitted in round 1 & 2 and how good or bad is the opportunity for financial aid and scholarships in round 2 as compared to round 1.
21:42	Cornell_Eddie	@anandsuman1309, it's hard to give you a split between round 1 and 2. Both rounds are competitive and at this point we are not sure of the competitiveness of this years applicant pool. Like most schools, we will see most scholarship offers in the beginning rounds
21:43	ChristinaFBrown	Hi Kim: could you tell us more about the Forte Fellowship Program at Cornell? What is the process like?
21:43	Cornell_Kim	Hi Christina. The Forte Fellowship is evaluated like other scholarships. We look at each application along side of the other accepted applicants and determine eligibility for the fellowship.



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21:43	AbdurRakib	I want to admit for PhD Program in Finance. I've no Masters degree. GMAT & TOEFL exam is ahead .I've 1 years WE. How could I get advantage to admit?
21:44	Cornell_Eddie	@AbdurRakib If you are interested in the PhD program I encourage you to join our PhD open house on October 20 For more information please see our webpage at www.johnson.cornell.edu/PhD-program
21:44	chesterstreet	Hi David. Can you share your experience of the JOE? How do you think it benefited you before the core classes began?
21:44	David_CurrentStudent	Hi chesterstreet. Sure, JOE was a great experience that helped bring the class closer together and my core team. I think there was a lot of value in the experience because it also allowed my core team to identify our strengths in weakness before getting into the core classes. I think we're stronger as a team now and closer as a result. It also gave me an opportunity to meet more of my classmates that I hadn't met prior to JOE
21:45	Mo2men	Do you have any link that describes the elective courses in MBA? i searched website but can't find any lists.
21:45	Cornell_Eddie	@Mo2men, Here is the link to elective courses: https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Two-Year-MBA/Curriculum/Electives
21:45	aditya	Hi Eddie.. What is the admission view on applications of 2nd MBA candidates? Are they at a disadvantage?
21:46	Cornell_Eddie	@aditya, we encourage students to reapply to Johnson. It's just important to articulate how you've improved your application.
21:46	aditya	@eddie - by 2nd MBA I meant candidates with a prior MBA maybe from an international location outside USA
21:46	Cornell_Eddie	sorry about that. If you're applying with a 2nd MBA, it's important to articulate why you believe you need another one.
21:47	Ergen	My question is, whether it is ok to send more than required recommendations?
21:48	Cornell_Eddie	@Ergen, I would encourage all candidates to stick to what is required/recommended in the application process.
21:48	Bilal	Hello Eddie. I am older applicant with close to 9 years of experience(if I were to start in May/July 2016) and I am looking to remain in the same industry post graduation. Which of the two options would you suggest - one year mba or two year mba?
21:49	Cornell_Eddie	@Bilal, I hope all is well. Typically, a student looking to stay in their industry may consider the 1-Year program. But once again, you may want to connect with our students to learn more about the benefits of both programs



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21:49	vinayak237	I want to get into Business and Data Analysis after an MBA, how well suited is the Cornell MBA course for data analysis?
21:49	Cornell_Kim	@vinayak237 We have recently launched a data analytics course and a Digital Technology Immersion. Check out our website for more information about this new immersion program.
21:50	kbs13	Hi, I am interested in a 2 year full-time MBA program. My question is : Does a candidate with a bad academic record but a good GMAT score and lot of co-curricular activities stand a chance getting in Cornell ?
21:50	Cornell_Kim	@kbs13 We look at your application holistically. While a weak undergraduate record can be a concern, we do look at your work experience and standardized scores as well. In the end, your application will be reviewed along with all other applications in the round. The stronger your application is overall the better.
21:51	chesterstreet	Thanks David. Can you also share the kind of activities you did?
21:51	David_CurrentStudent	Hi chesterstreet. In regards to JOE, we started off the day with some team building activities (low ropes courses), then had some free bonding time with the rest of the class (with activities such as soccer, volleyball, swimming, kayaking, etc), and then a large group event with skits. It was a fun, but exhausting day!
21:52	geneticsgene	Hi Kim, Eddie and David, Thanks for taking the time to answer our questions. My query is on the Consulting Passport program - What are the kinds of activities that are part of this program, any specific examples? How do the students benefit from these activities?
21:53	David_CurrentStudent	@geneticsgene, I'm currently going through the recommended consulting curriculum and I've found that there are a lot of resources available. These span from the CMC, to the Consulting Club, and finally into the curriculum (faculty). For the most part, everything is "optional" and you can attend classes and meetings as much as you'd like.
21:53	David_CurrentStudent	@geneticsgene, there are career work groups as well and they're run by successful second years to help prepare you for the recruiting in the coming months
21:53	David_CurrentStudent	Overall the support for consulting has been great and I believe the conversion rate has been extremely high
21:54	yadneo	@ DAVID+KIM--I am a sports entrepreneur from India. I have been trying to connect with current students to understand the opportunities in Sports Companies post MBA. The role I would be looking into would be Marketing and strategy. Are there any past students who have been able to follow this route
21:54	David_CurrentStudent	Hi yadneo. I can't speak much about those interested in sports entrepreneurship personally. Although I know that there is a club of individuals that are interested. I'd suggest looking them up and reaching out to them for more information. https://johnson.campusgroups.com/media/about/



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21:54	Cornell_Kim	@yadneo. I would encourage you to reach out to our on-line Ambassadors http://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Full-Time-MBA/Admissions/Johnson-Ambassador-Search.aspx and our Career Management Center.
21:55	Varsheeni	Hello! My name is Varsheeni and I'm working on a startup in Kenya! I was wondering how active is Cornell in the field of Entrepreneurship?
21:55	Cornell_Eddie	@Varsheeni, Cornell is very active in the entrepreneurial space. I would start by looking at our site: https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Entrepreneurship-and-Innovation-Institute
21:55	Cornell_Eddie	To get a better look at what our students are doing, I would encourage you to take a look at Johnson Voices: https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/About/Johnson-Voices
21:56	chesterstreet	Thanks so much David! Can you talk a bit about the leadership fellow? How many students in all are selected as leadership fellows? Any specific tangible selection criteria?
21:56	David_CurrentStudent	@chesterstreet, I can't really say much about the leadership fellow program because I'm still a first year and leadership fellows are second years that were selected in their first year. I'm not sure how many of them are there in total, however I do know there is a nomination process and the faculty are involved with it. Besides that I do know that each core team is assigned a leadership fellow as a mentor and they help guide us throughout the core
21:56	aditya	@David - How is the supply chain program at Cornell?
21:57	David_CurrentStudent	@aditya, I can't really speak to the supply chain program at Cornell because at the moment I'm more interested in strategy consulting and I haven't gotten to explore too much beyond the core. I do know that in the second year, classes outside of Johnson are available to students and that Cornell Engineering has an excellent operations research department that can enhance your knowledge of supply chain management
21:57	Guest45266	Sir/Madam; I m Electrical Engr. recently passed out. Hence, no post-qualification experience. Am I eligible to apply for MBA with a healthy scholarship??
21:58	Cornell_Kim	@Guest45266 Our scholarship selection is very competitive and we look at a number of factors including your undergraduate record, GMAT and work experience.
21:59	prathmeshkhare	Hi, I am with 10 yrs exp and want to know entrepreneurship immersion program
22:00	Cornell_Kim	@prathmeshkhare While we do not have an entrepreneurship immersion, we do have considerable resources available to you including the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Institute and BR Ventures. You can create a customized immersion to meet your curriculum needs.
22:00	allfta	Beside the extra content given by showing different angle of me, Providing such differ angle itself would be highly evaluated?



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22:01	Cornell_Eddie	@allfta, we look at all aspects of your application when making a decision. Just make sure you submit the strongest application
22:01	aditya	@david - thanks for the insight. I am more interested in supply chain strategy. Is that a part of strategy consulting?
22:04	David_CurrentStudent	@aditya, I believe that supply chain strategy will be introduced into some of the core, but there will be more classes and options for those that wish to specialize and study that topic more in depth. As I said, if you are really interested in supply chain strategy, operations research has extremely in depth classes that cover more advanced topics in supply chain strategy and decision making
22:04	Sukant2010	Hello, I am an MBA aspirant for the 2016 intake. Being from a financial + engineering background of almost 4 years, I want to pursue MBA to enter into the front end of investment banking. What kind of such opportunities can I look for in Cornell..? Also, is location a disadvantage for students wanting to pursue a finance career in major fin hubs..?
22:05	Cornell_Eddie	@Sukant2010, in my opinion, one of the biggest misconceptions is that location affects our students in the recruiting process. In the financial hub, our students do very well.
22:06	David_CurrentStudent	@Sukant2010, to back up what Eddie has said, location is not a disadvantage at all. Cornell is located within a reasonably short distance from NYC and those interested in finance travel to the city quite often to network with Banks and IB firms
22:08	chesterstreet	Since different media (ppt, video, doc file) can be used to answer the essay about the table of content of the life story, does the admission committee in any way have a preference over the media used? Is there something specific that the committee looks for in the answer for this essay
22:09	Cornell_Eddie	@chesterstreet, No, the admissions committee does not have a preference. This essay gives you the opportunity to have you voice heard and to tell your story
22:10	kapoormanas1	Hi...Could you please talk about the available Analytics related courses, like on Big Data, at Cornell?
22:10	David_CurrentStudent	@kapoormanas1, I cannot speak much to the more advanced courses, but I do know that the school has acknowledged the growing industry around data analytics and Big Data. They added a data analytics portion to our core and are starting to work fairly closely with the Information Sciences department here at Cornell. I believe there should be some big announcements coming soon regarding the new immersion in Digital Tech
22:12	Cornell_Eddie	@kapoormanas1, this year, we updated our curriculum. Please review this link to learn more about our new Analytic course: https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/About/Newsroom/Article-Detail/ArticleId/38300/MBA-Students-Embrace-New-Curriculum-Now-in-Place-at-Johnson-at-Cornell-University
22:12	Doctorhm	Hello, I am Harshita, from India. Could you please speak a bit about your MHA/MBA program? If a



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		candidate gets accepted to the Johnson MBA and not to the Sloan MHA or vice versa, then can he or she join the course where he or she has been accepted and try for the other program whilst in it? Thank you for your time and consideration. Have a great day!
22:14	Cornell_Eddie	@Doctorhm, The MBA/MHA program is a 2 year program. You must start at Johnson with the summer core (beginning in May) and then at MHA in the fall. It would be tough to complete in two years if you do not get admitted to both programs
22:14	Doctorhm	Thank you Eddie, so can we defer the admission in case we are accepted in one and not in the other? Thank you.
22:15	Cornell_Eddie	@Doctorhm, unfortunately no. We do not grant deferrals for that reason
22:16	LeelaPrasad	I saw that you do accept students who took the GRE. Is there any data on the average score range?
22:16	Cornell_Kim	@LeelaPrasad If you submit a GRE we will convert the score to a GMAT equivalent. We are therefore looking for a median converted score of 700
22:16	LeelaPrasad	Does coming from a family business put me at an advantage/disadvantage? Considering that I do come from a family business, who would you suggest I get a letter of rec from?
22:17	Cornell_Kim	@LeelaPrasad We have numerous resources for students in family business including the Smith Family Business Initiative. We have a conference coming up in Ithaca on October 8-9 called Families in Business across Cornell. For letter of recommendation I would suggest using a client or supplier as a rec.
22:17	LeelaPrasad	Thank You very much for answering patiently! Appreciate the detailed responses.
22:17	andrey_abramov	Eddie/Kim/David, when you get a chance, can you please discuss the student-run hedge fund and venture capital fund at Cornell?
22:18	prathmeshkhare	@Kim, thanks a lot for response. I am keen to start my own venture in education. I saw the website for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Institute., but want to know if I can leverage on Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EiR) program to refine my business plan?
22:18	Cornell_Kim	@prathmeshkhare All of our resources, including the Entrepreneur in Residence, are available to you to as a Johnson student and to help you achieve your goals.
22:19	vinayak237	I have a very unconventional work profile, i am a sports statistician. Will the unconventionality be of any disadvantage?
22:20	Cornell_Eddie	@vinayak237, no you will not be at a disadvantage. We like to see candidates from all different backgrounds
22:20	Narenn	David, I've a question for you; Not sure if already asked by someone before. Apart from Cornell, you



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		were also accepted to another top MBA program. What encouraged you to choose Cornell over that other business school?
22:23	David_CurrentStudent	@Narenn, Great question! I chose Cornell for a few reasons. Firstly, I knew that a large part of the MBA experience was learning from your classmates and so to get the richest experience I'd want the most diverse class. I felt that Cornell offered the most diverse class between my choices.
22:23	David_CurrentStudent	Secondly, I enjoy outdoor activities and Ithaca offers a great variety of fun activities to keep me active outside of the classroom.
22:25	David_CurrentStudent	Lastly, from a personal point. My wife could not relocate with me to Ithaca and so we'll have to travel back and forth from each other's locations. She'll remain in the NYC area and so frequent trips back and forth from Ithaca were much easier than my other option (Tepper)
22:26	kapoormanas1	Thanks for the information on the Analytics courses Eddie and David. I realize Kim is available as well. Kim, any further official update on the Digital Tech immersion? I remember you mentioning the same at the QS MBA event in New Delhi.
22:27	Cornell_Kim	@kapoormanas1 Please refer to Eddie's earlier post regarding the press release about the curriculum changes to the 2 YR program and the digital tech immersion
22:28	fall15applicant	Hi Kim, thanks for all your attentiveness in answering our questions. In regards to academic achievement--I am at the lower end of your 80% GPA range. Would this require me to be at the upper end of your 80% GMAT range in order to be a "competitive" applicant?
22:28	Cornell_Kim	@fall15applicant We do look at each application holistically and if you had a weaker GPA but stronger GMAT then we will take that into account. The stronger the application the better your chances.
22:29	Cornell_Kim	There are so many great questions here! If you do not have your questions answered please feel free to check out our website as well as the Put Me On The List link at www.johnson.cornell.edu/Full-Time-MBA/Inquiry
22:29	Narenn	Great thanks, David. What is your best class and Professor at Johnson?
22:30	David_CurrentStudent	@Narenn, right now I've only just begun and so the verdict's still out... But I'll preface this by saying that I've been extremely impressed with the teaching faculty here. Alan Filipowicz was a great and energetic professor for our Leadership class, but I'm eager to take a class with Maureen O'Hara. She teaches a second year elective that's extremely popular. She also spoke at our Fall Rally and you can tell that she's extremely intelligent and friendly. I can't wait until I get the opportunity to take her class
22:30	prathmeshkhare	@ Narenn, can we get the entire chat in a mail pls? I joined a bit late, so don't have entire chat history here.



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22:30	Ergen	Transcript of every GMAT Club chat is available to download here http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html#p1416987
22:31	allfta	So Eddie, do you mean you visit the class before u apply? how did you check such diversification of the classmates? + How do u think some applicants like the international students can pre-experience such diversification?
22:31	Cornell_Eddie	@allfta, It's up to you when to visit but I encourage you to visit when students are here. Diversification can be by your work experience, extra activities and more.,
22:31	Doctorhm	Hello David, what roles do first years get to play in clubs? On an average, students are members of how many clubs? Last question, how the usual weekday like for a first year MBA is. Thank you.
22:32	David_CurrentStudent	@Doctorhm, for established clubs, First years are participants in the beginning of the semester, however elections for leadership positions come up quickly (late October/early November). But there is also opportunity to take leadership roles early as well. My year has started a large number of clubs and so there are a large number of First Years that are officers in these new clubs
22:33	David_CurrentStudent	Also, you can join and lead as many clubs as you'd like but time management becomes much harder the more that you do
22:33	David_CurrentStudent	I'm not sure what the average is, but right now I'm involved in 3 clubs and it's pretty busy. FOMO is real! Lol
22:33	Ergen	If someone has a question, please hurry up
22:33	chesterstreet	Does taking up any specific concentrations help in recruiting for consulting? And when does recruiting for summer internship starts? Thanks
22:34	David_CurrentStudent	@chesterstreet, there is no specific concentration for consulting and we've been encouraged to take an immersion that interests us the most. Consulting is broad enough where there are skills that can be learned and used in the internship from any immersion program (although they recommend that you take the Management Cases course regardless).
22:35	David_CurrentStudent	@chesterstreet, for consulting, internship recruiting starts as soon as the first firms show up on campus which have already started. Formal resume drops however are due in mid-December and interviews begin in mid-January
22:35	Ergen	Alright!!!... We'll wrap up here
22:35	Ergen	Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today. Thank you very much, Eddie, Kim, and David for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions. Hope you enjoyed the chatting with our community members. We know that we could not answer everyone's question due to timing constraint. David will remain available on GMAT Club forum to answer your questions: His username is dtse86



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22:35	Ergen	The next chat session with Cornell is on November 10. To view complete Live Q&A schedule visit this thread... http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html
22:35	Ergen	We will publish a condensed transcript of this chat in Cornell forum in few days. Keep an eye on this thread... http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-johnson-cornell-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200239.html
22:36	Cornell_Eddie	Thank you for your time. We wish you all the best during the application process. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Enjoy your day
22:36	Ergen	Thanks Eddie, Kim, and David. It was great to see you'll here
22:36	kbs13	Thank you!! Gmat Club for such an informative session!!
22:36	David_CurrentStudent	I've got to go everyone, but if you have any more questions or I didn't get to yours feel free to PM met @dtse86. Thanks Ergen and Narenn for moderating!

1) Upcoming Cornell (Johnson) Chat sessions:

- November 10
- December 15

2) 2015 Live Q&A Session Schedule: <http://gmatclub.com/forum/announcement-mba-info-sessions-on-gmatclub-174827.html>

3) All Chat transcripts are available to download here <http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html#p1416987>

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