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AKao22a1df: For essay 2, for consulting applicants, is it ok to provide a broader view across projects rather than our most recent supervisor, who may have only worked with me for a couple of months?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Jishn: We do not have spring admission. I assume the deadline for fall 2016 entry will be round 1 end of September, round 2 early January.

young012.na: thanks for the infoHarriet :)

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Kao: Essay 2 is wide open and new this year, so you may take the role of any supervisor.

MelissaRMorton: Hi Harriet, What is the best way to learn more about the sustainability certificate besides just the information provided on the website?

ByungchulLee: Hello Ms. Harriet Barnett. Can you share us an example of a very compelling applicant that you can remember? :)

Harriet (Admissions): Hi clm: I do not have the numbers but I would say our students come from consulting, finance, and high tech in that order.

Jishn: thank you harriet :)

nsouli: Good morning Harriet, If someone has an undergraduate background in business and wishes to pursue a masters in engineering, what would you recommend they do? I have heard a post-bac as one possible route. Mounir Nsouli

ByungchulLee: and you can just call me BCL or Jason (for your convenience)

Anindita: HI Harriet! Are international applicant interviews done by alumni or admissions officers? and what percentage of applicants are you looking to interview for round 1

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Melissa: I think on the Sustainability Initiative page there is a person to contact, but you can write to me privately for the email: hbarnett@mit.edu

MelissaRMorton: Thank you!

robinalg89: Hi Harriet, Thanks for your previous reply. GMAT range is 680-780, Can you please give some information on range of GRE ?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Anindita: No, all interview are done by adcom members who travel to 12 key cities around the world.

payneh: Hi Harriet, when will you be sending round one interview decisions this year to US applicants?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Anindita: I believe our goal is to interview about 30% of the round 1 pool.

AKao22a1df: Hi Harriet, for Essay 1, should we focus on our previous experiences or "how you will contribute toward advancing the mission" by talking about what we may want to pursue at MIT?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Akao: I would focus on previous examples in E1.

Harriet (Admissions): Hi payneh: We have actually started doing interviews in round 1.

su820930: Morning Harriet. You just have mentioned that students come from consulting, finance, and high tech in order. Is the program prefer in that order or just happened to be that way ordue to the number of application inthose backgrounds?

JLee9d56af: Hello, I have a question :) regarding the recommendation letter, although I have more than 3 years of working experience, due to the working environment and circumstances, at work, there is not a single boss that I can relate to more than 3 months as the organization was unstable. Therefore, I feel that my professor can best explain my qualities as I have performed intensive work experience not only as an assistant but an administrative associate for numerous conferences and academic businesses. Is it possible I ask my professor instead to write me a recommendation letter?

Anindita: Thank you Harriet!

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Nsouli: I don't know anything about a master's in engineering. This is just an MBA chat.

clevergood: Hi Harriet, this is Chip. For an international interview, if we are unable to meet with an adcom member in one of the 12 locations, is it possible to do an interview via Skype instead? Will this hurt our application?

nsouli: Are they dual MBA degrees no longer being offered? LGO? SGM?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi JLee: We discourage academic recommendations, but it is the applicant's choice if you feel that person is best.

ArunPrakash: Hi Harriet! Is it unlikely for an applicant from a non-traditional background (NOT consulting hitech etc) to get a spot in the MIT MBA

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Nsouli: The dual degrees we offer are LGO (engineering plus MBA) and HKS (MPA or MPP plus MBA).

boscojung: Hi Harriet, I was wondering what percentage of the applicants who get invited to interview are accepted into the program on average?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Arun: Absolutely. We don't want a homogeneous class so play up your non-traditional, unique background.

Harriet (Admissions): Hi boscoujung: About 50 to 60% of those interviewed get an offer of admission.

boscoujung: Thanks :)

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Chip: We really discourage Skype interviews unless you live in certain places (e.g. Afghanistan).

Jishn: what do you suggest for best recommendations? who can be that?

ArunPrakash: thanks Harriet :) That's encouraging!

pamcgoncalves: Hi Harriet, could you share with us any tips on interviews? Is there any common mistake we should avoid?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Pam: The interviewer will have had access to your file before the interview so I would think of new examples that are not in the application.

Anindita: Hi Harriet! Not sure if the question is too specific but is Singapore on the map for the adcom to travel to for interviews?

NJambunathan6923f0: Hi Harriet- is there any order in which interview invites are sent? Or are they random?

clm5170: How long is the typical interview? Also, is it just an individual interview, or is there a group component?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Jishn: I'd suggest recommenders who really know you and are willing to answer the questions we ask.

Harriet (Admissions): Hi clm: An interview is usually 45 minutes and it's only 1:1, no groups.

Harriet (Admissions): Hi NJam: Pretty random.

NJambunathan6923f0: Thanks!

clm5170: Thank you, Harriet!

CKenta7c8c7: Hi Harriet and Anne, I'm curious about collaboration on campus and among various schools in the area - especially with entrepreneurship and the entrepreneurship pitches. Is this something that is promoted or does each school at MIT focus on its own area?

ASasson_Swirskib254d8: Good Morning Harriet, when do international applicants might receive their invitation for the interview?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Anindita: The only ones I know in Asia are Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Sasson: I believe early November is reasonable for international invites to start going out.

vip8c2b13: Hi Harriet: After the interview, does AdCom assess candidates with more emphasis on the interview since they have already reviewed the written application (i.e., are applicants starting from a blank slate more or less)? Or does the interview become just one part of the whole application?

ASasson_Swirskib254d8: thank you!

NJambunathan6923f0: Thanks CKenta- I was looking at asking the same thing!

Jishn: Thanks for the ans. what will be usual batch size for MBA?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi CKenta: The Trust Center for Entrepreneurship is an interdisciplinary center for all departments at MIT and has many events in terms of mixers to get groups together for the competitions such as \$100K.

Harriet (Admissions): Hi JIshn: Each MBA Class has about 400.

ByungchulLee: Hello Ms. Harriet Barnett. You have over thirty years of experience in the admissions program. Is there an applicant that recalls WOW!! in your memories? :)

ArunPrakash: Hi Harriet! I am also from Singapore. So does that mean in case of an interview invite, I am to travel to the city in Asia where its happening?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Byung: Plenty of unique applicants we able to pull themselves away from the already self-selected pool where 80% are perfectly admissible because they write lucid and convincing stories and look so good on paper that we want to meet them in person and then they are dazzling in person.

HMasters4382c6: Hello Harriet. This is also quite specific, but if I were to be invited for an interview, which city would i likely have to travel to as I live in Bermuda?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Arun: Right or else come to campus for an interview.

clevergood: Hi Harriet, Chip again. Can you talk about Sloan's international opportunities? How often are tours & treks offered during the school year? Aside from the China & India Labs, are there any other international opportunities? And typically how many students participate in these?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Masters: The only cities we offer in the US to interview in are Boston, SF, and LA.

HMasters4382c6: Great. Thank you.

kevincho:

>Hi Harriet, I am not an applicant yet and probably won't be until year 2016, as I have just started thinking about pursuing an MBA degree. In my future application, I see my undergrad GPA being a bottleneck (CGPA of 2.8). I have interesting work experience as a Product

Manager for two years and I have co-founded an IT start-up recently and working my way through it. As I have gained many interesting experiences on my start-up, I have also felt the need to know more about business side of things as well as finance in order to take myself to the next level. I have Masters of Engineering(3.8 GPA) and B.A.Sc in Engineering from University of Toronto. I still have not yet taken my GMAT. Based on my above profile, do/can you foresee myself overcoming low undergr

yong315: Does reapplicants treated same as first time applicant? is there any advantage or disadvantage?

nsouli: What is the threshold between pursuing an executive and a full-time MBA? Work experience? Age? Current employment?

bffcosta: Hi, I made a mistake when I took part on this chat, I am looking for information about the MIT Sloan Fellows Program, the one the lasts for one year. Will you provide a chat to discuss about this program?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Chip: There are many international opportunities for both credit or enrichment. There are 3-4 study tours on different themes every year (e.g. The Business of Education in South America); there are G-lab clients in Asia and Africa, Global Health Delivery in Africa, treks to Israel, Korea, and Japan. And this is only a tiny representation of what we offer.

Harriet (Admissions): Hi bffcosta: Our office does not handle SF Admission and I don't know whether they do chats or not. You should contact them.

clevergood: Awesome, thanks. Where is the best place for me to learn more?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Nsouli: Sloan Fellows typically have on average 10 years experience. I don't know about MBA.

aaronkhosla: Is the international component mandatory?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Chip: The website and the student blogs. Google Action learning.

clevergood: Will do, thank you.

Sandeep Reddy: Hi Harriet! I understand this maybe a highly specific, but is a specific track's curriculum vastly different from the regular curriculum? Or is it just a selection of particular concentration areas based on the future career paths?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Aaron: Nothing is mandatory. We let the students customize their education.

ByungchulLee: Ms. Harriet is not going to like this comment. But here it goes. For Participants! You can add additional chatrooms. I just tried it, therefore, you can look through all the chatrooms. However please bear in mind that chatting in our current rooms only will help the admissions. Later when the chat is finished, you could copy-paste the other rooms chat and find anything informative. :)

aaronkhosla: Nice! Thanks

Jishn: just a request can you reply with diff. colour font so we can differentiate of que. & NAs

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Sandeep: A track has more requirements (e.g. a proseminar) that you wouldn't find if you chose to put together your own curriculum, but then you wouldn't have advantages like the E & I trek to Silicon Valley.

AKao22a1df: hi Harriet, should you mention why you want/need an MBA in your application?

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Jishn: I'll try to type in bold. OK?**

clevergood: Harriet, how much crossover is there between Sloan and other schools at MIT - whether in the classroom or in extracurriculars?

Jishn: great (Y)

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Akao: Our entire application is based on the past as a predictor of success. No need to talk about future plans that may change or not materialize.**

ckavcsak: Hi, I'm curious to learn more about the student life experience. In particular are there clubs and organizations centered around cycling, running, and other outdoor activities? Is there a yearly ski trip? I'm coming from Colorado so may miss the mountains!

Sangyun Lee:

Hi Harriet, Greeting from Sevilla in Spain. This may be repetitive to the question which other candidates have already asked since I logged in a bit late because I have had a hard time finding quite a good internet access while travelling.

When do you plan to visit Asia for Round 1 interviews and in which cities do you aim to held interviews?

yong315: Harriet, does admission treat reapplicants any differently? Any advantage or disadvantage?

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi ckavcsak: There are over 60 student clubs and a list of them if you google MIT Sloan student clubs.**

ckavcsak: Great, thanks!

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi yong: Readers have access to the first application if the person applied last year, but they put much more emphasis on the current application.**

yong315: thanks

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Sangyun: The only cities in Asia I have heard of are Shanghai and Hong Kong.**

ByungchulLee: Questions. Can you tell us one best thing about MIT Sloan, and one worst (or one thing the school should bolster) thing about Sloan? :)

nsouli: Does being a legacy applicant have any positive boost for the applicant?

DMarlowb9112d: Hi Harriet, I was wondering if you could discuss some of the benefits/drawbacks of applying early in terms of experience (say 2 years) rather than a more typical 3-4 years. For example: are those students with less experience, even if admitted, at a disadvantage when it comes to competitive opportunities with jobs/internships?

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Chip: Read the student blogs to hear of all the possibilities of things to do at MIT. Here's one:** <http://mitsloan.mit.edu/student-blogs/mba-2015/>

Jishn: can i apply in both the round for same year?

clevergood: Thanks again

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi DMarlow: I really feel it depends what you did with the 2 years of experience not whether you had 2 or 4 years.**

DMarlowb9112d: Okay great, thanks!

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi JIshn: You can only apply one a year in either round**

young012.na: hi again Harriet, adding to Sangyun's question. When(or which week of November)do adcom plan to visit Shanghai and Hong Kong? Rough forecasts will be fine.

Sangyun Lee: Thanks, Harriet. Don't you have a plan to visit Korea for interviews at the moment?

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Young: I really don't know the specific week we will come. If invited, there should be a window of a week or two before the interviews.**

Sandeep Reddy: Thanks for the insight Harriet. My follow up question was whether the EM track is more suited for a career in Consulting

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Sangyun: One last time: I have only heard of two cities that we are going to in Asia and neither is in Korea.**

NBhattacharyad34103: Hi Harriet, good morning. Which cities in Latin America do you hold interviews in?

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Sandeep: Yes, Enterprise for Consulting, Marketing, Operations folks.**

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi NBhattachary: IN the past we have gone to Brazil, Chile and Mexico.**

vip8c2b13: Hi Harriet: After the interview, does AdCom assess candidates with more emphasis on the interview since they have already reviewed the written application (i.e., are applicants starting from a blank slate more or less)? Or does the interview become just one part of the whole application?

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Harriet (Admissions): **Hi vip: The interview is incredibly important. The interviewer makes the final recommendation to the Admissions Director.**

young012.na: thank you again :)

Sandeep Reddy: Thanks again Harriet!

vip8c2b13: Thank you!

ByungchulLee: Another question. I applied for round 1 and am waiting for the schools call. What would be the smartest thing for me to do now? :)

Sangyun Lee: Thanks again.

kevincho: Hi Harriet, I have asked a question above. Would you be able to give me an answer to my question?

caroline.mauron: Apologies for asking my question again, im not sure if you missed it or chose not to answer.Regarding GPAs - does the number get less important if you have more work experience (say 8-12 years) ? also, how do you compare US GPA with international grades, when the grading system can be very different (eg 75% in Europe is a lot better than US GPA 3.0)

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Byungchul: The best thing about Sloan, I think, is the sense of community. It's like a small town, where everybody knows one another and there is a sense of caring and helping. We say it's a culture of collaboration and contribution and the students are smart, down-to-earth, and incredibly humble. It's a great place to be for two years.**

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Caroline: We are so familiar with international universities and don't try to compare them to a US GPA.**

ByungchulLee: Thank you for your sincere answers.

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Kevincho: As it agao.**

Harriet (Admissions): **Ask it again.**

ByungchulLee: Mr. Kevin asked**kevincho:**

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joao.gallego.moura: Is there a maximum age limit to apply? Would you say that being 31 years old is a disadvantage or this isn't a "issue"?

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Joao: We welcome applications from people with various years of experience.**

PLeeeeba6e: hello Harriet! Sorry I'm a little late. Did you cover when will you be getting back to R1 international students (even if they are 'based' ie: working/living in the US)?

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Kevin: If you have a less than desired GPA, you might consider using the optional, in part, to address the issue. Say if there were extenuating circumstances like poor health for one semester or if you did better towards the end -- things like that.**

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Plee: We have already begun issuing invitations for interviews and will continue to do so for most of November.**

Jishn: Harriet, how do you judge/evaluate work experience while u saying does not matter 2-3 or 4 yrs?

edwales142: Hi Harriet, Which countries are you visiting in Africa for interviews?

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Jishn: I have no idea how to answer your question in one or two sentences.**

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi edwales: I do not believe we will be doing interviews on the ground in Africa. Probably we would use Skype for Africa.**

edwales142: ok, thanks!

Jishn: no problem harriet.

ryank236: Harriet, if your company sends 3-4 sponsored candidates, but I apply on my own, would I be at a disadvantage for the LGO program being non sponsored?

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Byungchul: I would say try to get to know the schools you have applied to. Spend time with the websites. On ours, for instance, we have podcasts, Tech TV, student blogs, which could keep you busy but be useful.**

ByungchulLee: Thanks again ^^

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Ryank: You mean from a partner company of LGO. Not sure what the answer is. Try writing to LGO Admissions directly for answer.**

ArunPrakash: Hi Harriet! Would the percentage of candidates you interview change for international applicants? How many of all international applicants do you expect to interview?

DRosenbloomda9d45: Harriet, When is the best time to do a campus visit?

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Arun: I do not understand the first question and don't have a percentage breakdown for international/US. We plan to interview 30% of the total pool for round 1.**

NBhattacharyyad34103: Thanks for your answer Harriet. I am a rig engineer, working in oil and gas operations, and I would like to continue building my strengths in operations management. I am interested in the EM track, but I am a little confused about whether this is a separate specialization or part of the main course curriculum? The website says that the student receives two certificates.

Jishn: one more que. regarding scholarship. what are the different scholarship available and what are the criteria to apply for it?

Arjun R: Hi Harriet, referring back to your input on Sloan not emphasizing on post MBA plans or the need for MBA in the essay, is that the same approach followed during the interviews ?

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi DRosen: We have a wonderful Ambassadors Program that runs four days a week until early December. I would try to come during Ambassadors since it includes an info session, sitting in on a class, and lunch with students so a good use of your time.**

rollsd: Hello. I'm hoping you might have an update for R1 applicants wrt. interview invites. When do you expect to send most of them? Is there a different for U.S. based or international applicants?

jaekyung.jung02: Harriet, what kind of cadidates are you looking for? I mean is there any common thing you guysare looking for?

clevergood: Harriet, if we are unable to participate in the Sloan Ambassadors Program this fall, what is the second best way to learn more about what it's like inside the classrooms?

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Arjun: The interview is a behavioral event interview where you talk about something from your recent past. I think there is more time if you want to talk with post MBA plans and why Sloan in the interview compared to the application though.**

Harriet (Admissions): **Hi Chip: I would turn to the student blogs, which are totally unfiltered and I would trust what the students have to say.** <http://mitsloan.mit.edu/student-blogs/mba-2015/>

clm5170: When does the Ambassadors program usually start?

clevergood: Sounds like I need to hit the blogs!

Harriet (Admissions): Hi clm: In the fall Ambassadors resumes in mid September and runs till early December, then a break and we resume in the spring semester but only two days a week.

Arjun R: What would be the window period between invitation and interview for international applicants ? Specifically India ?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Chip: Yes, indeed, plus there are Action Learning blogs and Study Tour blogs as well.

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Arjun: One or two weeks

clevergood: Great, thanks again

rollscd: ...and can you please disclose the locations for international (European) interviews?

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Harriet (Admissions): General announcement: This chat will be ending in about five minutes. If you did not get your question answered (despite my best efforts), write to mbaadmissions@sloan.mit.edu.

HMasters4382c6: How recently should you have worked with your recommender? I am contemplating asking a close supervisor whom I stopped working with over a year ago. Would that be alright?

clm5170: Thank you, Harriet. Are those 2 days in the Spring for Ambassadors the same every week? E.g. Thursdays and Fridays?

Harriet (Admissions): Hi rollscd: I actually don't know the European cities, but I'd guess London and Paris.

ByungchulLee: To add to Ms. Harriet's comment on the student blog, the blog for 2016 is open too. Very FRUITFUL INDEED! <http://mitsloan.mit.edu/student-blogs/mba-2016/>

Harriet (Admissions): Hi clm: Yes the same days each week, not Fridays. Maybe Mondays and Thursdays.

rollscd: Great. Thank you. And do you have an update for R1 applicants wrt. interview invites. When do you expect to send most of them? Is there a difference for U.S. based or international applicants?

yingdiwu: >>Hi, for those who have only one or two years work experience, what merits, typically, can make those people stand out?

rollscd: Thank you again. Great chat by the way!

clevergood: (Not a question) Thanks for your time Harriet.

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Jishn: For the few scholarships we have check out FINANCE YOUR MBA on the website. Also there see Teaching and Research Assistanships.

AKao22a1df: Thanks Harriet!

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Rollscd: We have started sending out interview invites and will continue to do so through most of November.

Jishn: thank you!!

clm5170: Extremely helpful chat! Thanks again, Harriet.

NJambunathan6923f0: Cheers everyone! Thank you for your time, Harriet- it was a fantastic chat session!

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Byung: Yes, I particularly love the first year bloggers as they are very enthusiastic!!!

HMasters4382c6: Hi Harriet. How recently should you have worked with your recommender? I am contemplating asking a close supervisor whom I stopped working with over a year ago. Would that be alright?

clevergood: One more question - for round 2 applications, does it make a difference whether we submit in November vs. January? Will you start reviewing it any earlier?

HMasters4382c6: Thank you for your time.

ArunPrakash: Thanks for your time Harriet :)

Harriet (Admissions): Hi HMasters: We expect to see a recommendation from the current supervisor. If that's notfeasible, tell us why not in the optional.

ByungchulLee: Gracias :)

HMasters4382c6: OK great. Thank you very much!

Harriet (Admissions): Hi Clevergood: No need to submit for r2 more than a week or so before the deadline.

JLee9d56af: Thank you for your time Harriet