

Nina_Admissions: @GSanchez, **definitely reach out to the SO Club to gain some perspective on the SO perspective**

tdeif: Hi Nina. I went through the MIT Sloan website, and noticed many activities, programs, competitions, and electives that are mentioned to encourage interdisciplinary work. I am wondering from an "on ground" perspective, how easy it is to collaborate with students from other schools on projects (specifically engineering schools).

Nina_Admissions: @ENizabeth, **a huge percentage of our students have a career change post MBA.**

dsarfaty: Hi everyone. Nina, I already applied in Round I and I noticed that MIT Sloan's application has two main differences in comparison to other MBA programs: it does not ask about activities outside of work and does not ask "why Sloan".

mcgrady: Will TOEFL scores be considered as part of the package for international applicants?

ENizabeth7b8983: thanks

dsarfaty: I need to add if you can comment on the strategy behind it

Nina_Admissions: @Vickyweiyu, **we do not have any required courses for enrollment. We look at your quantitative skills through scores and GPA, and if we feel that you need any additional course work, we might admit you on conditional terms meaning that you need to take calc 1 or microeconomics the summer before matriculation and earn an A**

samverran: Hi Nina, is it possible as a Sloan student to take classes offered at other graduate schools within MIT or in the Boston area?

vip6af180: Nina, what specific attributes does the admissions council focus on when deciding whether a candidate is the right fit for Sloan? For instance: leadership, independent-drive, collaboration, creativity?

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smorodinart: Morning Nina. In regards to work experience and years of experience. I have moved between different jobs within last three years and now wonder how it will look on my resume. Does MIT prefer steady career track at one company or people who are still trying to find their calling in life?

Nina_Admissions: @McGrady **we do not require the TOEFL score, we evaluate your english through your application and the interview**

ketansinha: Hello, do you see a lot of people applying from the oil and gas industry? For the ones that enroll, what kind of careers do they typically pursue?

Nina_Admissions: @DSarfaty, **we learn about your outside work activities through your resume and if you want to include anything on the optional essay (or use examples in the essays)**

Nina_Admissions: @Samverran **you can take up to three courses outside of Sloan and have them count towards the degree**

dsarfaty: I read in the FAQ that you have a scoring system that evaluates 8 competencies. Can you give detail on what these competencies are?

Nina_Admissions: @Smorodinart **it doesn't matter, we understand that people switch careers - just make sure you chose recommenders that know you well and can testify to your work experience and leadership skills**

smorodinart: Thanks for answering.

Nina_Admissions: @Dsarfaty **we look for competence such as leadership, but that's just an example**

IharSm: Hi, At my last job I

Nina_Admissions: @Vip, **it is combination of all you mentioned and then some**

csolberg9@gmail.com: Hi Nina. Can you describe Sloan's approach re: learning methodologies? Percentage of experiential, case study, etc.? And what are examples of experiential methods employed (simulation, action learning, etc)? Thanks!

vip6af180: Tks, Nina!!

Nicolestutz16: Hi Nina - do you prefer a particular format for the optional essay (e.g., written essay over video)?

ASasson_Swirskib254d8: Good morning Nina, when do international students might receive their interview invitation?

smorodinart: Hi Nina, another question. How big should be my resume. I know standard format, when applying for jobs, is one page. If I want to show my diverse background and early internships my resume would be close to 2 pages long. Is there are cut of point when it comes to application resume?

Nina_Admissions: @Csolberg, **it varies and is left up to the professors: for example Organization Processes is more case based whereas DMD is more lecture, homework sets, and exams. We have 15 action learning labs which all include an onsite project**

Nina_Admissions: @Nicolestutz, **we do not have a preference, we see written essays, videos, presentations**

Nina_Admissions: @ASasson, **interview invites are going out through mid november**

Nicolestutz16: ok thanks!

Nina_Admissions: @Smorodinart, you should keep your resume to one page. if you feel there is more to share, you could mention some of what was left out in your optional essay

vipb738be: Hi Nina, if I would like to pursue a career on IT (with a focus on Systems, Product/Software Development, Application Management-Development+Maintenance); how different would it be for me to A) Pursue an MBA degree and take some credits on EECS (in the Computer Science side), or B) Pursue an LGO dual-degree on the EECS track

csolberg9@gmail.com: Thanks. I saw that significant others can't enroll in classes unless they apply; how about auditing classes?

IharSm: Hi, at my last job I had 4 supervisors; with each one of them for a fairly short time: 6-8 month. Would one of them be a good person to ask for a letter of recommendation or should I ask someone else who knows me better? thanks

Nina_Admissions: @Vip I would direct that question to LGO admissions

robingarg89: Hi Nina/Anne, can you please give some information on range of GRE score for students admitted to MIT Sloan in previous years ?

KSirikib12b6d: @Ninia : MIT MBA is known best for, finance, marketing, general management etc.?

Nina_Admissions: @IHarsm, if one of your supervisors can answer all the questions in the recommendation form with detail and you feel confident that he or she can answer them completely, that is fine. It is up to you who you want to write on your behalf. But I would recommend that it is a current or recent direct supervisor

Nina_Admissions: @Robingarg we don't have a public range of GRE scores because it is relatively new that we accept them so we do not have enough data

robingarg89: Sure. Thanks a lot Nina for your response :) !

VNor64544f: Hello there, I'm planning to leave a good middle-management position in a big company for a start-up. It will give me international experience and I truly believe it's for the best. But i'm a little bit concerned, how it will affect my chances to get MBA. What are your thoughts?

dsarfaty: I have one specific question about my application. I took calculus while I was at the University in Lima (then I transferred to the U.S.) but the grading system at that University is very low. I got a C if I translate the grade, however most people fail this class. I attached an official letter from the university saying that according to their grading system C is a satisfactory grade. However, I am worried about this part of my application. Is there anything else I can do to reflect the low grading system?

jaycen.smith@gmail.com: Good morning - is the interview process different for re-applicants?

DSchaeffer3c368c: Good morning, Nina. Do you know approximately what percentage of Sloan students go onto full-time positions with the company they interned with?

Nina_Admissions: @VNor I don't think that it will affect your chances to get into an MBA program

charles.zhaoxumao@gmail.com: Hi Nina, does the admission council review each application based on first come first serve basis? Thanks

smorodinart: Quick question about housing. Does MIT provide any housing options?

robingarg89: Hi Nina - MIT is widely considered to be among Best B-Schools for Entrepreneurship. Can you please let us know some unique Entrepreneurial initiatives which makes MIT stand apart ?

Nina_Admissions: @Dsarfaty I would explain the situation in the optional essay

Nina_Admissions: @Jaycen Smith, no the interview process is the same, it is still a behavioral interview

Nina_Admissions: @DSchaeffer No, I do not know the percentage, however I know a good amount receive an offer post internship

Nina_Admissions: But that being said, a lot of students get jobs at different companies

ARoyc25e5f: What will be the composition of the interview panel at international locations? Only alum?

DSchaeffer3c368c: Ok thanks!

Nina_Admissions: @Smorodinart, yes we have on campus housing, about 30% of students live in them and it is first come first serve

TChakraborty5723fd: Hi Nina. A quick question for you. Work experience is counted till the date of application or till the date of resignation from my current employer before classes start at the University?

Nina_Admissions: @Charlels.zhaoxumao, we do not use rolling admissions

Sangyun Lee:

Hi Nina, greeting from Sevilla in Spain.

This may be repetitive to the question which other people 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 hold interviews?

Nina_Admissions: @Robingarg, one example would be the 100K challenge - this is an event where teams pitch their ideas and the winner receives 100K to put towards their idea

Nina_Admissions: **We also have the Martin Trust Center, which is seen as a "beehive" for entrepreneurship**

robingarg89: Thank You Nina.

KSirikib12b6d: @Ninia : MIT MBA is known best for, finance, marketing, general management etc.?

SakshiKapoor: @Nina: Hi, I'm Sakshi. completed my graduation in Engineering from IIT, India, this year and am currently working at a management position in an ecommerce firm in India itself. Is there an opportunity at MIT for me with work experience less than 2 years?

Nina_Admissions: **@KSiriki, we have an extremely strong finance department, entrepreneurship center, I believe we were just ranked #1 in operations**

KSirikib12b6d: would we be eligible to take part in the interview outside our country of residence if we are travelling

mcgrady: Hi, could you talk more about the essay 2, a letter of recommendation on behalf of oneself? What else do you want to know about the applicant from this angle, rather than writing directly about him/herself? Thanks.

Nina_Admissions: **@SakshiKapoor we do not have a minimum requirement for work experience, the average is 5 but that is not a requirement**

Nina_Admissions: **@Sangyun Lee and @KSirikib, we will be sending out interview invites for international students in the upcoming weeks with cities of travel and times**

Nina_Admissions: **We are traveling to a number of cities on different continents**

Sangyun Lee: Thanks, Nina.

Nina_Admissions: **@McGrady, we are not saying too much re: guidance for the essay #2, we want to see what applicants do with it. You can be creative and answer any way you want to. You should talk about things that you believe are your strengths and weaknesses, things that your supervisor might not touch on, something you are proud of.**

KSirikib12b6d: well That mean where ever I am travelling < i can fix up the interview schedule depending on the MIT interview slots in those countries

Nina_Admissions: **Don't worry if some of it overlaps with your actual recommendation, we of course would expect that!**

dsarfaty: What percentage of the applicants invited to an interview are actually admitted

smorodinart: Nina can you give us an approximate number of seats filled in each round? I assume majority of class is being filled during Round 1 and 2, and round 3 is filling in the spots. What would you say it is 30%-60%-10% ???

Nina_Admissions: **About half**

t.nuttanuj@gmail.com: Hi Nina, what's the timeframe between receiving interview invitation and coming in for the interview for international applicant? I would need to fly in and quite worried about logistic arrangement.

Nina_Admissions: **@Smorodinart We don't have a round 3**

Nina_Admissions: **it is about 50-50 for round 1 and round 2**

SakshiKapoor: @Nina: An application specific question: As an International applicant from India if I wish to apply for Masters in Management or an MBA course for enrollment class 2015, by when can I do so?

Nina_Admissions: **Our MBA Round two deadline is January 8th**

Nina_Admissions: **@T.nuttanuj, the interview turnaround is generally 1-2 weeks**

t.nuttanuj@gmail.com: Thank you Nina.

VNor64544f: Is there any "early decision" round (deadline)? Thank you

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

robingarg89: Hi Nina - I have a question out of curiosity. Please excuse me if this is sort of confidential information. Say there is a Admission Committee/Panel which evaluates application. Does all the members in the Admission Committee/Panel review every single application or is it like - One Admission Advisor reads an application and decides if the application should move ahead

Nina_Admissions: **@VNor, no we do not have early decision (round one was due september 23 and round 2 is January 8)**

tdeif: Hey. I also learned that MIT has a better entrepreneurship nurturing environment than HBS for example, because it protects its students from pre-mature investments from VCs etc... Can you elaborate more on that? What is the difference between MIT Sloan and other schools regarding that aspect?

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? :)

Nina_Admissions: **@ByungchulLee I would just try to be patient and not stress out!**

robingarg89: (in continuation ...) *decides if the application should move ahead OR it should be rejected*

Nina_Admissions: **@Robingarg, that is not really a question I can answer, but i can say that every application is read at least once by someone from our admissions committee, and then the interview is given by a different member of the admissions committee**

ByungchulLee: Thank you Nina :)

VNor64544f: what's the best time (month) to visit campus?

robingarg89: Thank You Nina.

gsanchezh: Nina, do support letters add value to the application? If so, would you recommend them coming from alumnus in high positions, current Sloan students, not necessarily MIT alumnus, etc?

Nina_Admissions: @VNor, come when we have our Ambassador's Program **which is September - December and then Feb-May**

KSirikib12b6d: how MIT conducts its Academic projects and how are they different from most B schools

mcgrady: Will the chatting records be emailed to me after the chat?

ketansinha: For those applicants unable to visit campus, is there any other way to get in touch with current students to ask about their experience at Sloan?

Nina_Admissions: @GSanchez letters of support can add value to the application, but it is not up to me to say who should write on your behalf

Nina_Admissions: Alumni or current students are probably the most seen

Nina_Admissions: **meaning we receive the most from alums and current students**

VNor64544f: Nina, thank you so much

Nina_Admissions: @McGrady no, we will not email the chat transcript

mcgrady: Ok, no problem. Thanks.

gsanchezh: Thank you so much Nina!

KSirikib12b6d: @mcgrady you can copy paste them

Nina_Admissions: @Ketansinha, I would recommend reaching out to current students via the club website

ketansinha: Got it, thanks!

Nina_Admissions: <http://mitsloan.mit.edu/mba/mit-sloan-community/clubs-and-activities/mit-sloan-student-clubs1/>

KSirikib12b6d: @Nina : How MIT conducts its Academic projects and how are they different from most B schools

dsarfaty: Thanks for everything Nina. It was really helpful

tdunn488@yahoo.com: Anne, is the adcomm mainly male, female, or a mixture of both

Nina_Admissions: @KSirikibi, **Action learning is a huge part of our learning. over 75% of students participate in one and many participate in more than one. Check out the labs and current projects at** <http://mitsloan.mit.edu/actionlearning/>

mcgrady: Thanks, KSirikib

Nina_Admissions: @TDunn **theadmissionscommittee is a mixture**

KSirikib12b6d: thank you nina

AKao22a1df: Thanks Nina!

robingarg89: Hi Nina, I am sure that you must be receiving high percentage of applications from India (and significantly higher percentage of Indian Engineering Grads) - does MIT Admission Committee follow same shortlisting criteria irrespective of the location and background an individual is applying from or does shortlisting depend on it ? (Say Engineering Graduate from US vs Engineering Graduate from India)

Nina_Admissions: **Thanks for participating everyone! Feel free to email mbaadmissions@sloan.mit.edu if you have any additional questions**

smorodinart: Nina thank you for your time. This was really helpful.

t.nuttanuj@gmail.com: Thank you Nina.

SPurohit08ad60: Thanks for all the insights Nina, appreciate it and looking forward to the result ! :)