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		Welcome to the live chat session with Foster School of Business!!
		Topic set by Narenn on Wed Nov 12 2014 19:09:07 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
21:33	Narenn	Hello Everyone, Good Morning/Evening. Thank you for joining this chat. Today Ms. Megan Lewis, Associate Director of Admissions at Foster School of Business, will be with us to answer all the questions about Foster MBA Program. Thank you very much Ma'am for joining us.
21:34	Narenn	This chat is open now; Feel free to ask your questions. Megan, May I request for your introduction?
21:34	FosterMBA-Megan	Hello everyone! Thank you for attending today/tonight!
21:35	FosterMBA-Megan	I'll do my best to answer any questions you may have about the program or the admissions process.
21:35	FosterMBA-Megan	Just a bit about me -
21:35	FosterMBA-Megan	I have been on the admissions team for two years now.
21:36	FosterMBA-Megan	I was working in Mexico City prior on international education initiatives.
21:36	FosterMBA-Megan	At foster, I conduct information interviews, admissions interviews, and work on special projects such as diversity recruitment, Latin America recruitment, etc.
21:36	Sai	Good Morning Megan! I am a re-applicant. What's the application process for re-applicants? Was unable to find it on the website.
21:37	FosterMBA-Megan	Hello Sai. What deadline have you chosen to submit your application?
21:38	Sai	Deadline 2. I contacted Andy Chen and he said I could use parts of my old application. I applied in round 3 last year
21:40	FosterMBA-Megan	Sai - Andy is correct. I suggest updating your application, especially your resume. We can use your essays and letters of rec from the last application cycle. I recommend that you email Arlo (arlo@uw.edu) so that he can put a note in the application database at the very least. It could also be advantageous to write in your optional essay about anything you have done to improve your candidacy since then. I hope you asked our admission director for feedback!
21:37	vincenm	Hi Megan...I was told by Katherine that I can upload a unofficial undergrad medium of instruction doc so that I can get a TOEFL waiver ...But in the application page I am unable to find any location where I can upload the doc...Can I just email the adcom team with the doc along with my application ID no?
21:39	FosterMBA-Megan	Vincenm - Please email Arlo at arlo@uw.edu with your question. He will be best able to assist you. Katherine is correct, but Arlo works on the back end of the application processing.
21:39	razordude1717	Hello Megan. A very good morning to you! If possible, could you tell me if the video interviews of R1 applicants have all been reviewed and subsequent invites sent?

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21:44	FosterMBA-Megan	Hello Razordude - We have reviewed all of the R1 videos. We have sent invites to a handful of those that conducted the videos, so if you have not yet received an invitation for an in person interview, it is unlikely that you will, but the truth is...
21:46	FosterMBA-Megan	we do continue to send out interview invitations throughout the application period and we may decide to put certain candidates on the wait list.
21:46	razordude1717	Okay. Thanks for clearing that up!
21:41	app2	Thanks for the Introduction Megan, I want to ask a couple of questions about the scholarships that foster offers. What percent of the class gets them? What is the quantum of scholarships awarded? An on what parameters are these scholarships awarded? If one has less work experience, does that affect the scholarship?..could you please explain them in detail?
21:46	FosterMBA-Megan	About scholarships -
21:47	FosterMBA-Megan	Typically, we give scholarships to our most competitive candidates, mostly during the first two application rounds. By the time January comes around, we don't have much money left to gift. Those who receive scholarships are notified in their letters of admission. Roughly half of the incoming students will get a scholarship.
21:50	FosterMBA-Megan	The range is between 4,500 and 20,000 typically, which is not a lot compared to some other schools, but we also have a much lower tuition, so your out of pocket cost might be similar. We also have the ability to award an out of state tuition waiver, which means that student from outside of WA state pay the in-state tuition.
21:41	vincenm	okay..also can I have the mailing address for the adcom so I can make my college send in the official undergrad medium of instruction doc?
21:51	FosterMBA-Megan	Vincenm - mailing address:
21:51	FosterMBA-Megan	Michael G. Foster School of Business MBA Program Office 334 Dempsey Hall Box 353223 Seattle, WA 98195-3223 USA
21:45	Piush	Has the review cycle, after video interviews, completed? If possible could you let us know when can we expect invites for face to face interviews?
21:47	Piush	I think you have answered my question too. Thanks Megan
21:46	drivn2b	Hi Megan, I'm interested in the process/requirements for taking electives from other UW schools and colleges? I'm hoping that I can enroll in some data science courses as part of my MBA electives so wondering how that works.
21:53	FosterMBA-Megan	Drivn2b - In order to take courses from other UW schools (typically in your second year of the program) you would meet with your academic coach to advocate for why that particular course fits within your academic/career goals. You will also have to look at whether the course fits within your schedule and the price of the course. If the course is part of a state supported program, you will not pay additional tuition, but some courses function independently as private programs located on campus. In that case, you would pay extra tuition.
21:47	app2	Hi Megan is there a way to know whether we have been put on wait list or rejected before the decision deadline?
21:54	FosterMBA-Megan	We do not issue any admissions decisions individually until internally, all decisions have been made for any particular round.
21:49	yoursparab88	Kindly throw the light on difference between r1, r2,and r3 just for sake of admission rather scholarship. Thanks

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21:55	FosterMBA-Megan	Yoursparab88 - We have four admissions rounds, three for international candidates. There really isn't any difference between them in terms of chances of being admitted.
21:57	yoursparab88	but for third deadline there won't be any scholarship also no out of state waiver? even if profile in non it indian male
22:01	FosterMBA-Megan	yoursparab88 - We do have limited scholarships for R3 from R1 candidates who were awarded funding and have decided to attend another school, but the amount of funding left at that point is very limited.
22:01	FosterMBA-Megan	The same goes for the out of state tuition waiver.
22:01	yoursparab88	Thanks!
21:54	drivn2b	Thanks Megan. Do we have to then apply to the other schools? Or it's a matter of working with the coach to fit this into the Year 2 schedule?
21:58	FosterMBA-Megan	drivn2b - you will not have to apply to another school unless you intend to complete a dual degree. You'll simply work with your coach and the other on campus graduate school.
21:55	Sai	Typically which employers other than Amazon, Microsoft, and Boeing offer internships to Foster's students?
21:59	FosterMBA-Megan	Sai - our employment stats are here: http://miburl.com/H966M5
22:05	Narenn	Sai - You can also download the Employment report from 'Calling all Foster Applicants thread'  http://screencast.com/t/RxGXyGvR
22:07	Sai	Thanks Narenn. I viewed it on the school's website, but it was not very detailed particularly w.r.t Internships 
22:09	FosterMBA-Megan	Sai - this last year we had MBAs interning at:
22:11	FosterMBA-Megan	Concur, Liberty Mutual, Swedish Hostipal, Cobalt, Apptio, Univar, Philips, Planetary Power, T-Mobile, Nordstrom, GoMotive, Nike Shanghai, 3M, EDF Climate Corps, McKinsey, Hitachi, Intel, Starucks, Verafore, Federal Home Loan Bank, Farmstr, Delafield Hambrecht, Avalara, Path, Waldron, PwC,
22:12	Sai	thanks a lot for patiently typing all the names  That was what I was looking for.
22:13	FosterMBA-Megan	Saltkchuk, Rocket Fuel, Point B, Seattle Children's Hospital, Calyx King Consulting, Hartmon Group, Nanostring, F5, VMWare, Aetec.com, Google Singapore, Brandcast, Seattle Home Pro, Allrecipies.com, Inrix, Two Degrees, Slalom Consulting
22:14	FosterMBA-Megan	Korvata Inco, Formative, Curtis Consulting, Pro.com, Juniper Networks, Intentional Futures, Austin Energy, Cisco, HP, MedaMonitor, Deloitte,
22:15	FosterMBA-Megan	Gates Foundation, AYNi Education International, Lenati, Odyssey, Autodesk, Harvard Business Publishing, Ratio, Revel Consulting, Dell, American Classic Homes, Yahoo, Sinosure This list changes from year to year.
22:14	Sai	thank you so much!
22:00	secondtimesthecharm	Roughly what percent of applicants who are invited for a face-to-face interview are accepted? If this is too specific, are a majority of interviewed applicants accepted?
22:03	FosterMBA-Megan	Secondtimesthecharm - I don't have stats in front of me, and this changes from year to year, but...

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22:04	FosterMBA-Megan	less than half of those interviewed face - to - face are admitted.
22:02	yoursparab88	How is entrepreneurship even though for not long.. is been viewed irrespective successful or not. for admission pourpose?
22:07	FosterMBA-Megan	yoursparab88 - Entrepreneurship can demonstrate drive/initiative, creativity, and confidence. Obviously, if it is successful, even better, and if you plan to study entrepreneurship here, it demonstrates that your career goals are in alignment with your past career history. It's really about how you sell the experience - what you've learned from it, what you've accomplished, etc.
22:03	Sai	Can I email you my updated application materials to be considered for round 2?
22:08	FosterMBA-Megan	Sai - please email any updated application materials to Arlo at arlo@uw.edu
22:08	Sai	sure. Thanks Megan!
22:10	vyasar	Hi Megan, an article on poets and quants mentioned that Foster had the largest percentage increase of applicants this year, from 595 to over 1000 for 2014's incoming class. Foster's website was recently updated that the new class size was 105. That is roughly 10%. Could you let us know how many were admitted?
22:17	FosterMBA-Megan	I don't know exactly how many were admitted, but if I had to guess, I would say more than half of those admitted chose Foster.
22:21	vyasar	Thank you Megan. That would imply that acceptance rates dropped from about 40% to 20% in one year; a very significant stat!
22:22	FosterMBA-Megan	vyasar - I just checked and it looks like more than half of our admits joined Foster in 2013, and less than half in 2014, but yes, our admittance rate was a little over 20% last year.
22:23	FosterMBA-Megan	That is NOT any particular person's chance at getting admitted. 🙄
22:23	Sai	we hope so too 🙄
22:07	chugnikhil	I am sorry I missed the initial discussion. May be I am repeating the query on the chat room. Have the F2F interview invites started coming out for applicants who appeared for video interviews?
22:17	Narenn	Chugnikhil, Megan answered a question regarding interview invites some time back. I am quoting her text here. Let us know if this is what you are asking for.
22:18	Narenn	<i>"Hello Razordude - We have reviewed all of the R1 videos. We have sent invites to a handful of those that conducted the videos, so if you have not yet received an invitation for an in person interview, it is unlikely that you will, but the truth is we do continue to send out interview invitations throughout the application period and we may decide to put certain candidates on the wait list."</i>
22:20	Narenn	Moderator Note: We shall continue for next 10 minutes only. If you have any pending questions, do ask them now.
22:20	chugnikhil	Thanks Narenn!
22:20	Sai	Are there any student ambassadors whom we can reach out to?
22:21	FosterMBA-Megan	To connect with current students, please email mbalink@uw.edu You will reach our Student Ambassador Coordinator
22:22	Narenn	Hi Megan, Can you shed some light on the process for waitlisted applicants? If gets waitlisted without

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		interview in R1, how can one increase his/her chances of getting an interview?
22:24	FosterMBA-Megan	We essentially hold a wait list of candidates than we may or may not decide to move forward in the application process during the entire application cycle 21014-2015
22:22	zozoo	hello Megan, I want to know are there any day boarding/play schools available in the campus for toddlers? I am evaluating an option to bring my toddler to the b school.
22:26	FosterMBA-Megan	zozoo - there are plenty of options for preschools/Montessori, etc I would recommend emailing the student ambassador program to ask to be put in touch with a current student with small children for recommendations.
22:28	FosterMBA-Megan	Narenn - A wait listed candidate can't really do much to increase chances of moving forward. If they could, it would be giving them an unfair advantage. Once an application is submitted by the deadline, we have to be fair about not letting folks continue to add to their application.
22:28	FosterMBA-Megan	That said, it doesn't hurt to email the director to say thank you for the notification and reiterate interest in the program if you are on the wait list.
22:29	Narenn	Great!! Thanks!!
22:26	zozoo	Megan, what is the average GMAT score for the accepted Indian applicants?
22:29	FosterMBA-Megan	zozoo - We don't keep that stat.
22:30	FosterMBA-Megan	It looks like we have a minute left. Thank you all for attending! Further questions can be directed to mba@uw.edu
22:30	Narenn	Any last questions, guys or shall we wrap up here?
22:31	Wibble	Any chance a copy of the chat log will be available?
22:31	FosterMBA-Megan	We are happy to receive them. Best of luck to you all!
22:31	Narenn	Alright!! Thank you very much, Megan, for joining us today and also good luck to all Applicants!! 😊
22:31	Sai	Thanks so much Megan for answering all of our questions. Have a great day!
22:31	vyasar	Megan, thank you for your time. Have a good day!
22:31	Sai	Thanks for organizing this chat. It really helped me.
22:31	thomaskutty	Thanks Megan. Chat log would be great!
22:32	FosterMBA-Megan	I wish you all a great day/night as well. 😊
22:32	razordude1717	Thank you Megan for your valuable time!
22:33	Narenn	Thanks Guys!! We are extremely happy that you are finding these sessions helpful. If anyone has any suggestions, please shoot me a PM. Have a great day/night. BBye!!
22:33	Sai	Good Luck all you guys/girls. Hope we all get admitted 😊
22:33	FosterMBA-Megan	Good bye all!

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