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		Live Q&A Session with Johnson Admissions Team!!
		Topic set by Narenn on Thu Nov 06 2014 21:20:06 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
21:30	BryanWong	Hello all
21:30	Johnson-MBA	Hi everyone! My name is Eddie Asbie, Associate Director of Admissions. I look forward to answering your questions.
21:31	alwayswaiting	Hello!
21:31	MB101	Hi Eddie
21:31	BryanWong	Hello Eddie! Is this an open-style forum Q&A?
21:31	Narenn	Hello Everyone
21:31	coccus_123	Hello
21:31	Johnson-MBA	Hi MB101!
21:31	pratigupta	Hi
21:31	Johnson-MBA	Yes, please ask your questions.
21:32	dtse86	Hi Eddie, after yesterday's initial notification some people have questions about the waitlist. Can you elaborate on the rules for waitlisted applicants?
21:33	Johnson-MBA	Hi dtse86! I hope all is well. Being on the waitlist is not a bad thing. We want you to take some time to re-evaluate your application and think of ways to strengthen it.
21:33	Johnson-MBA	It could be your test scores, re-evaluating goals, etc
21:33	alwayswaiting	Does attending Cornell for undergrad have any impact on how you evaluate applications?
21:34	Johnson-MBA	If you're a Cornell undergrad it's something we take into consideration but we still look at your application like every other candidate
21:35	MrOrange	Hi Eddie! Please advise when can we start scheduling our interviews?
21:36	Johnson-MBA	Hi MrOrange, as for interviews. You will be receiving an email letting you know interviews will be schedule within the next 10 days
21:36	abimemon	Would you be able to share stats on waitlist success rates?
21:37	mib_2ykipg	How do you make up for a low GPA of 3.2?
21:37	Johnson-MBA	Hi mib_2ykipg: our application process is a holistic approach. It's more than just a gpa or GMAT score. Focus on strengths in the workplace and in other areas
21:37	pratigupta	Eddie, I applied in R1 and have been waitlisted without interview. I am planning to send a update to the admissions team. What would be the ideal word limit?
21:38	Johnson_Admissions	Hi Everyone! I'm Jade from the Admissions office as well and happy to help answer some questions If you have received an interview invitation by email, you can schedule your interview with the Admissions staff now
21:39	bab_2014	Could you elaborate on whether the 1 yr TechMBA is specifically for those who wish to get into the Tech industry? Also how this program compares to the other 1 yr Full Time MBA program for experienced professionals?
21:39	Johnson-MBA	AS for Cornell Tech, this program is right for you if you truly grasp the digital economy and have solid experience and proven success within tech companies or in tech initiatives in traditional companies.
21:39	MrOrange	Thank you, Eddie. I did indeed read the email 😊 I was just curious if there was an update on

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that time frame 😊

21:40 carrtb Hi Eddie, I hope you are well. I was excited to get an interview invite yesterday. The email mentioned a 'super interview Saturday' on the 15th November - are you able to elaborate on that day at all?

21:40 Johnson-MBA Hi carrtb! Super Saturday gives our candidates the opportunity to interview on the weekend. Giving your flexibility within your busy schedule

21:41 BryanWong Hello Eddie, my question is: Interview schedules are staggered due to the high volume of applicants, is there a limited number of skype interviews you provide for booking? I am currently overseas but will try to be on campus if possible

21:42 Johnson_Admissions In regards to interviews, we do not limit the number of skype interviews as it really depends on the applicants ability to travel or not

21:43 coccus_123 Hi Eddie, also could you elaborate on the impact of the choice of interview, if having an interview at London will have any advantage over having interview over skype. Also should we mail the admission committee on the choice of the mode of the interview

21:43 Johnson_Admissions We do have an admissions staff member who lives in London, so you can choose to have an in person interview with her there as well

21:44 Johnson_Admissions To answer the rest of your question coccus_123 yes you can let our scheduler know your preference of interview method

21:45 bab_2014 so the Tech MBA is specifically for those interested in pursuing/ continuing in the Tech industry... Also, will the TechMBA degree be marked as a 'Tech MBA' or a general MBA - same as the other Cornell full time MBA programs?

21:45 Johnson-MBA To learn about the difference between the 1 year and Cornell Tech MBA, please review our website: <http://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Cornell-Tech-MBA> and <http://www.johnson.cornell.edu/One-Year-MBA>

21:45 kayb What is the max amount of scholarship that one can expect to receive

21:46 Johnson_Admissions Hi kayb, the max amount of scholarship is our Park Fellowship which is a full tuition scholarship that eligible applicants can apply for. Our other scholarship amounts vary typically from about \$2500 and up

21:46 dtse86 I'm interested in the "Consulting Passport" program. There doesn't seem to be much information regarding what is involved and how much is student driven vs. CMC driven. Can you elaborate further?

21:46 Johnson-MBA Hi dtse86: Here is some further information regarding the Consulting Club, who is very involved with the Consulting Passport: <http://johnson.campusgroups.com/consult/about/>

21:47 rajanisingh18 Eddie, I have been waitlisted in R1 without interview. Apart from sending revised test scores, Could you please advise how can one increase ones chances of getting an interview?

21:47 Johnson_Admissions Hi rajanisingh18, for waitlisted applicants we also encourage you to notify us of any job updates or promotions, as well as any classes you may be taking to strengthen your quantitative skills

21:47 Johnson_Admissions a common course taken is MBA Math

21:48 Johnson-MBA Hi rajanisingh18: I would encourage you to re-evaluate your goals. Connect with the Johnson community to continue to learn more. Consider retaking the GMAT/GRE again, if you need to.

21:48 Johnson-MBA Also, i'm always willing to have 1-on-1 conversations to elaborate further on the waitlist process

21:48 abimemon The waitlist email mentioned enrolling into coursera courses. Any particular course recommended to demonstrate quant skills?

21:49 Johnson-MBA No matter what program you're applying to, it's the same Cornell MBA degree

21:49 Mr_Orange Eddie, what is the projected class size?

21:50 Johnson-MBA Projected calls size is approximately 280 for the 2 year MBA class

21:50 Bigred2008 Can you explain some of what happens within the immersion period? I have an interest in the operations immersion, and I wanted to know is it something that runs alongside normal classes,

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		and what does it entail?
21:51	BryanWong	To expand on Bigred2008's question regarding the immersion learning, is it a sort of field-trip experience to visit 11-15 sites and are all sites visited in the USA?
21:53	Johnson-MBA	Hi BryanWong and Bigred2008: The immersion learning program is more than just visits to companies. You are taking advance level classes one area, working on real projects, and getting feedback and advice from experts
21:53	pratikgupta	Hi, I have been waitlisted in R1 and I was wondering what would be the ideal word limit for sending an update?
21:54	Johnson-MBA	Hi pratikgupta! My personal recommendation for updates is to keep it to a page. Also for the 1 year program, there is not an internship but a two-week practicum in the beginning of the spring semester
21:54	bab_2014	i) Are there internship opportunities in both the 1-yr MBA programs? and (ii) the certification courses (like PMP, etc...) are not pre-requisite for applying for the 1yr Ithaca MBA, correct?
21:54	MB101	Hello Eddie and Jade, I have the same query as Bab
21:55	Johnson-MBA	If you're applying to the 1 year program, you must have an advance degree or certain certifications. Please see from our site, http://www.johnson.cornell.edu/One-Year-MBA
21:55	coccus_123	Hi, what would be the projected calls for the 1 year MBA program
21:55	Mr_Orange	Eddie, in the past 2nd years conducted interviews as well. Do you still have them in that role or Johnson has switched to adcom members only?
21:57	Johnson_Admissions	We do have 2nd year students conduct interviews for us still, so your interview can be with a student or an adcom member
21:57	pratikgupta	The Johnson's admission team is coming to India in November third week. Whom can we expect to meet during the event - Alum or Admission's team member?
21:57	Johnson-MBA	Yes, Johnson will be in India in a couple week. You will be meeting with Charlotte Taylor. She's outstanding!
21:58	Mr_Orange	Great. Also, are you going to bump the average GMAT score this year or it's something Johnson is satisfied with?
21:58	Johnson_Admissions	We review applications with a holistic approach, the GMAT score is a large part of our review however it is not our main focus
21:58	Johnson-MBA	Mr_Orange, GMAT is just part of the application process and are focusing on candidates who can prove their quant abilities. We look for strong candidates all around.
21:59	Johnson_Admissions	We do not typically start an application season with an average GMAT score in mind, as it changes with our applicant pool and the strength of our applicants
21:59	Mr_Orange	got it 😊
21:59	rajanisingh18	Thanks Eddie, Besides the Coursera Quant courses is it advisable to take say Economics/Finance courses online, if I am interested in a post-MBA career in Finance to further strengthen my application?
22:00	Johnson-MBA	rajanisingh18, my recommendation is to take course that prove and show your quantitative ability but the finance/econ courses sound great
22:00	bab_2014	The site lists US Masters degrees. Would a Full Time Masters Degree from India be considered?
22:00	Johnson-MBA	bab_2014, yes a Masters from India would be considered. If we have any questions regarding the degree, we will notify you
22:01	MB101	"Advanced degrees eligible for credit include, but are not limited to: MS" - would it compare to an M.Sc / MCA from Asia, say?
22:01	Johnson-MBA	MB101, yes that is correct. If you have an specific school in mind and want me to look at your transcript, please email me directly at ea356@cornell.edu
22:01	aceacharya	Hi, The Events page for the India admissions events doesn't have a registration link. Should

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		applicants write to the organizer to register or is registration not required?
22:02	Johnson_Admissions	Hi aceacharya, let me check on that and I'll let you know
22:02	bab_2014	ok, thanks! For international candidates, how important would an internship be....?
22:03	Johnson-MBA	bab_2014, internship experience is great but we focus more on your post undergrad experience. We want to see career progression and learn about your accomplishments
22:03	abimemon	What about a marketing course on coursera from Wharton to demonstrate quant skills to succeed in Strategic Marketing Immersion?
22:03	ShanBhaskar	Obviously there are many ways to prove/show that quant abilities are there despite lower scores. On the other hand, what are some ways to show the AdCom that one with less than average work experience still have sufficient qualitative work experience and therefore ready for BschooL?
22:04	Johnson-MBA	ShanBhaskar, I would encourage to have someone write another letter endorsing you on your experience. Give us updates on projects you have worked on or accomplishments.
22:04	bab_2014	Would it be possible for you to elaborate on the placement statistics for International students?
22:04	Johnson_Admissions	aceacharya, which event in India are you looking at?
22:05	Johnson-MBA	aceacharya, thank you for letting me know. I will notify the organizer ASAP
22:05	aceacharya	I am looking at the Johnson event in New Delhi and the Delhi information session
22:05	kayb	You've said that the GMAT score is a large part of your review. How would you rate a candidate's chances who has a GMAT 600, GPA 3.3 but has extensive IT experience with outstanding professional achievement?
22:06	dtse86	Guys, no offense or anything, but I don't think this would be an appropriate place to ask the admissions members for profile evaluations
22:06	abimemon	agree with @dtse86
22:06	MrOrange	dtse86 has a point. Although I was curious about Johnson's response to such an unhealthy question.
22:06	Johnson-MBA	If you have specific questions regarding your profile, please email me directly at ea356@cornell.edu
22:07	dtse86	Hi Eddie, when scheduling an interview, can we also schedule a class visit and a meeting with a current student at the same time? If so, what would be the best way to go about it?
22:08	Johnson_Admissions	Hi dtse86, you can certainly register for a class visit and information session while on campus for your interview and we encourage you to do so. There is also a link to search for current students that you can reach out to and schedule a meeting, and we also offer Admissions office hours
22:08	pratikgupta	@aceacharya - You can directly go to the link, select your city and register for the event - http://www.topmba.com/events/qs-world-mba-tour I hope this helps
22:08	Krage17	Hi Eddie, could you elaborate on any events you have planned in New York in the near future? There are none on the website under the Events section.
22:08	Johnson-MBA	Krage17, currently we are focusing most of our efforts reading and interviewing for round 1. As of now, we are working on potentially hosting a social event in NYC within the next month.
22:08	bab_2014	Johnson-MBA, I meant is there a possibility to pursue an internship as part of the 1 yr Full Time MBA programs? Considering that we would be international candidates, this may be quite important..would you agree?
22:08	pratikgupta	How can I connect with Johnson Alums residing in India to develop more clarity on my goals?
22:09	Johnson_Admissions	pratikgupta, here is the link to search for alums http://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Full-Time-MBA/Admissions/Johnson-Ambassador-Search
22:09	Johnson_Admissions	this can also be used to search for current students
22:10	Johnson_Admissions	Also, here is the link to plan your visit to Ithaca http://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Full-Time-MBA/Plan-a-Visit The registration links for class visits, info session, office hours, etc is there

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22:10	pratikgupta	Got it. Thank you.
22:11	MrOrange	Some forum members mentioned that they have scheduled their interviews already. How is it possible given that (I assume) no follow up emails have been sent?
22:11	Johnson-MBA	If you're interested in connecting with students or alumni, please visit this site: https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Full-Time-MBA/Admissions/Johnson-Ambassador-Search
22:11	Krage17	Thanks Eddie. It would be great if you plan something in New York. As a North-East school, I would imagine there is a lot of demand from those based in New York, and very few of us could make a campus visit prior to the interview due to work commitments.
22:11	coccus_123	Hi, typically what is the percentage of the applications who are invited to interview and further what would be the percentage of the selections after interviews for a one year MBA program
22:11	Krage17	coccus_123, great question - I am also interested to hear about some numbers on this question
22:11	ShanBhaskar	Wouldn't mind the same figures as coccus_123 but for the 2 year program
22:12	bab_2014	Johnson_Admissions and Johnson_MBA, could you please answer my query related to internship & international placement opportunities with the 1 yr MBA programs. Also an answer to coccus_123's query would be great!
22:12	abimemon	Good question- stats on waitlisted to admitted for 2 yr would help
22:12	Johnson-MBA	As for students who apply for both 1 and 2 year program, approx. 50% receive an interview.
22:14	MrOrange	abimemon, I guess chances are not equal for everybody. If you help the adcom better understand your candidacy - you have pretty high chances. If you're one of those who do nothing - then you're out of the game. IMHO of course
22:14	ShanBhaskar	Any stats on how many waitlisted people without interview end up receiving interviews?
22:15	Johnson-MBA	As for international placement, here are some basic stats for the 1-year program, https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/One-Year-MBA/Careers. I would encourage you to reach out to the CMC to get specific numbers on international candidates.
22:16	Johnson-MBA	ShanBhaskar, unfortunately we do not have those stats. It changes from year to year based on the competitiveness of the applicant pool
22:16	rajanisingh18	Is it possible to get a personal feedback from Johnson for waitlisted candidates?
22:16	Johnson_Admissions	rajanisingh18, we are currently focused on scheduling and conducting interviews for the round 1 applicants so we do not typically give individual waitlist feedback as the demand is very high. Nichole Grossman nmg54@cornell.edu manages our waitlist and you can reach out to her if you'd like if you have any questions or updates to send us
22:16	MrOrange	Btw, Nichole rocks! Those who are waitlisted - you're happy to have Nichole as your manager.
22:17	MrOrange	Some forum members mentioned that they have scheduled their interviews already. How is it possible given that (I assume) no follow up emails have been sent?
22:17	bab_2014	ok, thank you, and what about internship opportunities for the 1 yr MBA programs?
22:17	Narenn	Moderator Note: We shall continue for next 10 minutes only
22:17	Johnson-MBA	MrOrange, Yes Nichole rocks and I'll be sure to tell her you said that
22:17	MrOrange	Johnson-MBA, Haha. Thanks. But I'm sure she already knows that 🙄
22:17	MB101	Thank you Eddie. Perhaps it might be a good idea to place some International candidate - related stats, in the GMAT Club Cornell page (so that CMC is not overburdened with our queries). Thanks a lot!
22:17	Johnson_Admissions	Our interview scheduler has sent out interview invitations, and I'm sure is still in the process of sending more out so there are applicants in round 1 with scheduled interviews already
22:17	Johnson-MBA	MB101, yes that would be an outstanding idea. Thank you for that
22:18	coccus_123	Thanks for the stats on the interview, could you elaborate on the percentage of converts after the interview typically and also a response to the internship opportunities query of bob would be helpful

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22:20	Johnson-MBA	Coccus_123, as for internship opportunities I would recommend reaching out to our Career Center to learn more. Also, as the convert after the interview it changes from year to year. It depends on how well a prepared a candidate comes
22:21	dtse86	Will R1 decision notifications go out on the date specified or will some be released prior to that date?
22:21	Johnson_Admissions	December 17 is our decision notification date, so that is when everyone will receive their final decision we do not release them earlier
22:21	abimemon	By when must all updates be sent in for waitlist to be considered on time?
22:22	ninodecoro	Is there any mandatory form that the candidates put in waiting list have to fill up?
22:22	Johnson_Admissions	This year we do not have a waitlist reply form, if you choose not to stay on the waitlist please just notify admissions by email
22:23	Johnson_Admissions	Otherwise, those on the waitlist we assume are still interested in Johnson and will be reviewed on a rolling basis
22:23	Johnson_Admissions	Since we do review waitlisted candidates on a rolling basis it's good to send in your updates sooner rather than later, and it also lets us know that you are still interested and actively trying to improve your candidacy
22:24	carrtb	Are you able to provide any insight into the interviews? Has the interviewer seen the complete application and how does the team choose (other than availability) who the interviewer will be?
22:25	Johnson-MBA	The interviewer has not seen your complete application. They do have your resume though. Choosing an interview sometime is based on availability and who we feel would be the best person to interview you based on your background and interest
22:25	fede7flores	Hello, when would be a good time to apply for a Johnson scholarship? and which of Johnson's apply for International students?
22:25	bab_2014	+1 to fede7flores' query
22:25	MB101	Hello Eddie and Jade, regarding the point on internship, we could reach out to Career Center; however, I just wished to understand from your perspective that - for an International student, do job prospects get impacted, if the student has no substantial internship experience specifically in the US (as would happen in the 1-year MBA programs)?
22:26	MrOrange	Johnson's team is one of the best! Thank you guys for your work! It's always a pleasure to communicate with you!
22:26	Johnson_Admissions	Thank you MrOrange! It's been great communicating with everyone today
22:26	Johnson_Admissions	You do not need to apply for specific scholarships, as the committee reviews everyone after final decisions are posted
22:26	dtse86	Thanks Eddie and Jade! You've done a great job considering the flurry of questions. I hope to meet you sometime throughout this application process!
22:26	pratikgupta	Thanks to the team for answering questions with so much details!!
22:27	Johnson_Admissions	The only scholarship that we do require an essay for is the Park Fellowship
22:27	ShanBhaskar	Yes thank you Eddie and Jade! You have been very helpful!
22:27	Johnson_Admissions	and that was submitted with your application if eligible
22:27	coccus_123	Thanks Eddie and Jade for interactive session
22:27	carrtb	Thanks Eddie. I live somewhat close to Ithaca and would recommend anyone who can to make a visit to Ithaca. It's a beautiful place and I love the campus! (Just keep an eye on the weather during winter).
22:27	aceacharya	Thanks a lot for your time Eddie and Jade!! This has been beneficial for all prospective applicants involved
22:27	abimemon	Thanks Eddie and Jade- you guys are machines! Look forward to meeting Charlotte in India!
22:28	fede7flores	Thank you!
22:29	Johnson-MBA	Thank you all for your time. Sorry we did not have the opportunity to answer all questions but

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		please feel free to reach out to me a ea356@cornell.edu
22:29	Narenn	Thank you everyone! We shall post transcript of this chat in the Johnson discussion thread tomorrow. If for any reason you want us to exclude your username from the saved transcript, please let me know.
22:29	bab_2014	Thanks Eddie & Jade! Looking forward to further interactions with the CMC!
22:29	Johnson_Admissions	MB101, please email Nichole Grossman directly at nmg54@cornell.edu as she can help answer your questions about internship opportunities in the 1 yr program
22:30	MB101	Thanks a lot Eddie and Jade. I will do the same
22:30	MB101	Have a great day!
22:30	Johnson_Admissions	Thanks everyone for joining us today! please reach out to us with any further questions

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