

Web Resources:

- Cambridge Website: <http://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/home/>
- Cambridge Class of 2017 (Full Time MBA) Discussion: <http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-judge-cambridge-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200762.html>
- Ask Cambridge Admissions: <http://gmatclub.com/forum/ask-cambridge-judge-admissions-117002.html>

19:48		+++ Narenn set to mode +iwx
		Welcome to the Live Q&A with Cambridge Admissions Team!!
		Topic set by Narenn on Thu Jul 23 2015 20:26:50 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
20:34	Narenn	Hello Everyone
20:34	Narenn	Thank you for joining GMAT Club Live Q&A with Cambridge(Judge) Admission Team today
20:35	Narenn	Thanks and big welcome to JBS Admissions team members – James Scales and Rose Hahn.
20:35	Narenn	Today James will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at Cambridge.
		It is humble request to all participants to adhere to the following rules.
		1) Ask the questions one by one. Before posting your question, make sure James has answered the earlier question.
20:36	Narenn	2) Do not ask profile specific questions e.g. What are my chances etc.
		3) Keep the question typed in advance and paste them in chat box when earlier question is answered.
20:36	CambridgeMBA	Hi everybody. I hope you are well. Please feel free to ask any questions you have!
20:36	Sri740	Hello James
20:36	nitishgera	Good afternoon! My question is regarding the new British work rules : There have been a lot of recent reports in the media which say that under the new work rules, non-EU students would not be able to work while on campus or apply for a visa after graduating. How does this affect the job placement scenario at Judge and is it something we should worry about?
20:40	CambridgeMBA	nitishgera: Thank you for your question. I'm afraid we are not authorized to comment on visa issues. In any event, the rules often change and so the answer to your question would depend on the regulations in place at the time. As a preliminary guide, however, you may find it useful to consult the following site:
20:41	CambridgeMBA	http://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/programmes/mba/faqs/
20:42	nitishgera	Thank you!
20:42	Narenn	Thank you James. Can you tell us if there is any advantage in applying in R1 or R2?.... compared to other rounds
20:45	CambridgeMBA	Narenn - the Admissions Committee will treat all applications in the same way, regardless of which round they apply in. However, there is naturally an advantage in applying earlier if candidates wish to secure places at their preferred colleges and it is also worth bearing in mind that some scholarships have earlier deadlines.
20:46	Sri740	Is prior international exposure a must for applying to JBS? How else can I show int'l motivation?

20:51	CambridgeMBA	Prior international exposure is a plus but not an essential component. You may find the following blog useful: http://insight.jbs.cam.ac.uk/2015/how-can-you-improve-your-mba-profile/
20:52	Sri740	Thankyou.
20:52	Narenn	What are the classes like at JBS? More case studies or traditional?
20:53	CambridgeMBA	Narenn - there is a blend of different assessment methods, but the programme places a strong emphasis on practical and group-orientated work.
20:54	Sri740	Can I apply if I already have an MBA? Does it strengthen / weaken my application?
20:55	CambridgeMBA	Sri740 - you are more than welcome to apply if you already hold an MBA. However, you would be expected to outline what you believe you would gain by undertaking an additional MBA within the context of your career trajectory.
20:56	Sri740	OK that's encouraging. thanks!
20:56	Narenn	How likely for an international applicant is to get a job in UK? What percentage of applicants ends up in getting jobs in UK and Europe?
20:57	CambridgeMBA	Narenn - our latest employment report outlines the most recent figures: http://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/programmes/mba/careers/employment-report-2015/
20:57	nitishgera	How is the entrepreneurship environment at JBS. Specifically, does JBS have specialized startup incubators to encourage new businesses?
21:00	CambridgeMBA	nitishgera - the programme has a strong offering in entrepreneurship. You will find further details through this link: http://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/programmes/mba/learning/tailored-learning/entrepreneurship/
21:00	Sri740	How are scholarships decided? Typically what percentage of the Cost of Admissions is funded through scholarships? And are there any limits to the % being financed through student loans?
21:03	CambridgeMBA	Sri740 - The scholarships committee decides on the award of scholarships. The criteria it uses varies in each case. The following link outlines all of the scholarships available this year, which will provide you with a useful starting point: http://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/programmes/mba/funding-your-mba/scholarships-funding/ There is no limit on how much of the co
21:04	sajib2126	How do JBS view MBA candidates who are academician?
21:06	CambridgeMBA	sajib2126 - The Admissions Committee welcomes candidates from a wide range of backgrounds. It is, however, business focused and so you would need to demonstrate a level of business acumen.
21:07	MalikaiTLP	Hi James. How important is the undergraduate GPA in JBS' selection consideration? I have a low 2.1 in engineering from a UK institution and a distinction in a management related MSc. Will that be able to compensate for my undergraduate? Will be taking the gmat soon..Current practice scores are 700-710. Trying to push for 730
21:08	CambridgeMBA	MalikaiTLP - the course requirement is that students should normally have the equivalent of a 1st or 2.1 under the British system (or GPA of at least 3.3 under the US system) at undergraduate level or that students have come in the top 25% of their class at undergraduate level. However, the Admissions Committee will also look for evidence of necessary academic ability elsewhere in your application - for example a strong GMAT score. By way of reference, the average GMAT score of the current class is 680-690.

21:10	MalikaiTLP	thank you James
21:10	Narenn	James, can you comment on the Employment process of the school? What support do students get from Career Services dept, peers, and alumni?
21:12	CambridgeMBA	Narenn - we have a dedicated careers service, whose members work hard to provide students with the support they need to realize their career goals. The following link provides further information about the nature of the services on offer: http://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/programmes/mba/careers/
21:14	JBSaspirant	Which student clubs or groups are in Judge? What social and philanthropic opportunities and opportunities to get involved in leadership roles one can get in these groups?
21:16	CambridgeMBA	JBSaspirant - the following link addresses your query: http://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/programmes/mba/careers/groups-networks-treks/ You are also welcome to add your own clubs and societies! As well as this, you can tap into the wider university community, details of which are outlined here: http://www.societies.cam.ac.uk/
21:18	Northman	Does applying in round R3 lower my chances to get in? How about if my current employer is willing to pay the fees?
21:18	CambridgeMBA	Northman - the Admissions Committee will treat all applications in the same way, regardless of which round they apply in. However, there is naturally an advantage in applying earlier if candidates wish to secure places at their preferred colleges and it is also worth bearing in mind that some scholarships have earlier deadlines.
21:18	nitishgera	James, the website says that for the interview, if shortlisted "We do, however, strongly prefer candidates to visit us in Cambridge". Does it weigh against my application if I choose to interview in my own country?
21:20	CambridgeMBA	nitishgera - A telephone interview will not undermine your chances. But you would of course have greater scope to assess the programme and environment of the business school if you attended in person.
21:20	Northman	Thank you, James
21:20	nitishgera	Thank you, James
21:22	Guest46363	After the course completion for international students will there be a buffer time to secure jobs before they are deported back to their respective countries?
21:23	CambridgeMBA	Guest46363 - The course lasts 12 months but structured teaching finishes after 9 months. This means students have a 3-month bridging period to do what they feel will help them (for instance, organise internships or attend a range of skills courses at the School) to maximise their employment prospects.
21:25	Sri740	The first essay question asks - "What did you learn from your most spectacular failure?" Could you kindly elaborate on what might be defined as 'spectacular failure'
21:25	Sri740	I understand it varies from person to person - but how does one define a spectacular failure?
21:28	CambridgeMBA	Sri740 - this is really up to you to decide; there are no strict definitions. But it would be sensible to outline what you learned from the experience.
21:28	Narenn	James, Is there a way for applicants to connect with current JBS students to learn about their classroom experiences, community, and culture at Cambridge?
21:29	CambridgeMBA	Narenn - once candidates receive offers, we are able to put them in touch with alumni and current

		students. However, due to the sheer weight of interest in the programme, this is not feasible prior to candidates receiving offers. However, we hold plenty of events for prospective students and there are, of course, opportunities to connect with alumni through social media
21:30	Guest46363	James could you also please elaborate on the career prospects which Cambridge provides on the job front..like will there be job fairs, internship options which come to the college directly and students could apply?
21:31	Narenn	Guest46363: A similar question was asked before. I am quoting here James' answer to that question.
21:31	Narenn	"we a have a dedicated careers service, whose members work hard to provide students with the support they need to realize their career goals. The following link provides further information about the nature of the services on offer: http://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/programmes/mba/careers/ "
21:32	Guest46363	thanks a lot narenn
21:33	Narenn	Alright!! Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today. Thank you very much, James, for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions.
21:33	Narenn	We will publish a condensed transcript of this chat in JBS forum in few days. Keep an eye on this thread... http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-judge-cambridge-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200762.html
21:34	Narenn	Also we need a ThreadMaster for JBS discussion thread. Interested members can PM me. If anyone wants to learn more about this, check out this thread. http://gmatclub.com/forum/be-the-coolest-guy-in-the-mba-forum-be-a-threadmaster-152204.html
21:35	CambridgeMBA	It's been great to chat to you all. If any of you have further queries, please send them to mba-enquiries@jbs.cam.ac.uk - the team would be more than happy to help. All the best!

1) Upcoming JBS Chat sessions:

- August 06, Thursday, with Charlotte Russell – MBA Admissions Coordinator (Candidate Management)
- September 01, Tuesday, with Charlotte Russell – MBA Admissions Coordinator (Candidate Management)

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

GMAT Club's MBA Resources

All MBA Rankings	http://bit.ly/1FaDIT3	Application Experiences of Applicants	http://bit.ly/1lecA6z
All MBA Deadlines	http://bit.ly/19RSTSX	MBA Applicant Blogs	http://bit.ly/1Hx5LJE
All School Stats	http://bit.ly/1MPOquZ	Current Student Blogs	http://bit.ly/1NPG4rD
Live Chats with B-School Adcoms	http://bit.ly/1NJ7v4w	All school discussions	http://bit.ly/1K0N43a
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2015 MBA Applicants' Profiles	http://bit.ly/1DJKnBO		
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