

**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>

		Live Chat with Judge(Cambridge) Admission Team Member - Charlotte Russell!!
		Topic set by <b>Narenn</b> on Thu Aug 06 2015 19:50:36 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
20:31	Narenn	Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club Cambridge (Judge) Q&A session today and a big welcome to JBS Admissions team members – Charlotte Russell.
20:31	Narenn	Today Charlotte will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at Cambridge.
20:31	Narenn	It is humble request to all participants to adhere to the following rules....
20:31	Narenn	1) Ask the questions one by one. Before posting your question, make sure Charlotte has answered the earlier question.
20:32	Narenn	2) Do not ask profile specific questions e.g. What are my chances etc.
20:32	Narenn	3) Keep the question typed in advance and paste them in chat box when earlier question is answered.
20:32	Narenn	Before we begin the session, I would request Charlotte to give us a short introduction of your roles and responsibilities at Cambridge
20:33	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Hello Everyone thanks for joining us today.</b>
20:34	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>I am part of the MBA Admissions team at Cambridge Judge Business School and I am representing the one year, full time MBA programme</b>
20:35	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Within the Admissions team, we are responsible for the recruitment and selection of the MBA class so you might meet me at a fair or on campus during an interview day.</b>
20:35	Narenn	Thanks!! Dear Participants, this chat is now open for Q&A. Please ask your questions to Charlotte.
20:36	natisolanog	Hi Charlotte, regarding Application: How many recommendations should I submit? Will my references be required to do more than create a reference letter?
20:37	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Thank you for your question. We only require one recommendation letter - it should be from a supervisor or line manager.</b>
20:38	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>If you wish, there is space to submit a second letter of reference but this is optional and we would only advise you do this if you feel it would add to your application.</b>
20:38	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>For the reference letter, we provide guidance on the questions that we would like addressed but your referee is free to write this as an essay or a letter - however they prefer.</b>
20:40	Narenn	To continue on <b>natisolanog</b> 's earlier question, what if one don't get recommendation from a current direct supervisor?? Will a recommendation letter from previous employer work?
20:42	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>In answer to <b>Narenn</b>, we are happy to accept a recommendation from a former employer. Please choose a referee who knows you well and can speak about you in depth with specific examples of your strengths and weaknesses.</b>
20:42	mib_5cv864	On a similar note, would it be fine to get an LOR from a ex-line manager who is no more part of the same organisation? Or is it preferable to get one from the current LM?

20:43	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Yes, a previous Line Manager is fine. This might also be a good option if you have recently been promoted or changed job.</b>
20:43	natisolanog	Thank you Charlotte. Are there any courses relating specifically to family businesses? I have researched classes offered on your website but have not seen any reference to emphasis on family business.
20:44	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Hello, we often have candidates in our class who are members of family businesses. In terms of specific courses, we don't currently have specialist electives but all classes can be discussed and applied to that context.</b>
20:45	Solarus	Hi Charlotte, thank you for doing this today. How does Judge feel about applicants re-applying if they are unsuccessful in the previous year?
20:46	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Candidates are welcome to re-apply in a new admissions year however they would need to evidence a change in their profile - otherwise the decision is likely to be the same. For example, an increase in prof. experience with a promotion or a higher GMAT score</b>
20:48	Narenn	Currently the biggest worry of international applicants is new UK work rules. How much time international applicants generally get after graduation to find jobs in UK / Europe? Can they apply for a Visa after graduating?
20:51	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Changes to UK work rules have caused confusion but please be reassured that it is still possible to work in the UK after graduation. Graduates will have four months after the programme ends (until end of January) when they finish in September to secure a visa.</b>
20:51	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>The UK actually remains one of the highest post-MBA destinations too.</b>
20:52	mib_5cv864	Regarding the waiver for English language test for students who have studied at a degree level at an institution where English is the medium of instruction, is it a negative factor if you go for this option instead of a standardized test?
20:54	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Hello, for the purposes of your MBA application form, it is fine to request this waiver and with the reason you have explained we would have no concerns. However, please be aware that if you require a visa to study in the UK, you might need to submit a recognized language certificate to the UK Government for your visa.</b>
20:55	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>We can advise you further on this if you are made an offer to join the programme.</b>
20:56	natisolanog	Regarding summer activities, I have seen information of an "Entrepreneurship Boot Camp". What does this program consist of?
20:59	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Cambridge is very strong for Entrepreneurship as you may know - we are the Silicon Valley of Europe. Regarding Summer Activities there is usually an option for candidates interested in this field but I cannot confirm if the Bootcamp will be running next year. In any case, there are still lots of clubs, competitions and activities through our Centre. If you look on our website you will see lots of links to Entrepreneurial options within the programme.</b>
20:59	Ergen	Hi Charlotte. What can you say about english requirements of applicants?
20:58	Ergen	What is the required toefl or IELTS score?
21:01	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Hello Ergen, to answer your question we are looking for a TOEFL of 110 with no section below 25.</b>
21:01	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>For IELTS it would be 7.5, with no element below 7.0 If you just miss the language requirement for application, it will not impact on your review. We will however have to ask you to be language assessed if you are made an offer. This is done by our internal Language Centre.</b>
21:02	Narenn	Charlotte, can you tell us about scholarships and other financial assistance provided to students? Typically how much of admissions cost they cover? Also does JBS have tie up with any British banks to provide students with student loans ?

21:04	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Regarding the funding question, there are lots of scholarships on our website so please do check there for your eligibility. Otherwise we are also part of the Prodigy Finance loan programme. Prodigy is open to all students who have been made an offer to join the Cambridge MBA programme.</b>
21:05	natisolanog	Hi charlotte. Regarding international students with post MBA job offers. Do you offer advise/accompaniment on visa requirements, or will the student have to do this with the prospective employer?
21:06	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>For all visa related matters we are not authorised to give advice - there are strict guidelines on this in the UK. We can however connect you with specialists and your new employer should also have a good understanding.</b>
21:09	natisolanog	Thank you Charlotte. Since we do not have colleges in our educational system here, this concept is new to me. How does this work? If accepted, will I be able to choose a college? Is it mandatory to live in the selected college?. How does this enhance the MBA experience in day to day live?
21:11	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Colleges are quite a unique aspect of the Cambridge experience - they are quite a strange concept for UK students too!</b>
21:12	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Once you have your MBA offer and if you decide to accept it, we will then work with you to find a suitable college. Colleges sometimes can offer accommodation but this is mostly for single students, if you have a family you will probably live outside.</b>
21:12	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Colleges enhance your MBA experience by allowing you to mix with other students and members of faculty from other departments - it's a great way to broaden your knowledge and network.</b>
21:13	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Also, the Colleges have a large social and sporting aspect - you'll be able to join rowing teams, cricket teams, football teams - this kind of thing.</b>
21:13	Ergen	Charlotte, what kind of clubs are there in Judge related to healthcare? And in overall how the school helps candidates who see their future in healthcare industry?
21:14	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>In terms of clubs, the schools has many different special interest groups - there is one for healthcare.</b>
21:15	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>We also have groups for Finance, Entrepreneurship, Consulting, Women Leaders, Social Innovation and more..</b>
21:16	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>For candidates interested in these different areas, I would encourage them to be become actively involved in the club. Many hold speaker events, alumni networking sessions, industry panel discussions or conferences - this kind of thing.</b>
21:17	Hansen	Hi Charlotte, my question is that if my GPA is substantially less than 3.3 minimum required, but with a strong GMAT, will I have chances of admission?
21:18	Ergen	I am from a country in Eastern Europe. My gpa is 4.0. My undergratuaate unversity is not popular worldwide. How can this affect evaluation of my profile? Will my 4.0 gpa will be considered a little doubtful because of schools unpopularity?
21:18	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>There are a few questions regarding GPA, please be reassured that we always look at the full application and would never reject a candidate based on GPA or the School they attended. However, you will need to evidence your academic ability if you have a below requirement GPA - a strong GMAT would be essential in this case.</b>
21:18	mib_gj1ixw	Hi Charlotte, on the previous issue of language instruction.. what if the medium of instruction is english in a non english speaking country with a toefl arund 100-105.. is there a chance of getting a waiver initially and then being evaluated by the internal language center?
21:20	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Hello mib, we would be able to review your application however you would need to take a recognised language test if you were made an offer. We can only accept waivers if the country you studied in is considered English speaking eg: Australia, UK, Canada,USA etc.</b>

21:20	natisolanog	Hi charlotte. Regarding the visit to schools. As international students, can the fact that we may not visit the school before applying affects our application profile?
21:21	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Don't worry if you are not able to visit the School before you submit your application - we don't place any weight on this fact. I would definitely recommend that you try to attend our interview day on campus though if you are invited as it is a good way to understand more about the programme and meet other classmates.</b>
21:21	Solarus	I'm particularly interested in the Energy and environment specialization, having had previous experience both in the industrial and renewable energy sectors. What have job prospects been like for graduates of this focus?
21:22	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Hello Solarus, we have lots of students interested in Energy and actually three students who started their own business in this field last year. You will find lots of connections here that you can exploit.</b>
21:22	Ergen	How the Judge conducts interviews? And by whoM? alumni or adcom?
21:23	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>All interviews are conducted by faculty members - either at our on campus day or by telephone/Skype. We NEVER use alumni or other staff so the process is fair and consistent.</b>
21:23	za	How is the typical profile of a student ?
21:23	rohitkumar	Hi Charlotte , what are the main factors on which judge decides for admission
21:24	rohitkumar	to be precise if someone has a lower GPA and 3 yrs work ex but a high GMAT say 730+ ; Should he spend more time in the industry as 6.5 forms the avg workex for judge
21:25	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Regarding profiles and what we are looking for in our students, there is no one typical student - really! We have candidates ranging in experience from 3 years to 15 years and from around 40 different nationalities.</b>
21:28	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>The key elements of the application that we are looking for are to understand why you want to study for an MBA, can you evidence that you will be able to manage the course and finally what are you going to bring to the class - experience, insights, knowledge to share. Learning on the MBA is both from your profs but also your classmates.</b>
21:28	Solarus	I have 2 years worth of relevant experience gained from work terms / internships done during my 6 year undergrad. Would this be viewed positively despite not being considered post graduate experience?
21:29	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>It's difficult to make comments on the value of work experience without seeing the context. In general, if it has been relevant, then we will consider it.</b>
21:30	Ergen	I have been in mandatory military service for 1 year. Should I include it as a work experience? And how does adcom evaluate it compared to candidates with military background?
21:31	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>When compiling your CV, please do mention military service so there are no gaps however we understand that it is not a "career" in the same way as someone who has chosen a military career. Certainly if you have achievements from that time, it is worth mentioning them.</b>
21:31	natisolanog	Does the school help in reaching out to students or alumni in our home country? Colombia for example? How can I find students / Alumni an contact them to receive feedback and advise?
21:33	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>Regarding alumni, we are happy to connect candidates with local alumni once they have submitted an application and are progressing through our application process. If you are looking to connect with students I would also recommend using tools like LinkedIn.</b>
21:33	Narenn	<b>Alright!! Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today. Thank you very much, Charlotte, for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions.</b>
21:33	Ergen	Thanks Charlotte for your time

21:33	Solarus	Thank you very much for your time and patience Charlotte!
21:34	Ergen	Looking forward to talking to you here again 😊
21:34	natisolanog	Thank you for your answers Charlotte
21:34	Narenn	The next chat session with JBS Team is on 1st September. For see chat sessions of other schools visit this thread... <a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html</a>
21:34	Narenn	We will publish a condensed transcript of this chat in JBS forum in few days. Keep an eye on this thread... <a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-judge-cambridge-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200762.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-judge-cambridge-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200762.html</a>
21:35	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. <a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/be-the-coolest-guy-in-the-mba-forum-be-a-threadmaster-152204.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/be-the-coolest-guy-in-the-mba-forum-be-a-threadmaster-152204.html</a>
21:35	Cambridge_Charlotte	<b>No problem, thank you for all the great questions and sorry I could only give you brief answers. We will be participating in another chat soon and please do follow up on our website too. Good luck with your application!</b>

**1) Upcoming JBS Chat session:**

- 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>**

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