

## GMAT Club Chat with Columbia Admissions Team

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- **Columbia 'J-Term' Applicants Discussion Class of 2017:** <http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-cbs-j-term-applicants-jan-2016-intake-class-of-198423.html>
- **Ask Columbia Admissions:** <http://gmatclub.com/forum/ask-columbia-gsb-admissions-121805.html>

		<b>Welcome to the Live Q&amp;A with Columbia Admissions Team Members!!</b>
		Topic set by <b>Narenn</b> on Tue Sep 22 2015 20:41:37 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
21:30	CBS_Moderator	<b>Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club Columbia Live Q&amp;A session today</b>
21:30	CBS_Moderator	<b>And BIG welcome to Columbia Team members:</b>
21:30	CBS_Moderator	<b>Matthew Moll, Associate Director of Admissions</b>
21:30	CBS_Moderator	<b>Kelsey Kephart, Assistant Director of Admissions</b>
21:30	CBS_Moderator	<b>and Rachael Lubetkin, Assistant Director of Admissions</b>
21:31	CBS_Moderator	<b>Today Matthew, Kelsey, and Rachel will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at Columbia.</b>
21:31	CBS_Moderator	<b>There are around 30 chat participants and more are expected to join in couple of minutes, so it is humble request to all participants to adhere to the following rules during chat so that our guests can answer most of our questions</b>
21:31	CBS_Moderator	<b>1. Ask the questions one by one. Before posting your question, make sure the earlier question is answered.</b>
21:32	CBS_Moderator	<b>2. Please do not ask profile specific questions e.g. What are my chances etc.</b>
21:32	CBS_Moderator	<b>3. Keep the question typed in advance and paste them in chat box when earlier question is answered.</b>
21:33	CBS_Moderator	<b>Before we begin the session, I would request our guests to give us their short introduction...</b>
21:34	Columbia_Matthew_	<b>Hi Everyone! Really excited to meet you. I have been in admissions for eight years and am currently in the EMBA program. Thanks for joining us!</b>
21:35	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Hi, all! I have been on the CBS admissions team for just over a year now.</b>
21:35	Columbia_Rachael	<b>Hi everyone. I have been working in the office of Admissions for 4 years, and am happy to answer your questions.</b>

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21:35	CBS_Moderator	<b>Dear Participants, this chat is now open for Q&amp;A. Please start asking your questions one by one...</b>
21:35	king121	what is the weightage given to GPA during the application process?
21:36	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Re: King121 - the same weight is given to all application materials including the GPA. It is simply one area of the application. The average GPA for this year's incoming class is a 3.5. If you are worried about your GPA from undergrad, we recommend that you focus on other areas of your application, such as your GMAT/GRE, essays, post-MBA goal, etc.</b>
21:36	Sujeet_India	Hi Adcoms. First of all thanks for connecting with us to clarify the doubts. What is the average GMAT score expectation from the incoming class?
21:37	Columbia_Rachael	<b>The review process is holistic, and your GMAT is only one factor that is considered.</b>
21:37	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Hi, Sujeet! The middle 80% of GMAT scores is a 680-760. The average GMAT score for the incoming class this year was a 715.</b>
21:37	therakc	Could you please provide some color on what type of applicant you are looking for in terms of their fit with Columbia? What do you think applicants should be able to offer to Columbia?
21:37	mib_sylms9	Question on timelines on early decision interviews - are you still sticking with a roughly 3 week timeline from submission to interview notification?
21:38	Columbia_Matthew1	<b>Hi Mib_sylms9 - the timeline for all of our applications is six weeks. After we receive your completed application you can either be denied or invited to interview within six weeks of when you submit.</b>
21:39	rakshitv13	Hi, I would like to know what the requirements for GPA are.
21:40	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Hi Rakshitv13, my response to King121 should have covered your question, as well. Let me know if I can elaborate!</b>
21:40	rakshitv13	yes, I have an undergrad GPA 3.02 in engineering, however, I am planning to do MBA in finance/investment banking in a couple years and therefore, I would like to know what areas should I be focusing on to prepare an appropriate application
21:41	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Rakshitv13 - We suggest focusing on other areas of the application, such as the essays, recs, post-MBA goal, resume, etc.</b>
21:41	himank	Hi Adcom in the section that asks for us to estimate the source of our funding.. should I calculate this based on just tuition or the total cost of attendance? also is this for year 1 or for both years?
21:42	Columbia_Matthew1	<b>Hi himank - You should base your estimate on the total cost of attendance. Keep in mind this is only an estimate. We want candidates to begin thinking about the investment in the MBA.</b>
21:42	mib_wht5rt	Hi Adcoms, Are there any inhibitions for a profile with gmat score which is 3 years old?

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21:42	Columbia_Matthew1	mib_wh5rt - GMAT scores are valid for five years, so you can use those scores without issue.
21:42	mib_5lixfp	Hi, Could you please give examples on the CBS Matters essay? Shipload my personal story reflect my career goal?
21:43	Columbia_Rachael	<b>For Essay 1 we ask you to share your post-MBA and long term goals with us. We understand that this may change, but they should be as concrete and specific as possible.</b>
21:43	Sujeet_India	Thanks for the inputs..What is the ratio of number of applicants to the number of accepted? And regarding work experience, please throw some light on the average requirement
21:43	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Sujeet, there are no set ratios of students that we adhere to in terms of those invited to interview. The acceptance rate was 16% last year. Regarding work experience, the middle 80% is 3-7 years, with the average number of years being 5.</b>
21:44	sailor1984	Good Day sir, do u have any age limit for people wanting to execute a career shift into consulting?
21:44	Columbia_Matthew_	<b>Hi sailor1984 age is not a consideration during the process. We welcome candidates of any age.</b>
21:44	king121	Columbia_Kelsey how do you compare international grading system with US? i.e Indian with US
21:45	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>King121 - We don't compare international grading systems, be it international or otherwise. When you are filing out the application, please indicate a GPA of "0". That will signal adcom to refer to your full transcript.</b>
21:45	LizGagne	Do you look for anything specific within an applicant's work experience?
21:45	Columbia_Matthew_	<b>LizGange Thank you for your question - we do not have work experience requirements. Students have a range of types of work experience. We want to build a diverse class which includes diverse work experience.</b>
21:46	mib_hosugz	If I have received a masters degree in a quantitative area with a high GPA, would that help to mitigate an undergraduate GPA which is below the middle 80% range (of course assuming a good GMAT score as well)?
21:46	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Mib_hosugz - If you have received a quant masters, and done well during that program, it may help us in understanding how you might perform in our program, especially if your undergraduate GPA is outside our middle 80% range.</b>
21:47	himank	Thanks Matthew. One more about ED. I know you guys have rolling admissions and it's always better to apply early. But does that also extend to ED? Is its better to apply earlier during the ED cycle than late? Or are all ED applications have same odds of success?
21:47	Pulkity	Hello Adcom..!! I come from an Energy background. Do you have some statistics on how many students (in one class of Columbia) pursue this field?

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21:48	Columbia_Matthew2	<b>Hi Pulkitiv - We have many students who are interested in energy and come from an energy background, but we don't track that exact stat. I encourage you to connect with our Energy Club to learn more about offerings and interest. They are a great group!</b>
21:48	p789	Unofficial GMAT score reports have other schools listed to send score-reports to, if we have changed our opinions on target schools (i.e. decided CBS is <b>#1</b> ), should we exclude the 2nd page of the Unofficial Report? Or does Columbia want the entire report uploaded?
21:49	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>P789 - We do not have any policies regarding omitting the second page of the GMAT score report. Feel free to submit the entire report!</b>
21:49	kvazar	hey guys, did your intake of Russian students decline 15' to 17' ?
21:50	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Hi Kvazar - We admitted Russian students last year and we are looking to do so this year. We feel that having geographic diversity within our class benefits all of the students.</b>
21:50	mib_rgmckg	Thank you for taking the time. How do you view experience at a small company versus a larger one?
21:50	king121	Columbia_Kelsey what is the profile of a student with no prior work exp in CBS?
21:51	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>King121- The middle 80% of work experience for our students is 3-7 years, the average number of years being 5. That said, 99% of our students have at least 1 year of work experience.</b>
21:51	AshleyDMW	Good afternoon all! Thank you for your time, Kelsey, Rachael, and Matthew. For those of us coming from a humanities-focused background, does supplementing our GMAT score with an additional quantitative coursework prior to applying increase the quality of our application?
21:52	Columbia_Matthew2	<b>Hi AshleyDMW - You can certainly take additional courses, but this isn't required. I encourage you to only take additional courses if you find these types of courses interesting for you, not simply for the MBA application process. Definitely let us know if you take courses, but additional courses are not a requirement for the process.</b>
21:52	sailor1984	Good Day Sir, Do we need to give any proof that my language of instruction in bachelor's degree was English?
21:52	Columbia_Rachael	<b>Hi Sailor1984! Once students are admitted we require official transcripts to verify their education information, and will confirm the language of instruction at that time.</b>
21:52	rakshitv13	Columbia_Matthew2, hey what is the approach for engineers who did their undergrad in USA
21:53	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Rakshitv13 - There are no special requirements for students who studied engineering during undergrad.</b>
21:53	mib_5lixfp	Hi, Could you please give examples on the CBS Matters essay? Shipload my personal story reflect my career goal?
21:53	Columbia_Rachael	<b>There is no right or wrong for a CBS matters topic, some are serious and some are funny. We really just want to get some insight to what is important to you.</b>

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21:54	AlexanderS	Can you give a sense of the current actual timeline between ED application submission and invitation to interview?
21:54	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>AlexanderS - When students submit a full and complete application, it can take 6 weeks for us to render a decision as to whether you are invited to interview, or whether we are unable to offer you a seat in our class. As we approach the October deadline, the timeline can reach the full six weeks. Right now, we are just shy of that.</b>
21:54	rakshitv13	Columbia_Kelsey, thank you and what do you look for in work experience? Does it have to be related to the major we apply for? Or does technical work experience contribute towards the application?
21:55	Columbia_Matthew2	<b>Hi Rakshitv13 - Many of our candidates are career switchers so it isn't a requirement to have direct experience for your future interest.</b>
21:55	mib_5lixfp	Is the optional essay only for the gaps in application? Can I write about achievements that are not mentioned elsewhere?
21:55	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Mib_5lixfp - The optional essay is an opportunity for you to explain anything in your application that you feel was not properly addressed by essays, recs, or your resume. There is a spot on the application to explain gaps in your work history, I encourage you to use that space to explain gaps, as opposed to the optional essay.</b>
21:56	mib_hosugz	For someone planning to apply for a Fall 2017 matriculation, when do you guys prefer we plan campus visits? Fall term or Spring term?
21:57	Columbia_Rachael	<b>Hi mib_hosugz! Campus visits are a great way for prospective students to get to know the community and see if CBS is a good fit for them. We don't have a preference for when they choose to attend.</b>
21:57	mib_xho43g	What makes one candidate stand out over another? Are there particular traits, scores, etc?
21:57	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>A genuine application can make a candidate stand out. I advise that students write their essays for themselves, not for the admissions officers that may read them. In regards to recommendations, I advise candidates to have coffee with their recommenders. Explain why now the time is for an MBA, why CBS is a good fit. These recommendations often come across as more thoughtful.</b>
21:58	king121	Can you throw some light on what being considered as low GPA on a scale of 10 in Indian grading system? IIT/NIT system.
21:58	Columbia_Matthew_	<b>Hi King121 you should explain your GPA in your application if you believe there will be any confusion. We are familiar with international GPAs, but if you are concerned about anything you can explain this in the optional essay.</b>
21:59	manoj	does teaching experience count for mba admissions
21:59	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Manoj - Full time employment, post-undergrad counts as work experience</b>
21:59	mib_28hhcg	Should we explain why we have the specific career goal in essay 1?

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22:00	Columbia_Rachael	<b>Hi mib_28hhcg! The focus of your essay should be your future employment goals, but you are welcome to include details on why you want to do this as well.</b>
22:00	zainshahzad3	Why does CBS ask whether we know someone currently enrolled in the program?
22:00	Columbia_MatthewMoll	<b>Hi zainshahzad3 - We want to know if you have met anyone at the school so we can understand how you have engaged with us. It isn't a requirement to meet students to be admitted.</b>
22:01	rakshitv13	Does the process involve any interviews?
22:01	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Rakshitv13 - An interview is a part of the process. Not all candidates are invited to interview.</b>
22:01	LizGagne	Do you value professional recommendations over academic ones? Why or why not?
22:02	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Hi, Liz! We value professional recommendations over academic ones. We are a professional school; therefore we are interested in how you have performed in the work force. Academic recs, in some cases, are unable to speak to professional experience.</b>
22:02	kvazar	Guys, should I explain 3.2 GPA? Or should I retake GMAT to compensate for it (currently 750)?
22:02	Columbia_MatthewMoll	<b>Hi Kvazar - Thank you for your question! If you feel there is something in your transcript that should be explained then please do so in the optional essay. It is up to you to decide what we need to know, but if you have any concerns I suggest putting a short note in the optional essay.</b>
22:03	rakshitv13	Columbia_Kelsey, thank you, Can the recommendations involve Faculty or Alumni?
22:03	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Rakshitv13 - We ask that recommendations be from current supervisors, or supervisors in previous jobs that can speak to your candidacy.</b>
22:04	rakshitv13	Columbia_Kelsey, Thank you, but I meant to ask that if there was a recommendation from CBS Faculty or Alumni would that be advantageous?
22:04	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Rakshitv13 - We always appreciate hearing from our alums. In the event that you feel a CBS alum can speak to your professional promise and/or work experience, they may submit a rec on your behalf.</b>
22:05	CBSModerator	Hi Adcom: Could you please shed some light on the scope of Internationals to obtain overseas employment in US post-CBS, especially considering the current H1B restrictions?
22:05	Columbia_MatthewMoll 1	<b>Hi CBSModerator - many of our international students decide they want to work in the US or outside of their home country. If students prioritize working outside their home country they are often able to make it happen.</b>
22:06	himank	Hi repeating my question since this seems to have been lost in the shuffle - I know you guys have rolling admissions and it's always better to apply early. But does that also extend to ED? Is it better to apply earlier during the ED cycle than late? Or are all ED applications have same odds of success?



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22:06	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Himank - Rolling admissions applies to all applications. You're correct! It is always advantageous to apply earlier. Our application generally opens up sometime in May, and we do receive applications at that time.</b>
22:07	manoj	@columbia kelsey: thank you. I am an m.tech graduate in engineering. having 4 years of teaching experience in an engineering college. am i eligible for mba admissions and post-mba jobs? i am asking about the whole world scenario. kindly help me
22:07	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Manoj- We require that you have a US-equivalent of a bachelor's degree. If you have obtained that, you are eligible to apply for our program.</b>
22:08	Shreyas_IISc	Hello Adcom! Hi Columbia_Matthew! This is Shreyas from India and I am currently waitlisted for the MBA program. I would like to know how the adcom views candidates who have recently started a new job while on the waitlist. Would the professional experience be valued since it would be only for a limited time?
22:08	Columbia_MatthewMoll1	<b>Hi Sherryas_IISc - Ultimately it is up to you to decide what work experience makes the most sense for you. You should be able to talk through why a short term position fits into your goals.</b>
22:09	LizGagne	How do you evaluate a non-traditional work history? For example: an applicant who has worked mainly as a consultant or has been self employed in another capacity that may not have any former or current supervisors to serve as recommenders.
22:09	Columbia_Rachael	<b>Hi LizGagne! We admit applicants from a diversity of backgrounds. We ask that your recommendations come from professional colleagues who are senior to you, and can speak to your abilities. If you are not using your current supervisor, please explain this.</b>
22:10	mib_xrsblc	Hello ... I have completed my engineering this year .. I am preparing for gmat and I have'nt given the exam .. Please suggest me how many months before I should Gmat scores to obtain scholarship .. tia
22:10	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>mib_xrsblc - In order to be considered for merit fellowships, you must apply by January 6.</b>
22:10	CBSModerator	Thanks Matthew! Do we have any APPROXIMATE data that how many Internationals end-up getting US employment post-CBS?
22:11	Columbia_MatthewMoll	<b>Hi CBSModerator - We do not have those specific numbers.</b>
22:11	BhavishyaKanjhan	Hello Adcom, thanks for taking the time out to do this. How can a candidate highlight notable achievements (on a professional / personal level) that may come in after the application has been sent in, but before the decision has been made? I understand it may make things harder for Adcom, but is there a preferred way of managing this?
22:12	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Bhavishya - From the time that you submit your application, you have three weeks to submit additional materials. In the event that you achieve something that you wish to share with the admissions committee, feel free to send us an email at <a href="mailto:apply@gsb.columbia.edu">apply@gsb.columbia.edu</a></b>

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22:12	inder	what are your suggestions for the recs for people who are coming from independent consulting or are self employed?
22:13	Columbia_MatthewMoll	<b>Hi Inder - We suggest that you either have a client or co-founder/partner as recommendations. I hope this helps!</b>
22:13	mib_5qm4hq	What should be my gmat Score to avail scholarship?
22:13	Columbia_Rachael	<b>Hi mib_5qm4h! Fellowships are given on the basis of overall merit, and we do not have specific score requirements.</b>
22:13	CBSModerator	Thanks Matthew! A somewhat related question: Can J-term International candidates seek employment in US post-CBS through H1B?
22:13	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Hi CBSModerator - All students have the ability to take the OTP.</b>
22:14	sailor1984	How are master classes different from internships?
22:14	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Sailor - Master classes are different from internships in that master classes are for-credit. They include in-class projects, assignments, as well as guest speakers. You take master classes during the regular semester, along with your other courses.</b>
22:14	sailor1984	Thank you Columbia_Kelsey, I mean in terms of exposure one would get. For a career in consulting
22:15	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Sailor - The amount of exposure can vary. Some internships have more exposure than others. Master Classes include speakers that professors have both personal and professional connections with. With half of our faculty being adjunct professors who are working as well as teaching, these connections can be boundless.</b>
22:16	inder	if my brother is a co-partner, can i have him as my recommender? or should i prefer a client and a senior professional colleague?
22:16	Columbia_Matthew_	<b>Hi inder - It is preferred that you not use a family member. There is a section to explain this in the application when you choose another rec.</b>
22:16	Narenn	Hi Columbia Team, since Columbia is a very global business school - are there ways applicants can make up for a lack of foreign work experience in other ways to demonstrate a global perspective? (Domestic nonprofit work with different cultures, travel, etc.) Thank you!!
22:17	Columbia_Matthew_	<b>Narenn - The application process is holistic so there isn't a way to "make up" for any part of the application. We are looking at the entire application during the process. We do not have a specific type of work experience or perspective we are looking for so not everyone will have international experience in the class.</b>
22:18	rakshitv13	I was an international student as part of undergrad, therefore do I need to do an English Proficiency Test such as TOEFL
22:18	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Rakshitv13 - If you received a degree from an institution wherein the primary language of instruction was English, you do not need to take an English language proficiency test</b>



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22:18	mib_5qm4hq	hi Rachel! when you say overall merit you mean undergrad Gpa? can you please shed some light on scholarship criteria and opportunities?
22:19	Columbia_Rachael	<b>In distributing the merit based fellowships, we consider all of the information submitted on the application. This is not just restricted to academics.</b>
22:19	Yash	Can you please share the essay topics for 2016 application
22:20	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Yash - You can see a full list of our essay questions and application requirements on our website.</b>
22:20	Pulkitv	How much weightage do you give to the AWA scores in GMAT? Is there any cut-off?
22:20	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Pulkitv - we do not have a cut off for the AWA scores on the GMAT. That said, we do not have any cut offs for GRE/GMAT/GPA, etc.,.</b>
22:21	Yash	Thank you and Do you accept candidate with prior MBA degree. I did MBA from India in 2012
22:21	Columbia_Matthew_	<b>Hi Yash - We have admitted students with prior MBA degrees, but be sure to explain why you are pursuing another MBA in your application.</b>
22:21	mib_5qm4hq	Is it required for international students to have a gmat score higher than cbs 's average?
22:21	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>mib_5qm4hq - No. It is NOT required for international students to have a higher GMAT score. There are no differences in what we require of international students than we do of domestic students.</b>
22:22	Yash	Thank Mathew.. My undergrads and post grads education from India was in English, Am i required to take ILETS/TOEFL?
22:22	Columbia_MatthewMoll	<b>Hi Yash - If your undergraduate or graduate degree was taught entirely in English then you are not required to take an English language test.</b>
22:23	king121	If an Indian Administrative Service from India applies for CBS, is it easy for him to get in? @ Columbia_Kelsey
22:24	Columbia_MatthewMoll 1	<b>Hi King121 - The overall application process is competitive, but we are looking for diverse experiences and look to build a community of students who are excited about taking advantage of being at Columbia Business School!</b>
22:24	lawk	which would you say weights more GMAT score or work experience?
22:24	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Lawk - There is no difference in the way that we weigh any particular portion of the application. All elements - work experience, GPA, resume, essays - are weighted equally.</b>
22:25	Columbia_Rachael	<b>Hi mib_rgmckg! You individual work responsibilities and leadership experience are more important than the size of your company when we consider your work experience.</b>
22:25	Yash	What is the average intake of students for previous batch

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22:25	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Yash - The intake for students in the August-entry program is 550 students, with the entry for January-term being 200 students.</b>
22:25	Pulkity	Do students in CBS engage in part-time jobs?
22:26	Columbia_MatthewMoll_1	<b>Hi Pulkity - Many of our students do in semester internship. Because of our connection to NYC many of our students are able to do this and connect their coursework to real world experience.</b>
22:26	lawk	Thinking about applying through the MLT program, would you recommend it or not?
22:27	Columbia_MatthewMoll_1	<b>Hi lawk - Many of our students and alums are alums of MLT as well. I suggest reaching out to MLT to see if they make sense for you!</b>
22:27	Blue_sky	What are the conditions to apply the scholarship?
22:27	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Blue_sky - in order to be considered for a merit fellowship, we ask that you apply by January 6. No other additional application materials are required to be considered.</b>
22:27	rakshitv13	What is the duration for Rolling Admissions? Does it apply to all fields of CBS?
22:28	Columbia_Rachael	<b>Hi rakshitv13! Yes, we review all applications on a rolling basis, and review them in the order that they were submitted.</b>
22:28	mib_jpuulk	Hi there, historically by ED deadline, how large the % that the class was filled? e.g. 80% , 90% etc.?
22:28	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>mib_jpuulk - We do not have any quotas regarding how many students we admit during ED. The percentage changes every year, depending on the quality of the students who apply in that round.</b>
22:28	Narenn	How is Columbia adapting or changing its curriculum to suit the change in the job market in the recent years? What changes are on the horizon? How have employers reacted to these changes in CBS's curriculum or program?
22:29	Columbia_Matthew_	<b>Hi Narenn - We are always adapting our curriculum to the changing business world. For example we recently implemented our New York Local immersion programs. Take a look!</b>
22:29	rakshitv13	Columbia_Rachael, thank you, if I want to be considered for Fall 2017, when should I be applying by?
22:29	Yash	What are the requirements for Executive MBA programs? August Intake refers to Fall 2016 intake? right
22:29	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Yahs - the application requirements for the Executive MBA program is similar to that of the MBA program. I suggest taking a look at our EMBA website. August intake refers to Fall 2016, yes. Thank you for clarifying that for everyone!</b>
22:29	Ashley_DMW	Thank you again for your time, Adcom! And thanks everyone for your questions.

## GMAT Club Chat with Columbia Admissions Team

**Matthew Moll – Associate Director of Admissions**

**Kelsey Kephart – Assistant Director of Admissions**

**Rachael Lubetkin – Assistant Director of Admissions**

**September 22, 2015.**

22:30	Narenn	We are ending the chat in a couple minutes. Any final questions??
22:30	Nai222	Hi, if an ED candidate is waitlisted, can he or she resubmit a new GMAT score for consideration before the merit deadline?
22:31	Columbia_Kelsey	<b>Nai222 - If an ED candidate is waitlisted, they may submit new scores. I recommend that waitlisted students be in touch with their waitlist manager.</b>
22:31	rakshitv13	Columbia_Rachael, thank you, if I want to be considered for Fall 2017, when should I be applying by?
22:31	Columbia_Rachael	<b>@rakshitv13. Because we use rolling admission, we encourage you to submit your application as early as possible. However, you should ensure that your application is as strong as it will be before submitting, so it may be better to delay submission. Also you should only apply ED if you know CBS is your first choice and will withdraw all other applications.</b>
22:32	CBSModerator	<b>So, we'll wrap up here...</b>
22:32	CBSModerator	<b>Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today.</b>
22:32	CBSModerator	<b>Thank you very much, Matthew, Kelsey, and Rachel, for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions. Hope you enjoyed the chat.</b>
22:32	CBSModerator	<b>We know that we could not answer everyone's question due to timing constraint. The next chat session with Columbia team is on December 03. To view complete Live Q&amp;A schedule 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></b>
22:32	CBSModerator	<b>We will publish summary of this chat in Columbia forum in few days. Keep an eye on this thread...<a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-cbs-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-198369.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-cbs-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-198369.html</a></b>
22:32	Columbia_MatthewMoll	<b>Thank you!</b>
22:32	Pulkitiv	Matthew and Kelsey...!! Thank you very much for this wonderful session.
22:32	Shreyas_IISc	Thank you all for taking the time and hosting this session.
22:32	Yash	Thanks you everyone..Can you share the entire chat conversation
22:32	king121	thanx CBS hoping to meet you all in real
22:32	mib_hosugz	Thanks for your time guys.
22:33	Narenn	<b>Thank you everyone for participating in this chat today!!</b>
22:33	Narenn	<b>Sincere thanks to Matt, Kelsey, and Rachel</b>

September 22, 2015.

22:33	Narenn	I encourage all applicants to share their application updates with fellow applicants in Columbia forum. We are eager to know how you are approaching to your application essays, your interview debriefs....
22:33	Narenn	If you are visiting CBS, we would love to read your school visit experience.....
22:33	Narenn	Most applicants can't visit the school, so these reports would be immensely helpful for such applicants in figuring out their fit for CBS program.
22:33	Narenn	Thanks again everyone and good luck!!
22:33	CBSModerator	Good day guys...

**1) Upcoming Columbia Chat sessions:**

- December 03
- January 04

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

**3) All Chat transcripts are available to download here** <http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html#p1416987>

## GMAT Club's MBA Resources

All MBA Rankings	<a href="http://bit.ly/1FaDIT3">http://bit.ly/1FaDIT3</a>	Application Experiences of Applicants	<a href="http://bit.ly/1lecA6z">http://bit.ly/1lecA6z</a>
All MBA Deadlines	<a href="http://bit.ly/19RSTX">http://bit.ly/19RSTX</a>	MBA Applicant Blogs	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Hx5LJE">http://bit.ly/1Hx5LJE</a>
All School Stats	<a href="http://bit.ly/1MPOguZ">http://bit.ly/1MPOguZ</a>	Current Student Blogs	<a href="http://bit.ly/1NPG4rD">http://bit.ly/1NPG4rD</a>
Live Chats with B-School Adcoms	<a href="http://bit.ly/1NJ7v4w">http://bit.ly/1NJ7v4w</a>	All school discussions	<a href="http://bit.ly/1K0N43a">http://bit.ly/1K0N43a</a>
MBA Admission Consultant Reviews	<a href="http://bit.ly/1y6eLpt">http://bit.ly/1y6eLpt</a>	Best MBA Books	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Cvz2qC">http://bit.ly/1Cvz2qC</a>
2015 MBA Applicants' Profiles	<a href="http://bit.ly/1DJKnBO">http://bit.ly/1DJKnBO</a>		
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