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		Welcome to the Live Q&A with Cornell (Johnson) Admission Directors - Gail Wolfmeyer and Ann Richards, and Heidi Russell!!
		Topic set by Narenn on Tue Nov 10 2015 22:13:03 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
22:30	Narenn	Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club Cornell (Johnson) Q&A session today and a BIG welcome to Gail Wolfmeyer (Director of Admissions at Cornell), Ann Richards (Associate Director of Admissions at Cornell), and Heidi Russell (Sr. Admissions and Application Manager) at Cornell.
22:31	Narenn	Today Gail and Ann will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at Cornell.
22:31	Narenn	There are around 25 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
22:31	Narenn	1. Ask the questions one by one. Before posting your question, make sure the earlier question is answered.
22:31	Narenn	2. Do not ask profile specific questions e.g. What are my chances etc.
22:31	Narenn	3. Keep the question typed in advance and paste them in chat box when earlier question is answered.
22:32	Narenn	before we begin I would request Gain and Ann to give us your short introductions
22:34	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Hi everyone, and welcome. I'm Ann Richards, Sr. Associate Director of Admissions at Johnson. I'm joined today by Gail Wolfmeyer, Johnson's Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. We're excited to take your questions about Johnson! I've been at Johnson for a long, long time. I've been in admissions at Johnson for the last 15 years, and prior to that I was the College Registrar. I absolutely love our program, our



		students and our alumni and I hope you'll become interested in Johnson as well!
22:34	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	We're still reading Round 1 application, so if you haven't received an update on your application status yet, don't panic!
22:35	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	Hi Everyone, Great to chat with you all today. Thank you for your interest in Johnson! We are thrilled that you are joining us today and look forward to answering your questions. By way of introduction, I have worked in higher education for my entire career, beginning at the University of Auckland in New Zealand before transitioning to NYU where I worked for a handful of years before joining the Johnson team in January. I couldn't be more thrilled to be part of the Cornell community!
22:36	AnthonyMahmud	Hello everyone! My name is Anthony Mahmud, and I am from Columbus, Ohio. I look forward to talking with you all and learning more information about the Cornell University MBA program!
22:36	Narenn	Thanks Gail and Ann! Dear Participants, this chat is now open for Q&A. let's start with the first question that I received via message from a member who could not attend this chat. - How long after the interview should we expect to hear a decision on our application?
22:37	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	We are releasing final decisions on a rolling basis post-interview. While timelines may be flexible, the Admissions Committee will make every attempt to release a final decision within approximately 3-4 weeks post-interview
22:37	rohityj	Hi Ann, Gail and Narenn. I am an Indian national with professional experience mostly in West Africa. I have an MBA from a top 10 institute in India. Does Cornell have a history of accepting candidates with an MBA to its two year MBA program?
22:38	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Hi Rohityj, we look holistically at each application and have admitted candidates with a prior MBA, but it's important that you explain why you want to pursue an MBA from Johnson.
22:38	bazingaaa111	For R2 applications, if someone does not have a really high GMAT score and want to retake, can we submit the score later? Let's say by Dec. Only after all parameters are there will the Adcom have interview with the candidate or interview can even happen before that?
22:39	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	@bazingaaa111: the Admissions Committee will only review complete applications. Therefore if you plan to re-take the GMAT or GRE after submitting your application, please note your plans in the optional essay. Your application will be made incomplete



		until we receive an updated score report. Invitations to interview will not be issued until an application is deemed complete and reviewed by the Admissions Committee.
22:40	oludayo	Hi Ann, My name is Oludayo and I am from Nigeria. My question is; for international students, is there a difference between applying in round two and applying in round 3?
22:41	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Hi Oludayo, great question. Please don't assume if you apply in one of the later rounds, you won't be admitted. We admit candidates in every round. You should submit your application when it is as strong as possible.
22:41	Abhinav	My question is regarding the interview process followed at Cornell? Like, are these blind interviews or the interviewer has read your application before-hand?
22:41	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	Hi Abhinav - our interviews are semi-blind. The interviewer will have reviewed basic information about your application but will likely not have reviewed it in its entirety before your interview. Having said that, it is important that you be able to speak to any aspect of your application during your interview!
22:42	mib_3lauqp	When will the next wave of interview invitations be sent out? Thanks.
22:43	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Our interview invitations are sent out on a rolling basis. We have recently installed new interview scheduling software, so a bunch of invitations were sent out last week, but going forward, they will be sent out on a rolling basis. If you applied in Round 1, you can expect to learn your interview decision by December 15.
22:44	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Please check our website for the other important application decision dates.
22:45	bazingaaa111	If we submit the GMAT score now, have interviews and later update the Adcom with the new score, will that be considered? Actually this question boils down to R2 vs R3. Chances of admission will be slimmer the later I apply with all documents, right?
22:46	Cornell_ADCOM_Heidi	Hi Everyone I am Heidi and I am joining the chat with Ann and Gail
22:47	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	@bazingaa111 - the Admissions Committee cannot guarantee that it will consider materials submitted post-interview. I recommend that you submit your application when it is strongest regardless of round.
22:47	deeg	Hi There, Thank you Cornell team for taking the time for this chat. Could you please shed some



		light on what happens behind the scenes when an application is processed (after submission). Is the application looked at by various teams and how a decision is made on whether or not take an application to the next step.
22:47	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Hi Deeg, each application is read and reviewed by members of the admissions committee and a preliminary decision is made on each application.
22:46	Narenn	Newly Joined Members: We are chatting with members of Cornell (Johnson) Admission team: Gail Wolfmeyer (Director of Admissions), Ann Richards (Associate Director of Admissions), and Heidi Russell (Sr. Admissions and Application Manager) at Cornell.
22:47	Narenn	If you have any questions about Cornell MBA program, you are free to ask them to Gail and Ann. But before posting your question, please make sure earlier questions are answered. Thank you!
22:47	AnthonyMahmud	Hello to Heidi, Ann, Gail, and Narenn. I apologize for the early introduction, nothing was showing up for me on the chat before I posted. I'd like to ask our guests, what kind of relationships do MBA professors and faculty members have with students outside of classroom affairs? What is the MBA culture like in general outside of designated class times?
22:50	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	@AnthonyMahmud - We have a fantastic community at Cornell! It really is one of the differentiating aspects of our program. I would encourage you to engage with our students and community throughout the admissions process, as you will find them to be welcoming and encouraging of your pursuits. Faculty works closely with students inside and outside of the classroom.
22:47	oludayo	Thanks Ann. One more question; the 500 word count for the essay; how the Johnson MBA can help me accomplish my goals, does the word count exclude the essay topic title? I ask so as not to assume
22:50	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Hi Oludayo, you don't need to worry about the title impacting the word limit on the essays.
22:49	SarahJessicaLee	Hello, I am an international applicant aiming one year course. Would it be okay to apply R3? The final round?
22:50	Cornell_ADCOM_Heidi	Hello Sarah you can apply for round 3 for the one year but that would be the last round due to the classes starting in early may



22:50	Travis_McElmurry	Hello, I am wondering if official transcripts are required to be submit during the application process. Or, do unofficial transcripts work until an offer is made?
22:50	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Hi Travis, you can submit your unofficial transcript with your application; however, any offer of admission is pending receipt and review of official transcripts.
22:50	mba_gad	Hi Ann and Gail, I am Gaurav Doshi from Mumbai, India. It might not be possible for my recommenders to submit the recommendation letter on the company letterhead. What should I do in that case? Is it alright if they upload it as a word document?
22:51	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Hi Gaurav, your recommenders can upload their recommendation on company letterhead, or as just a word document; either is fine.
22:51	Narenn	Moderator Note: We will be saving a condensed version of the chat for the record and reference. Everyone in attendance will have a chance to ask their own questions. If for any reason you want us to exclude your username from chat transcript, please let me know.
22:51	sourabhsur123	Hello Ann, Gail, and Heidi. Thanks a lot for clearing our queries. I have a specific question regarding scheduling of the interview. As the final decisions are on a rolling basis, will I be at a disadvantage if I schedule my interview for a later date in a round?
22:54	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	@sourabhsur123: As I said previously, we will admit qualified candidates throughout the entire admissions cycle. Therefore, I encourage you to schedule your interview when it is most convenient for you. Of course, the sooner you schedule, the sooner you can receive a final decision!
22:54	rohitcj	For the two year MBA at Ithaca, what percentage of students lives on facilities of the university?
22:55	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	Hi Rohit - we are very fortunate that our MBA students have many options when it comes to housing in Ithaca. While on-campus housing is available, many of our students opt to live in apartments or shared houses in close proximity to campus.
22:55	sourabhsur123	Thanks a lot Gail.
22:55	mba_gad	Thanks Ann
22:55	Abhinav	Thanks for elaborating upon the interview process, Gail, Ann. I did indeed receive an interview



		invite last week. I have been very excited about the Big Red Design Thinking Club at Cornell. Could you explain a bit about any experiential learning opportunities offered within the club?
22:55	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Hi Abhinav, we've been very lucky to have a design thinking class for the last several semesters. I think most everyone in this year's graduating class has enrolled in Design Thinking. It's great and fun and is a mini version of the D school at Stanford.
22:55	bazingaaa111	I am from India and have studied in a convent school and a college where the medium of communication was English. Now, do I need to submit a note from College that states that the medium of communication was English? If I submit any document (like this one) after 17th Nov., will my application be considered for R3 or for R2?
22:56	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	@bazingaaa111- our English Language Exam requirements are outlined on our website: https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Full-Time-MBA/Admissions/Application-Guide/Application-Requirements. Please refer to it for specific criteria on your TOEFL or IELTS requirement
22:57	Felguecu	Hello everyone! My name is Felipe from Colombia. My question is: What is the expected time for interviews of round 1, I mean is there a specific period such as Dec 15 and Jan 15?
22:58	Cornell_ADCOM_Heidi	Hi Felipe invitations have been going out and you could receive an invite to interview any time up until December 15th
22:58	snigdha	Hi, I have been unable to give GMAT ad won't be able to apply until Round 3. Being an International applicant, is there still a chance for me to get selected in Round-3?
22:59	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Hi Snigdha, we admit outstanding candidates in every application round. Make sure your application is as strong as possible, regardless of the round you apply.
22:59	mib_ztprog	Hi Ann and Gain, what makes Cornell different from other schools?
23:00	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Hi Mib - Johnson students have access to top faculty, experience hands on learning through the immersion programs and have an access to a fabulous alumni network.
23:00	AnthonyMahmud	Thank you for the feedback, Gail! Another question to all if that's okay, I am an atypical MBA candidate as a 19 year old college senior, and while I feel that I've addressed the matter in my essays, I want to make sure that everything will work out schedule-wise. When is the latest I will need to have my diploma, and be ready to start classes?



23:04	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	Hi Anthony - As is true for all admitted candidates, admission is offered pending receipt of final official documents (including transcripts, official exam reports, etc.). Students begin courses in late Summer.
23:04	Travis_McElmurry	Do you have any suggestions for the Table of Contents essay?
23:05	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	@Travis_McElmurry - great question! The Table of Contents essay is a beloved Johnson classic and is truly designed for us to get to you know you better. We encourage you to be yourself and are welcome to be creative. There is no right or wrong way to answer the question.
23:04	Narenn	Gail / Ann: How is Cornell 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 Cornell's curriculum or program?
23:05	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Hi Narenn, as I mentioned in my intro, I've been at Johnson for a long, long time. One thing we have always been very good at is responding to the market. We just created a revised, integrated core curriculum that incorporates more leadership and strategy. We'll continue to tweek our process as we receive feedback from students, faculty and corporate partners.
23:06	atsmith3	Hello Gail, Ann, and Heidi. My name is Andrew Smith and I was wondering what is the average size of MBA classes and if you could describe the relationship between students and professors? For example, do students participate in activities with their professors outside of class?
23:09	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	Hi Andrew - There are approximately 275 students in our 2-Year Residential program and 80 in our 1-Year MBA program. Our faculty is highly engaged and works very closely with our students inside and outside of our classes. Our faculty is here to teach and grow the next generation of business leaders and our students see their commitment as one of the best parts of a Cornell MBA!
23:06	Abhinav	@Ann : Thanks for confirming about the Design club at Johnson. Could you walk us through the cross campus collaboration opportunities with other institutes within Cornell University such as Cornell Tech?
23:10	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Abhinav, students in our 2-year program have the opportunity to take nearly a full semester of classes outside of Johnson. We are currently developing ways to integrate



		with the NYTech program. This semester for instance, we have two students on "exchange" with the Tech campus in Manhattan.
23:06	rohitcj	Is it possible to combine The Semester in Strategic Operations (SSO) Immersion with the Consulting Program?
23:07	Cornell_ADCOM_Heidi	@rohitcj the Strategic Operations immersion is a full semester and the consulting program is more of a check list of classes you can do anytime
23:08	oludayo	One more question please; what else does the school value in their MBA applicants apart from having a strong sense of leadership skills and team spirit? thanks
23:13	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Dear Oludayo, we look for a track record of success, academically, professionally and personally. Make sure your application reflects your achievements and accomplishments.
23:09	bazingaaa111	Thanks Gail, so as long as I mention about a pending doc. in the optional essay, I will be eligible for R2, provided I provide it within Dec '15.
23:11	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	@bazingaaa111 - if you plan to retake a standardized test post-application submission, your application will be rendered incomplete pending receipt of an updated score report. Only completed applications that are submitted by the deadline are guaranteed initial notification by the stated deadline. If your application is rendered incomplete, we are not obligated to release a decision by the stated deadline
23:10	LSmith	Hi Gail/Ann – if you have interviewed previously at Johnson, would you expect a further interview as a reapplicant second time around if successful? Thanks a lot
23:15	Cornell_ADCOM_Heidi	@LSmith your new application will be reviewed in its entirety and you will get an initial notification by December 15th.
23:11	Narenn	Moderator Note: We will continue the chat for another 15 minutes. If you have any questions for Gail, Ann, and Heidi, please ask them immediately. Thank you!
23:11	AnthonyMahmud	Thank you so much! Final question from me, what does the business environment and infrastructure look like in Ithaca, and how are these elements incorporated into our MBA activities and curriculum?
23:11	rohitcj	Thank you Gail, Ann and Narenn for the informative session.



23:11	Abhinav	Thanks for informing, Ann.
23:12	Guest19399	Hello, thank you for taking the time today. Does Cornell publish acceptance rates by each round? Is there a benefit in applying via round 1 vs. round 3 for example? Apologies if this question was answered prior however I got disconnected.
23:15	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	@Guest 19399 - we do not publish acceptance rates by round. As previously stated, we encourage you to apply when your application is strongest!
23:12	mib_ztprog	Gail and Ann, I have another question about immersion program. Can I choose the company I would like to immerse?
23:12	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Hi Mib, the immersion faculty selects industry and corporate partners to participate in the immersion each year. You may have the opportunity to select which of the participate projects or cases you'd like to work on (depending on the immersion), but you can't select which companies participate.
23:13	kanusha	Hi Ann, I am Anusha from India. How does adcom consider an applicant with less than 3 years of experience?
23:13	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	@kanusha - yes, we consider applications from candidates with a broad range of work experiences. Information on our 80% range of admitted candidates can be found on our website.
23:13	mona19	What are parameters for success in all the above mentioned areas?
23:17	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	@mona19 - see my above answer to Kanusha regarding our 80% range online.
23:14	Rathore83	How is the one year program being perceived by the industry, are they both at par in terms of recruitments and salaries offered?
23:19	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	@Rathore83 - Recruiters love working with Johnson MBA students in both our One-Year and Two Year programs! Our annual data show us that graduates of the One-Year MBA program are as competitive in the marketplace as their Two-Year classmates. I encourage you to review the CMC's employment reports for additional information.
23:15	oludayo	Thanks Ann, you have answered all my questions. Thanks for chatting with us



23:17	Narenn	Dear Admission Team Members: what is one thing about Cornell that prospective students will NOT get to know from online resources like the college website or chat rooms?
23:20	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Thanks Narenn. I think the element that continues to impress candidates and visitors to Johnson is how tight knit the community is here. This is promoted on our website (as it is on many schools websites). Having just hosted over 100 candidates at JWIB and JMB events, many candidates expressed just how surprised they were at the genuineness of our community
23:18	Guest19399	How does the age of applicant impact the decision making process? Is there a general bias for younger candidates? If so, why?
23:20	Cornell_ADCOM_Heidi	@Guest19399 we review all applicants on a holistic process where we look at multiple things within the application to get a divers class.
23:24	fmbraga	Dear Gail, Ann and Heidi, good afternoon! Could you please talk a little about the The Smith Family Business Initiative at Cornell
23:26	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	@fmbraga: The Smith Family Business Initiative is a fantastic resource at Johnson! It is designed to support family businesses and prepare MBA candidates to manage them throughout their careers. Great information can be found here: https://www.johnson.cornell.edu/Smith-Family-Business-Initiative-at-Cornell
23:25	Guest62844	Gail. One last question, Submitting GRE instead of Gmat by an applicant from science field, does it effects? Thank you.
23:26	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	@Guest16244, it makes no difference if you submit a GRE or a GMAT score.
23:26	Abhinav	Hi Gail, Ann, Heidi. On a final thought could you please shed some light on the networking treks within USA/globally, which students undertake during the program?
23:26	Guest19399	With the workplace being so dynamic, how does Cornell link current students with alumni? Is there a dynamic process set up to link students with alumni?
23:27	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	@Guest19399, many of our alumni return to campus for on campus recruiting and information sessions.
23:28	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	We also have a number of alums who participate as guest lecturers, sit in on panels for



		our events, and of course as a Johnson student, you're encouraged to reach out to alumni in the companies and fields you're interested in.
23:28	mib_876eoy	What percentage of current students is pursuing dual degrees?
23:30	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Mib, about 15% of students are formally participating in one of the many dual degree options at Johnson. However, a very large percentage of our students take classes at other colleges and programs at Cornell, notably Engineering, Law, REal Esate and HR.
23:28	Guest62844	Thank you Ann.
23:28	snigdha	Thank you so much for all the info
23:29	StephenSweeney	Thank you all for the time and info it has been very helpful
23:30	Narenn	Alright!!... We'll wrap up here
23:30	AnthonyMahmud	Much thanks to our moderator and panel of guests! I appreciate the time and feedback, have a nice afternoon!
23:30	Narenn	Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today. Thank you very much, Gail, Ann, and Heidi for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions. Hope you enjoyed the chatting with our community members.
23:30	Narenn	Next chat session with Cornell is on December 15. To view complete Live Q&A schedule visit this thread... http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html
23:31	Narenn	We will publish a condensed transcript of this chat in Cornell forum in few days. Keep an eye on this thread... http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-johnson-cornell-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200239.html If for any reason you want us to exclude your username from chat transcript, please let me know.
23:31	atsmith3	Thank you!
23:31	Cornell_Adcom_Gail	Thank you everyone for joining us today! We encourage you to continue learning more about Johnson! Round 2 applications deadline is 11/17 - we can't wait to work with you throughout the process!



23:31	Narenn	Thanks again to all Admission directors and participants. Good luck to all who are waiting for their interview invitations.
23:31	Cornell_Adcom_Ann	Thanks everyone! Good luck in the application process~!
23:31	Cornell_ADCOM_Heidi	Thank you everyone!!
23:32	Abhinav	Gail, Ann, Heidi : Thanks a lot for sparing the time and having such a wonderful chat with us today.

1) Upcoming Cornell (Johnson) Chat sessions:

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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>

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