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22:28		HAPPENING NOW: Live Q&A with UCLA Anderson Admission Director – Jessica Chung – and Current UCLA Student – James Huntington!!
		Topic set by Narenn on Tue Dec 08 2015 22:28:36 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
22:29	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	Hello everyone! Hope you're having a great day. We look forward to answering your questions about UCLA Anderson during today's chat.
22:30	Narenn	Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club UCLA (Anderson) Q&A session today and a BIG welcome to our guests from UCLA Anderson school of Business
22:30	Narenn	Jessica Chung - Associate Director of MBA Admissions at UCLA AND.....
22:30	Narenn	James Huntington – Current 2nd year MBA student at UCLA – famously know as MBAreapplicant84 on GMAT Club.
22:30	Narenn	Today Jessica and James will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at UCLA.
22:30	Narenn	There are around 20 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
22:30	Narenn	1) Ask the questions one by one. Before posting your question, make sure the earlier question is answered.
22:30	Narenn	2) Do not ask profile specific questions e.g. What are my chances etc.
22:30	Narenn	3) Keep the question typed in advance and paste them in chat box when earlier question is answered.

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22:30	Narenn	This is final chat session of this season with UCLA Team. So before we begin, let me thank UCLA's Admission Director, Jessica Chung, on behalf of GMAT Club team for her co-operation and support in making these chats happen. Thanks very much, Jessica!!
22:31	Narenn	Dear Participants, this chat is now open for Q&A. Please start asking your questions one by one.
22:32	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	You're very welcome! 😊 Send your questions our way!
22:33	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	So our Round 1 decision release day is coming up very soon, which is only a week from today
22:34	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	All of our Round 1 applications will be hearing back from us then. So I know this week will be a long one for some folks 😊
22:34	shagun	Hi there. Could you please elaborate on specific opportunities the school has for those aspiring towards a career in venture capital?
22:34	UCLA_Student_James	Thanks for your questions shagun
22:36	UCLA_Student_James	Although I am not going into venture capital, I can touch on it a little bit. VC is a tough industry to break into. It's very dependent on your experience and network. That being said, there is the Venture Fellows program at Anderson, http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/centers/price-center-for-entrepreneurship-and-innovation/mba-students/fellowship-programs/venture
22:37	UCLA_Student_James	Many students do academic internships during the school year at local VCs and PE firms.
22:34	clint2121	I'm a Round 1 Applicant and am anxious for December 15th to get here. How will decision notifications be sent (email or phone)? Is there a specific timeframe on 12/15 that we can expect a notification? Is there any chance notifications will be released earlier than 12/15?
22:34	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	clint2121, hang in there! You will get an email when your application status is updated on the 15 th . Admits will receive a call the day before the decision release, like we have done for the past few years.
22:37	HY	The ARM program has a list of companies here: http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/degrees/mba-

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		program/curriculum/amr , for example I want to work with Trader Joe's in this list, is that assured? Or the available companies will vary every year, and the list is just a list for historical companies
22:39	UCLA_Student_James	Thank you for your question HY. The list of companies for the AMR program changes from year to year. However, many companies do choose to be a part of the program multiple years because of the quality of the project the students deliver. That being said, you aren't guaranteed a certain project. The project you get is largely dependent on your team makeup and how you and your team member rank the projects you would prefer to get. Most teams get one of their top 3 choices
22:39	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	HY, AMR companies tend change each year, though some may decide to return the following year, or perhaps a few years later, depending on the timeline to implement the recommendations that come from the AMR team and if other projects are available for students. But each year there are lots of amazing companies that partner with our program.
22:38	shasadou	I am 32 with 10 y WE. am i too ripe for ucla mba?
22:41	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	shasadou, typically our students have on average 5 years of work experience; however we have students with a wide variety of experience in the program. The actual # of years of experience isn't as important as your case for pursuing an MBA at this stage in your career, your career progression, and the transferable skills you have to leverage into your post-MBA goals
22:41	UCLA_Student_James	shasadou, I am 31 years old. I know there is someone in my class in their late 30s. I don't think 32 is too old. But with 10 years work experience, you will need to make sure to make it clear in your essays why a full-time MBA program makes sense for you now.
22:39	hb4100	I am applying for the 2nd round. I have 5 years of Work ex in my family business. Who would you suggest I get my recommendations from ?
22:43	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	hb4100, we have a blog post with tips on the letters of recommendation here: http://mbablogs.anderson.ucla.edu/mba_admissions/2015/07/application-tips-.html
22:41	mm2134	I know Anderson is known for their strong career advising. Does that spill over to academic advising as well? Can you speak to the resources students have in terms of planning their curriculum, choosing their specializations and tracks, etc.? Thank you

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22:41	UCLA_Student_James	There is academic advising available. For me, I have taken classes in areas that I am interested in. A lot of the information I got was from past students telling me about classes they enjoyed. That being said, I have talked with my career advisor some about what classes may help position me to make the career transition I am trying to make
22:42	HY	Thanks Jessica. Forgot to introduce myself, I'm Haoxiang Yang, applying 2nd round
22:42	BeatlesFan	Hi there. Would the Easton Technology Leadership specialization make sense for a person from a tech background?
22:45	UCLA_Student_James	Hi Beatles, I would recommend the Easton Program to anyone looking to get into tech, regardless of your background
22:42	wannabemba28	I am planning to apply for the Round 2 deadline but my Gmat score is not up to scratch and hence I'm planning to take the test again in a month's time. By when do I need to provide my scores after submitting my app for the second deadline?
22:43	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	wannabemba28, all application materials must be submitted by the round deadline to be considered for that round. If you retake the GMAT after your application is submitted for Round 2, we cannot guarantee the admissions committee will have that score when your file is under evaluation
22:42	mba2016	Hello, R1 applicant
22:44	mba2016	Which are the main companies that hire international students for IB in LA/Southern California?
22:48	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	mba2016, pretty much all the major investment banks will recruit Anderson students for internships and FT jobs. Companies may be restricted in the number of international students they can hire if there are not enough H-1 visas so we always advise our international students to be more flexible when comes time for recruiting
22:45	hb4100	thanks Jessica!
22:45	Pruthvi	Hello Jessica and James!! My question is regarding the teaching methods at Anderson. I understand that 'research' is one of the prime focus areas for the faculty at Anderson. I just want to understand how does that translate into the teaching methods in or outside the class?
22:47	UCLA_Student_James	Hi Pruthvi, I can speak to that a little bit. The Anderson faculty overall is great! The focus on research really means that we receive instruction that is cutting edge in their

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		respective fields. Many of the professors I have had have been doing very interesting research, and much of that was incorporated in to the class.
22:45	mm2134	Thank you, James!
22:46	BeatlesFan	Thank you James!
22:46	wannabemba28	got it, thanks Jessica
22:46	HY	UCLA Anderson is very collaborative in nature and the students here really represent Anderson's motto of sharing success, think fearlessly, and drive change. I watched video of interview with current students on YouTube, they all mentioned sth like 2nd year students sacrifice their person time to help 1st students, career service is very helpful, students in
22:48	HY	(cont'd) students in the same learn team value and help each others. I felt the similar collaboration experience when interviewed with other schools' students. So what's the unique collaboration experience can you please tell here in UCLA Anderson, compared with other schools' collaboration experience?
22:48	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	HY, James can probably provide more personal examples since he's a student, but from my experience at Anderson for over 8 years, there's a big difference in that students are not only collaborative, but highly supportive of one another. There's very little of a "me only" mentality as students want to see their peers succeed as much as themselves individually.
22:53	UCLA_Student_James	HY, Anderson is definitely a collaborative place. It's not to say that other programs aren't, but compared to many of the places I interviewed, I could tell there was something special about Anderson. Everyone has each other's backs. For example, although many of us will be interviewing from the same internship position, we will still share tips and insights about the interview with our peers
22:55	UCLA_Student_James	Also, that amount the 2nd-year students give back to the 1st-years voluntarily is amazing. I know there are other schools that career prep teams lead by 2nd-year students, but often those are paid positions. At Anderson, not only are those done voluntarily, it is actually very competitive to get one of those positions
22:49	hb4100	Is there a formal mentorship program to connect 2nd years with 1st years?

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22:49	Pruthvi	Got it. Thanks James!
22:50	BeatlesFan	Hi, is there any benefit of submitting the application earlier than the round 2 deadline?
22:50	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	BeatlesFan, we wait until the end of the round deadline so we have a comprehensive understanding of the applicant pool for that round, so submitting your application super early won't make you more competitive. But, I would not advise waiting until the last minute to submit just to avoid any technical issues.
22:54	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	But if your application is ready early on and it's as strong as can be, then by all means submit it! 😊
22:54	BeatlesFan	got it. Thanks Jessica!
22:53	mba2016	Thanks Jessica! So all of the following banks recruit international students at Anderson: Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Deutsche Bank, Citi, Credit Suisse?
22:53	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	mba2016, all of those banks to recruit Anderson students but I don't know if all of them will also recruit international students each and every year. It may vary by year, by location, etc.
22:54	newkid2015	What role 2nd year students typically play in internship-search process of 1st year students? Thank you.
22:56	UCLA_Student_James	newkid2015, 2nd-years are an integral part of the internship search process. Many of them will have interned or worked at places you are interested in. They will be able to help you prepare for interviews, get an insider's perspective on the company, introduce you to individuals you can have informational interviews with, etc.
22:56	HY	Thanks both Jessica and James. @Jessica, can you please tell a little bit more about "highly supportive of one another" I assume James's sharing tips for same internship position is an example for this "supportive"
22:58	UCLA_Student_James	HY, I have a ton of anecdotes for the "highly supportive" nature of Anderson, but one example would be my experience with AMR. I have 3 kids, so my schedule is drastically different than many of my team members. They understand this and are more than willing to make accommodations to my schedule instead of forcing me into choosing

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		school over family
22:58	UCLA_Student_James	or vice versa
23:00	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	HY, James' example is certainly very typical of Anderson students! Another great example is the ACT program, where 2nd year students mentor/coach 1st years through the summer internship search process.
22:57	mba2016	Do the married students without children usually opt for living in the university housing? Which one do you recommend/is more popular among: keystone, rose avenue, university village or venice berry apartments?
22:57	UCLA_Student_James	mba2016, many of the married students live in University Village, UCLA-owned apartments
22:57	UCLA_Student_James	It's a very family-friendly environment, especially if you have kids. It's a great deal too in terms of price!
22:58	Lauren	Hi.. Is there any representative percentage of how many interview invites do get a final admit?
22:59	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	Lauren, % of interviewees that are admitted varies by year, by round, etc. but an IV invite is always a good sign that your application stood out, and we want to learn more about you and your fit with Anderson.
23:00	hb4100	What kind of resources does the school offer for someone who is going to take an entrepreneurial path post graduation ?
23:02	UCLA_Student_James	hb4100, one that comes to mind is the BCO program (an alternative program to AMR for students wanting to start their own company). The Price Center for entrepreneurship is a great resource too. They help create courses related to entrepreneurship and do a ton to support students starting their own ventures
23:03	UCLA_Student_James	Here is some info on the Price Center, http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/centers/price
23:04	HY	I'd also like to learn Leadership development program (LDP) opportunities in China, what if I want to join those LDP program rotations in US and back to China for permanent positions, are there lots of companies hiring like that? One of the Ambassador told me those positions are normally end back in US

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23:07	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	HY, I am not sure how many companies hire students for leadership development programs but I can certainly try to find out. Please send us an email at mba.admissions@anderson.ucla.edu so we can follow up.
23:07	HY	thanks
23:07	wannabemba28	As I'm considering switching fields post MBA and moving into media and entertainment, can you please provide insight into the MEMES center?
23:09	UCLA_Student_James	MEMES, much like the Price Center for Entrepreneurship, is link between academics and career. They are involved with course creation, workshops, and other programming on campus. Here is a link to their site, http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/centers/memes
23:10	UCLA_Student_James	All the academic centers at Anderson do a great job feeling to pulse of Anderson students as well as know what is hot in the industry and then working to create courses of workshops around those key topics.
23:10	wannabemba28	thank you James
23:10	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	In the MEMES website here you can find more information on how they work with students http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/centers/center-for-management-of-enterprise-in-media-entertainment-and-sports/students
23:10	adwaith8	Hi, I am an MBA from an AACSB accredited business school, but currently an entrepreneur for last 6 years. Can I apply for the UCLA PGPX? and would the course help me to get back to a corporate profile?
23:12	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	adwaith8, that looks like a program within Executive Education - http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/Documents/areas/prg/execed/forms/Northwest/ . I advise you contact their office for more details about the program.
23:11	mba2016	Thank you James! How important is to live in the same buildings as other Anderson students? Or the activities happen more at school?
23:13	UCLA_Student_James	I don't think it makes too big of a difference, whether you are looking are family or single housing. Most of the activities happen on-campus or somewhere near by
23:16	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	mba2016, in general living near campus (like in the Westside) would be ideal if possible, because sometimes LA traffic can get busy. There are plenty of housing options, but on

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		and off campus.
23:14	adwaith8	Thanks Jessica, will contact. And would my profile be suited to apply to the MBA program at UCLA?(as i'm taking the GMAT in Jan) I mean can students with entrepreneurial experience also join?
23:19	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	adwaith8, we do have applicants with entrepreneurial backgrounds apply!
23:15	Narenn	Hi Jessica, I would like to post update on UCLA forum, so let me confirm this once. Admitted applicants will get calls from Admission office on Dec 14. Waitlisted and Dinged applicants will be informed on Dec 15th via email, right?
23:18	UCLA_Student_James	Unfortunately I have to run. Thank you so much for attending the session and for all your questions! If you have any other student related questions, please feel free to send me a message @MBAreapplicant84 or you can email me at james.huntington.2016@anderson.ucla.edu
23:18	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	Narenn, yes, that is the plan. All Round 1 applicants will see an update in the online application on the 15th, but admits will also receive a call on the 14th.
23:18	Narenn	Thanks very much, James!!
23:18	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	Thanks as always James!!!
23:18	Narenn	Thanks!! Any idea by what time admission team will start calling applicants on 14th?
23:18	mba2016	Thank you Jessica! Hope to receive the call on Monday 😊
23:20	UCLA_Student_James	Thanks everyone!
23:20	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	Narenn, likely starting early morning on the 14th for international admits and then all throughout the day. There's a chance we may call some admits on the 15th if we were unable to reach them on the 14th as well.
23:20	Narenn	Great!! Thank you!
23:23	Narenn	Any last questions, Guys??
23:23	newkid2015	What are the most typical career paths for students coming from I-banking?

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23:26	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	newkid2015, the majority of our students are career switchers, so many coming from banking may switch to another career such as consulting, tech, etc.; but there are definitely those who wish to stay in finance as well.
23:17	niladrikundu2002	Though I have read from your website that Gmat score is only one of the criteria, I hear from many people that for Indian Students getting a GMAT very high GMAT score is essential as the competition is very high. Is it possible to share the median GMAT score of Indian student? I have a score of 720 and I have 7 years of experience.
23:24	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	niladrikundu2002, I don't have detail on GMAT scores by country. I would advise not only scoring well on the GMAT but also to really take the time to put together a balanced, well rounded application that shows genuine interest in Anderson and focused career plans.
23:25	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	I know this advice can seem generic, but sometimes it's the little things and details that can really make an application stand out in a very competitive pool!
23:27	Narenn	So, we'll wrap up here...! Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today.
23:28	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	Thanks for all your questions, and I hope James and I were able to provide more clarity on the Anderson experience & admissions process.
23:28	Narenn	Many thanks to Jessica and James for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions.
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23:29	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	Best of luck to all our Round 1 applicants-we'll be in touch soon!! And Round 2 applicants, remember our application deadline is Jan. 5th
23:29	Narenn	Good luck to all R1 applicants for decisions on Dec 15th!!
23:30	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	Feel free to contact us with any additional questions, and we'll be happy to help!
23:30	Narenn	Hope all UCLA applicants on our forum will get in 🍀
23:30	UCLA_Adcom_Jessica	😊

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