

Live Q&A Transcript

Cambridge Judge Business School

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Presenter: Natasha Takhar – MBA Admissions Coordinator.

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HAPPENING NOW: Live Q&A with Natasha Takhar, MBA Admissions Coordinator, Cambridge Judge Business School

Topic set by Narenn on Thu Mar 03 2016 19:29:15 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)

19:34 Narenn **Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club Cambridge Judge Live Q&A session today and BIG welcome to our guest, MBA Admissions Coordinator at Cambridge Judge Business School, Natasha Takhar.**

19:34 Narenn **Welcome Natasha!! Pleasure to have you in this session today.**

19:34 Narenn **Dear applicants, today Natasha will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at Cambridge Judge Business School.**

19:35 Narenn **Before we begin the session, Natasha, may I request you to give your brief introduction to our chat participants? Thank You!**

19:35 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **Of course**

19:37 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **I recently started working for Cambridge Judge Business, prior to that I worked in Admissions in private education. I was living in London then Canada before settling in Cambridge a year ago.**

19:38 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **We have just finished Round 3 of Interviews - so if anyone has any questions regarding the admissions process up until interview, I will be happy to answer.**

19:38 Narenn **Thank You Natasha! This chat is now open for Q&A. Please start asking your questions one by one**

19:39 liera **Hi Natasha, when are scholarships / financial aid decisions communicated for the most recent Round 3 applicants?**

19:40 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **We confirm bursaries when a student is offered a place. this is typically a 1-1 1/2 weeks after they have been interviewed**

19:41 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **All scholarships vary with deadline dates but full details can be found on our website**

<https://www.ibs.cam.ac.uk/programmes/mba/funding-your-mba/scholarships-funding/>

19:41 Narenn Can you tell us how much maximum scholarship an applicant can get? What criteria is generally applied when deciding scholarship amount? And they are based on applicant's need or merit?

19:43 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **Maximum Scholarship would be 50%.**

19:43 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **The 50% is offered by the 30% club and it is offered to all admitted female candidates.**

19:41 mib_int2ci Hi Natasha, I was wondering if you can give us any input on the number of spots available in round 4

19:44 mestrec Hi Natasha! I would like to know what are my conditions if I apply for round 4 or round 5, as I did not reach all the requirements...my GMAT is 600 (Q40 V31) and my IELTS is 7 (8.5 Reading, 8 Listening, 6.5 Speaking and 5.5 Writing).

19:45 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **Current requirements for the GMAT would be 640+**

19:45 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **Are you planning to retake GMAT?**

19:47 mestrec I can retake if necessary, but I do not know if you accept a conditional offer, for example

19:48 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **Hi Ashu we do have hostel facilities. More information regarding this will be available if you are accepted and pick your college.**

19:53 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **mestrec: I would advise you take your GMAT again before you apply as the current average in the class is 690**

19:49 Narenn Natasha, Perhaps you missed mib_int2ci 's question. I am reposting it here

19:49 Narenn "Hi Natasha, I was wondering if you can give us any input on the number of spots available in round 4"

19:49 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **I am unable to provide numbers for the spots available I am afraid**

19:49 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **but please note there is no quota! there is equal chance to get in every round. The reason we have 5 rounds is because many of our candidates are busy in employment and some more so at different times of the year**

19:49 Nutthasij Hi Natasha, If a candidate scores 100-109 on the TOEFL would that be a big disadvantage?

19:55 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **You are not at a disadvantage as we are reviewing all applications holistically. Therefore taking your undergraduate score, GMAT score and work experience into consideration**

19:45 RW911 Hi Natasha. Thank you for taking the time to chat here. I am a R3 applicant who has been waitlisted. Is there anything you suggest I should do, to enhance my prospects for the subsequent round?

19:51 CAMBRIDGE_MBA **RW911 we will be contacting all candidates this week with the outcome.**

19:50 Narenn **Newly Joined Members: Welcome to the Q&A session with Cambridge Judge Admissions**

Coordinator – Natasha Takhar. If you have any questions about CJBS applications, you are free to ask them to Natasha. Thank you!

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.

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Narenn

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mib_int2ci

Can you tell us when R3 interviewed candidates will be notified of their decision?

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CAMBRIDGE_MBA

R3 interviewed candidates will be notified at the end of this week

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marcogaitan

When is the last deadline? I'm taking the gmat this Monday.

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marcogaitan

I don't know if I can reach the last deadline to enter this September. Thanks!

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CAMBRIDGE_MBA

marcogaitan: If you are sitting your GMAT this Monday then you can still submit for March 4th deadline as long as you include in your additional notes that you will be sitting your GMAT this Monday and you also send us an email backing this up. The GMAT MUST be submitted within 2 weeks of the deadline date

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Nutthasij

Thank you Natasha!

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RW911

Thank you Natasha. I wish the school could help me with the specifics for the same but I can understand your constraints. Looking forward to hearing from you 😊

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marcogaitan

So I don't need the gmat score to fulfill the application form? I can send it after? I haven't taken the TOEFL also...

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CAMBRIDGE_MBA

marcogaitan: You will need a GMAT for your application but we do allow students to submit without this as long as you submit you score within 2 weeks of the deadline

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CAMBRIDGE_MBA

If you have not taken your TOEFL then you will have to also provide an explanation for this

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marcogaitan

Excellent! I'm going to fulfill my application form then.

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mib_int2ci

Will accepted students be offered any scholarships or do those have to be applied for separately?

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CAMBRIDGE_MBA

mib_int2ci: We do offer bursaries to eligible students - we will disclose this information if you are offered a place on the programme. Scholarships you apply for through Admissions. Check the website for further details on how :<https://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/programmes/mba/funding-your-mba/scholarships-funding/>

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Narenn

Natasha: There are many prestigious MBA programs within UK and European Union. Can you tell us what sets Cambridge apart from other top European MBA programs?

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CAMBRIDGE_MBA

Narenn: What sets us apart is a number of reasons. We have a small cohort of 160 pupils with a dedicated programme and careers team with them every step of the way. We have access to the

		European renown as the Cambridge Cluster, right now Cambridge is a city buzzing with opportunity
19:59	CAMBRIDGE_MBA	One other factor is how international the cohort is, we currently have 40 different nationalities from a variety of sectors.
19:59	Nutthasij	Do you encourage international students to apply in stage 5 (considering the short lead time for visa application)?
20:08	CAMBRIDGE_MBA	Nutthasij: We do still encourage students to apply for Round 5. Please note sometimes this is the only round some candidates are able to apply as they have very busy schedules with work and this is why we have administered equal opportunities in all rounds.
20:10	Nutthasij	Thank you, I'll start preparing my application then.
20:09	marcogaitan	I'm in the banking sector. I would like to work outside my country once I finished the MBA program, so how Cambridge promotes the employment in this sector for international students?
20:09	marcogaitan	Are you associated with some international banks?
20:18	CAMBRIDGE_MBA	marcogaitan: Our careers team is available Monday - Friday to support and assist all our students. We do get employers from different sectors come on campus for presentations and recruitment. The careers team recently organized a webinar with a legal advice team primarily focusing on answering questions on work visas for the UK
20:11	Nutthasij	One more question, If I decide to take the IELTS, Do I need to take the IETLS for UKVI or the IELTS Academic?
20:14	CAMBRIDGE_MBA	Nutthasij: I would advise you to take the UKVI approved one
20:18	Narenn	Guys, We shall continue for next 5 minutes only. If you have any questions left, ask them immediately.
20:21	peter_park	I have a fiancé (not from UK) who will stay with me while I am in the mba. Do we need to get married so that she can get the VISA?
20:25	CAMBRIDGE_MBA	peter_park: Hi Peter if you have been accepted on the MBA programme then I would advise you contact the International Team regarding this.
20:21	mib_int2ci	Can you talk about placements/careers outside of UK? (Thank you for doing this)
20:23	shasadou	I love your question Peter 😊
20:26	CAMBRIDGE_MBA	mib_int2ci: If you are on the programme you can of course any questions you have regarding your career path. We do encourage all students to work globally when possible 😊
20:30	Narenn	So we'll wrap up here...! Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today.

20:30	Narenn	Thank you very much Natasha for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions.
20:29	CAMBRIDGE_MBA	Thank you everyone for your time and questions today
20:30	Narenn	We will publish condensed transcript of this chat in Cambridge forum in few days. http://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-judge-cambridge-applicants-2016-intake-class-of-200762.html If for any reason you want us to exclude your username from chat transcript, please let me know.
20:30	Narenn	Finally let me thank Rose Hahn, former admission team member of Judge and Carla Keen, Marketing Coordinator at Judge, for their support and co-operation for organizing these chats on GMAT Club. I am also thankful to admission officers of Cambridge who participated in our live chats: James Scales, Charlotte Russell-Green, and Natasha Takhar.
20:30	Narenn	This was the last chat session of this season with Cambridge Admissions. We shall announce schedule for next season's chats in Cambridge forum once we have it. Thanks again to all participants.

GMAT Club's MBA Resources

Business school Rankings	http://gmatclub.com/forum/all-2015-mba-rankings-99812.html
Admission Deadlines	http://gmatclub.com/forum/all-mba-deadlines-for-157075.html
BSchool Live Chats Schedule	http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html
Applicant Status Tracker – Real Time Updates	http://gmatclub.com/forum/applicant-tracker-feed-real-time-updates-124871.html
Executive MBA Discussions	http://gmatclub.com/forum/executive-mba-programs-345/
Part-Time MBA Discussions	http://gmatclub.com/forum/part-time-mba-programs-102/
Real and Verified BSchool Reviews	http://gmatclub.com/reviews/business_schools/?fl=menu
Compilation of Special Scholarships	http://gmatclub.com/forum/fellowships-scholarships-213768.html
Analysis - Impact of GMAT on your admission chances	http://gmatclub.com/forum/admission-rate-213025.html
Best Admission Consulting Companies	http://gmatclub.com/forum/best-admissions-consulting-companies-2016-season-205934.html
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