

# 2+2 Application Guide





Harvard  
Business  
School

## HOW TO APPLY TO THE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL (HBS) MBA WHILE IN COLLEGE



2+2 is a deferred admissions process for current college students to apply to our MBA Program during their final year of study. [Learn more](#) about the program on our website.

### GET TO KNOW HBS

- Attend online or in-person [events](#)
- Visit the [HBS website](#)
- Read student stories on the [blog](#)
- Prep for the GMAT or GRE
- Pursue your passions
-  **TIP:** We are looking for future leaders from every industry and major!
- Check out HBS's need-based financial aid
-  **TIP:** Don't worry! The financial aid process doesn't start until after you've been admitted



**SUGGESTED TIMELINE:** Before your final year

### PREPARE MATERIALS

- Choose your 2 recommenders
-  **TIP:** Contact your recommenders early to give them time to craft a strong letter
- Finalize your 1-2 page resume
- Brainstorm for the essay prompts
- **3 Essays:** Choose 2 prompts that showcase your leadership, academic, and/or community experiences. The third essay will focus on career plans and the skills you hope to gain during the deferral period.
- Take the GMAT or GRE
-  **TIP:** Don't wait until the last minute! Both tests are valid for 5 years

**SUGGESTED TIMELINE:** Your final year

### APPLY

- Open the 2+2 application
-  **TIP:** Starting an application gives you access to the application fee waiver
- Identify your recommenders within the application
- Request your current transcript
-  **TIP:** Wait until after fall grades are posted to request a copy from your school
- Upload your resume, essay, and transcript

**SUGGESTED TIMELINE:** Spring semester of your final year