

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
- Submit three short essays. This is your opportunity to share meaningful or formative experiences that are important to you that you haven't fully explored elsewhere in your application.
- 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