

MBA APPLICATION GUIDE

(Based on the 2021–2022 application; subject to change)



Read the application requirements to start preparing.

Introduce Yourself

Application Start

- Tell us if you have applied previously, are applying to a joint degree program, or have participated in other HBS experiences.

Personal

- Addresses, contact information, and citizenship



Family Info

- Parent and/or guardian occupation & education



Visit our website for more information.

Your Experience

Resume

- This can be your standard business resume or CV. You do not need to have it in any special format.



Employment

- **Tell us about your three most recent jobs:**
Role and Responsibilities, Key Accomplishments, and Most Significant Challenge

Extracurricular Activities & Awards

- List up to three for each in the order of importance to you.



The application opens June 2021.

Your Academics

Education

- **Undergraduate Institutions:** Upload transcript(s) for all degrees received.
- **High School/Secondary School**
- **Non-Degree Coursework:** Transcripts not required.



GMAT or GRE

- You must take the test before you submit your application.

English Language Tests

- **TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE:** Required if the primary language at your undergraduate and any graduate institution was not English.

Reflect

Essay

- Answer the following prompt:
“As we review your application, **what more** would you like us to know as we consider your candidacy for the Harvard Business School MBA program?”



Intended Post-MBA Information

- Industry and Function
- Career Aspirations



Share Two Outside Voices

Recommendations

- **We will contact your two recommenders with the following questions:**
- How do the candidate's performance, potential background, or personal qualities compare with those of other well-qualified individuals in similar roles?
- Describe the most important piece of constructive feedback you have given the applicant. Please detail the circumstances and the applicant's response.

