

Full-time MBA Online Application Instructions and Admissions Information



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Online Application Instructions

Most items on this online application form are self-explanatory. Instructions for items that warrant explanation follow. Please avoid unnecessary abbreviations as you fill out your application.

A. Personal Data

Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, Generation—List your name as you would like it to appear on all University records. Be consistent and use the name you have provided in all correspondence with us. If your name changes prior to enrollment, please notify the Office of Admissions in writing.

Maiden Name—If your last name changed after marriage, please list your former last name here.

Country of Citizenship—If you are a permanent resident of the U.S., submit a copy of both sides of your Alien Registration (green) Card. If you mark “other” you must provide your immigration status (e.g., refugee, asylee, applicant for green card) and country of citizenship. International applicants must indicate their country of citizenship and the nonimmigrant visa type they intend to hold while enrolled at the University.

Social Security Number—Your social security number will be used by the University to verify your identity for record keeping purposes. If you leave this item blank, a University identification number will be assigned to you.

Birth State—Leave blank if outside the U.S.

Home/Work/Cell Phone—Provide telephone numbers where you can be reached regarding your application.

Text Message Authorization—Rest assured we will never sell your information to outside sources. We will utilize this tool solely for communicating information and deadlines regarding your application.

Email—The email address where you can be contacted regarding your application. This will also be your login for our internal application tracking system (ISIS) that will allow you to follow your application as it progresses through admissions.

Racial/Ethnic/Tribal Affiliation Information—Your response to this item is voluntary (international students may proceed to the next item). In order to comply with the U.S. Department of Education regulations concerned with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, The University of Iowa must report statistical summaries of the student body. This information is held confidential and does not appear on academic records. Information regarding individual students is not supplied outside the University without the student’s written consent. The following are definitions of the categories listed:

1. **Hispanic/Latino(a)**: a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race
2. **Alaskan Native or American Indian**: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.
3. **African American/Black**: a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa, not of Hispanic origin.
4. **Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander**: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
5. **Asian**: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
6. **White** (not of Hispanic/Latino(a) origin): a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

Military Status—Select ‘yes’ if you have engaged in the active duty in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard.

Current Mailing Address/Home (Permanent) Address—Complete these lines as you would address an envelope to be mailed to yourself. From August 15 through May 15, we will correspond with you at your current mailing address.

From May 16 through August 14, your home address will be used. If either address changes, please notify the Office of Admissions. International students will receive correspondence at their current mailing address at all times.

B. Admission Information

Session—Your session of intended enrollment must be a specific one. Your application will be accepted up to one year in advance of the session in which you plan to begin your studies.

Intended Concentration—If you are not certain which concentration you plan to complete, select ‘Undecided.’ More information about each of these is available at <http://tippie.uiowa.edu/fulltimemba/academics>.

Dual Degree Options—A separate *Application for Admission* must be submitted to each program. Admission requirements, criteria, and decisions are determined independently by each program. If your desired dual-degree program is not listed, please contact the Full-time MBA program Office of Admissions at tippiemba@uiowa.edu or 800-622-4692 / 319-335-2792.

Juris Doctor (JD)—

Law: Admissions
The University of Iowa
276 Boyd Law Building
Iowa City, IA 52242-1113 USA
Toll free (USA only): 1-800-553-IOWA - Direct dial: 319-335-9095
FAX: 319-335-9019—Attn: admissions
Email: law-admissions@uiowa.edu
www.uiowa.edu/~lawcoll

MHA in Health Management & Policy—

Public Health
The University of Iowa
E172 General Hospital
Iowa City, IA 52242-1008 USA
Toll free (USA only): 1-800-553-IOWA ext. 5-9817 - Direct dial: 319-384-5127
Email: jean-sheeley@uiowa.edu
www.public-health.uiowa.edu

Medical Doctor (MD) –

Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine Admissions
The University of Iowa
100 CMAB
Iowa City, IA, 52242
Toll free (USA only): 1-800-553-IOWA ext. 8052 - Direct dial: 319-335-8052
Email: catherine-solow@uiowa.edu
www.medicine.uiowa.edu/

GMAT Information—If you’ve taken the GMAT, enter your highest score. Scores dated within the last five years are acceptable. An official GMAT score is required for admission. If you did not specify for The University of Iowa to receive a copy of your score report when you took the GMAT, you will need to request a copy of your official report be sent to the University of Iowa. Visit <http://www.mba.com/mba/thegmat> and look for the *GMAT Scores and Score Reports* link. Scores must be reported directly from the testing agency. The University of Iowa institutional code is 6681. If you have not taken the test yet, enter your planned testing month/year.

TOEFL Information, IELTS Information—Results from either the Test of English as a Foreign language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) must be provided by candidates for whom English is not their native language. The minimum acceptable TOEFL score is 250 (computer test), 600 (paper test), or 100 (internet-based test). Information on the TOEFL is available at www.toefl.org. The minimum acceptable IELTS scores are a total score of 7.0, with no sub-score less than 6.0, may be used to satisfy the TOEFL requirement. All IELTS test-takers will be required to take the on-campus English Proficiency Evaluation.

Please request an official TOEFL/IELTS report from the testing agency to be sent to the [Office of Admissions](#). The University of Iowa institutional code is: 6681.

Automatic waivers of the English proficiency requirement are granted to persons who have received a bachelor's degree (or higher) from a university in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada (excluding French Quebec), Africa (English-speaking), Australia, or New Zealand. Waivers of this requirement are also available for candidates who have completed their education in English and who achieve a verbal GMAT score at the 80th percentile or higher.

If you meet this requirement, please mark the appropriate box.

C. Education Information

Post-secondary Education—Include every institution you attended, regardless of the duration of study, type of enrollment (i.e. extension, correspondence, etc.), or whether you earned a diploma or degree. Omission or misrepresentation of information concerning enrollment in other colleges or universities is sufficient grounds for canceling ones' admission or registration.

Request official copies of academic records from all colleges, universities, technical institutes, or professional institutions attended to be sent to the [Office of Admissions](#) (click for address information). Current or former University of Iowa students need not request University of Iowa or other transcripts previously submitted to the University. Credentials submitted for admission become the property of the University and are not returnable or transferable.

Academic records from U.S. or Canadian schools must be received in a sealed envelope directly from the issuing institution. Academic records from non-U.S. or Canadian schools must bear the original stamp or seal and signature of a school officer (e.g., registrar or dean) and be sent to the [Office of Admissions](#) from each institution attended. Copies certified by a notary public are not accepted. These records must include the subjects you studied by year; the number of weekly lecture and laboratory hours in each subject; grades, marks, or percentages earned in year-end examinations; and diplomas, titles, degrees, or certificates awarded. Documents not in English must be accompanied by official English translations certified by the issuing institution. Photocopies without this certification will not be considered official.

Unofficial copies of transcripts will be accepted from international applicants for the purpose of determining admission. Digitally duplicated copies of your transcript should be submitted [online](#). If you are offered admission, the offer will be contingent upon receipt and verification of official transcripts. Your official transcripts must match the unofficial copies of the transcripts that were provided for use during the admissions review process in order for the offer of admission to be validated.

D. Statement in Determination of Residency

The classification of residents and nonresidents for admission and tuition purposes is based upon information furnished by you. The registrar is authorized to request additional evidence as deemed necessary to verify your status. For more information about residency requirements, visit the registrar's [Residency](#) page.

E. Leadership Activities

This section is to be completed by applicants applying to the MBA-PM program only. Full-time applicants should proceed to Section F.

F. Campus Visit and Interview Information

If you have already visited campus and/or interviewed, select the first option. If you plan to come to campus, select the middle option. The last option is for those who cannot visit campus and will need to be interviewed via telephone, Skype, or by an admissions representative traveling outside Iowa City.

G. Recommendation Forms

ON-DEMAND RECOMMENDATIONS: You provide the names and contact information for each of your recommenders and, if the admissions committee deems it necessary, we will contact your recommender(s) to request a reference by email or phone. This new process was put into place to make applying easier for the applicant by removing requirements that rest largely outside your control. This way, your application can be reviewed without waiting for letters of recommendation that can cause lengthy delays.

If you prefer to submit traditional letters of recommendation, you are welcome to do so, but it is no longer required in order for your application to be considered complete. Recommenders can use either of these options to submit their recommendation letter:

Recommendation Form options, if you elect to submit traditional LORs:

1. Send your recommenders the link to the online recommendation form (http://tippie.uiowa.edu/fulltimemba/admissions/recommendation_form.cfm).
2. You can also send your recommenders the PDF form to fill out and send to us (<http://tippie.uiowa.edu/fulltimemba/admissions/pdf/FTRecForm.pdf>).

H. Other Information

Please let us know how you heard about the Tippie MBA program. Select all that apply and provide as much detail as possible. This information helps us as we recruit future Tippie MBAs.

I. Personal Essay

These responses are your opportunity to express aspects about yourself that may not be revealed by your academic record.

Question 1: *Discuss your specific career objectives and how the Tippie MBA will contribute to the accomplishment of your objectives.*

This question is designed to communicate clearly and succinctly what you want to do with your MBA after graduation.

Word limit: 450 words

Question 2: *Share an image that tells us something about you as an MBA candidate – one that has ties to your past or present and is an indicator of your future as an MBA – that will help to expand our understanding of who you are. To accompany your image, include an essay of no more than 350 words that describes why this image is meaningful to you. Creativity encouraged!*

From this response, we want to get a sense of the personality behind the resume.

Word limit: 350 words

J. Resume and Additional Information

Resume—Your resume should include important information about your employment, education, extracurricular, and community activities. NOTE: Do not simply list items that are included in your application materials. Be sure your resume is complete without unexplained gaps in the chronological history (see ‘Additional Essays’ below for more information on handling gaps in your work history).

NOTE: Though it was previously required, a cover letter is no longer a required part of the application.

Additional Essays—Additional essays are your opportunity to address any areas of your application that you feel may be of concern to the admissions committee. Some example areas you may want to address include low undergrad GPA, gaps in work experience, low GMAT score, or anything you’ve done that you believe reflects on your ability to perform well in the Tippie MBA program. Some example questions are listed on the online application; you may deviate from these as needed. Prepare them carefully and limit each response to 350 words or less. Please submit these online at <http://tippie.uiowa.edu/fulltimemba/admissions/application-materials/>.

K. Financial Statement for International Students

International students must submit financial documents showing they have funds available for at least their first year of study before a *Certificate of Eligibility* can be issued. It is recommended that you submit this information after you have been notified of admission to the program. Applications from sponsored or self-financed persons will not be considered complete unless they are accompanied by proper certification of financial ability to provide support. Applicants from countries with currency restrictions that make it difficult to transfer funds to the U.S. may be required to submit an advance tuition and maintenance deposit before a *Certificate of Eligibility* is issued.

L. MBA Release of Information

United State privacy laws prohibit the release of information about your application to any party other than the applicant unless given prior authorization by the applicant. You may provide permission for additional parties to receive or request this information by listing their names here. If none, please leave blank.

Enter your name and the current date at the bottom to verify the information entered.

M. Certification

Entering your name here is verification that you certify accuracy and completeness of your application, and that you understand the possible consequences that could arise if an omission or misinformation is discovered at a later date.

- **Verification**

This information is used to match information from outside sources to your application.

- **Validate Application**

This step checks that all critical information has been entered and inputted correctly.

- **Provide Payment Information**

You can pay with Visa or MasterCard. The application fee is \$60 for domestic applicants and \$100 for international applicants. If you were provided with a fee waiver code by MBA Admissions, enter it here (scroll down to the fee waiver section).

Mailing Instructions & Addresses

The following items should be submitted online at <http://tippie.uiowa.edu/fulltimemba/admissions/application-materials/>:

- Résumé
- Additional essays, if you choose to submit any ([see Essays section](#) for more information)
- Unofficial transcripts (*international candidates only*)

Send Printed Recommendation Forms (these are not required; [see section C, letter G](#) for more information) to the following address:

Tippie School of Management
The University of Iowa
100 Pomerantz Center—Suite C432
Iowa City, IA 52242-7700 USA

Send the following items to the Office of Admissions (OA) at the address below:

- Academic transcripts
- Financial documentation as needed
- TOEFL/IELTS score (these are sent to the OA by the testing service)

The Office of Admissions
The University of Iowa
107 Calvin Hall
Iowa City, IA 52242-1396 USA

Contact Information

Tippie School of Management Full-time MBA Program

The University of Iowa
100 Pomerantz Center—Suite C432
Iowa City, IA 52242-7700 USA

Toll free (USA only): 1-800-MBA-IOWA
Direct dial: 319-335-2792
FAX: 319-335-3604
Email: TIPPIEMBA@uiowa.edu
Website: <http://tippie.uiowa.edu/fulltimemba>

The Office of Admissions The University of Iowa

107 Calvin Hall
Iowa City, IA 52242-1396 USA
Toll free (USA only): 1-800-553-IOWA
Direct dial for domestic students: 319-335-1525
Direct dial for international students: 319-335-1534
FAX*: 319-335-1535
Email: admissions@uiowa.edu
Website: <http://www.uiowa.edu>

Next Steps

The School of Management will notify you via e-mail after your application is reviewed by the University's Office of Admissions. You will then be alerted to any missing information necessary to process your application for admission. Let us know (by emailing tippiemba@uiowa.edu) promptly if your email address changes.

Admissions Information

Applying for Admission

The Tippie School of Management at The University of Iowa appreciates your interest in our MBA programs. The University has been a leading center of graduate education for over 100 years. Advanced degrees in more than 90 areas are offered to the graduate student population which makes up more than one-fifth of the University's total enrollment.

The online application form may be used to apply for the full-time, on-campus MBA program. The full-time MBA program provides an in-depth learning experience over 21 months. Students typically have at least two years of work experience after completion of the bachelor's degree and are seeking an MBA to assist them in advancing within their existing career or to transition to a new career direction (see our [Class Profile](#) on our website). AACSB International – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business – accredits all MBA programs offered by the University of Iowa.

The Admission Process

Admission to the Tippie MBA program is competitive. Applicants are evaluated on the quantitative and qualitative aspects of their professional and academic background. Applicants who are admitted are individuals who have demonstrated potential for success in the program as well as the potential for a successful career in a business-related field.

Application fee—A non-refundable application fee must be received before your application will be processed. The fee is \$60 for U.S. citizens and permanent residents and \$100 for international applicants. The application fee must accompany your application in order for your request for admission to be considered. All fees must be paid in U.S. dollars in either a check drawn on a U.S. bank, a U.S. postal service money order, or an international money order.

Application fee waivers – We award fee waivers to potential applicants who exceed our admission criteria, have a background/career goals aligned with our program's strengths, and who stand out from their peers. To be considered, send a resume, GMAT score (we cannot evaluate for a fee waiver using a GRE score), and a short statement of your post-MBA goals to tippiemba@uiowa.edu (use subject line "Full-time MBA Fee Waiver"). A member of the admissions team will review your credentials to determine eligibility and respond within 3-5 business days.

Deadlines — Only applications that are complete will be considered. Students may begin the full-time MBA program only in fall semesters, which begin in mid-August each year. Applications are considered on a rolling basis, (i.e. as completed applications are received).

- December 1: Priority deadline for financial aid, international applicants
- April 1: Final deadline for international applicants;
Priority deadline for financial aid, U.S. citizens/permanent residents
- July 30: Final deadline for U.S. citizens and permanent residents

Financial Aid — Candidates are considered for admission and merit-based financial aid at the same time. Merit based aid is, in part, awarded based on the availability of funds. For this reason, early application is strongly recommended. For a listing of merit based financial aid deadlines see the financial aid section below.

Acknowledgement – The School of Management will notify you via email after your application is reviewed by the University's Office of Admissions. It will alert you to any missing information necessary to process your application for admission. Let us know promptly (by emailing tippiemba@uiowa.edu) if your email address changes.

Admission Criteria

Academic record—Your entire academic record, including all undergraduate work and any graduate work you may have completed will be evaluated. Completion of specific coursework in business or management is not required. All majors are considered equally. Although no specific minimum grade point is required, applicants who are admitted show evidence of being

able to successfully complete a rigorous academic program. For example, the reputation of the institution attended and the nature of the curriculum as well as the specific grade point average attained are considered.

Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)—An official score report for the GMAT is required. Applications are not complete and will not be considered until an official GMAT score is received. Tippie does not have a specific minimum GMAT score requirement. However, GMAT scores are a key component of the application. Applicants may complete the GMAT more than once; only the higher score is considered. To register for the GMAT, visit www.mba.com. Pearson VUE can be reached at:

Pearson VUE

www.mba.com

Attention: GMAT® Program

PO Box 581907

Minneapolis, MN 55458-1907 USA

Direct dial: 1-952-681-3680

Toll free: 1-800-717-GMAT (4628)

In very rare cases, we can accept the GRE in place of the GMAT. These exceptions are rare and are made on a case-by-case basis, typically for candidates who have taken the GRE for admission to another University of Iowa master's program. Contact admissions at tippiemba@uiowa.edu to see if you are eligible.

English Proficiency Requirement: Results from either the Test of English as a Foreign language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) must be provided by candidates for whom English is not their native language.

English Proficiency Scores

TOEFL

Paper-based 600

Computer-based 250

Internet-based (iBT) 100

IELTS

Total 7.0

Sub-scores Greater than 6.0

All IELTS test-takers will be required to take the University's on-campus English Proficiency Evaluation prior to registering for classes.

For information on the TOEFL, visit www.toefl.org.

For information on the IELTS, visit www.ielts.org.

Automatic waivers of the TOEFL requirement are granted to persons who have received a bachelor's degree (or higher) from a university in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada (excluding French Quebec), Africa (English speaking), Australia, or New Zealand. Waivers can also be granted to applicants who completed their education in English AND scored at the 80th percentile or higher on the verbal section of the GMAT.

Work experience—Employment prior to beginning your MBA is critical to gain maximum benefit from the program. The Full-time MBA *strongly recommends* at least two years of full-time work experience after completion of the bachelor's degree for all candidates, but international candidates in particular. The admission committee is especially interested in professional experiences that demonstrate your ability to succeed in a business environment.

Recommendations—Three recommenders (note – not *recommendation letters*) are required. We will contact your recommenders for a reference if the admissions committee deems it necessary. References should be familiar with your professional or academic achievements. See [section C, letter G](#) for details.

Interview— An admission interview is required prior to a final admission decision. Applicants unable to visit campus and whose credentials warrant an interview will be contacted by the MBA Admissions Office to arrange an alternate interview format. For candidates unable to visit campus, this will be conducted via Skype; you should take care to obtain the appropriate equipment (webcam).

Campus visits—Informational campus visits may be requested at any time. They typically include an admission interview plus opportunities to visit a representative from MBA Career Services, attend a class, and meet with current students and faculty. To submit a visit request, please email TIPPIEMBA@uiowa.edu, or complete the online form at: <http://tippie.uiowa.edu/fulltimemba/admissions/campus-visit.cfm>.

Additional Criteria

Leadership: activities, service, and recognition—The admissions committee looks for applicants who are able to demonstrate leadership characteristics. This may be evident in your work history, but many other activities also reveal leadership potential. Be sure to include all relevant activities and experiences in your résumé.

Financial Aid

All candidates are considered for merit-based financial assistance when they apply. Financial aid is awarded based on the quality of the application and on a first-come, first-served basis. For this reason, we suggest applying early while funding is still available. No additional application is needed to apply for merit based aid. Information regarding financial aid is provided at: <http://tippie.uiowa.edu/fulltimemba/admissions/tuition-finaid.cfm>.

For information about need-based loans available to MBA students, contact the University's Office of Student Financial Aid, 208 Calvin Hall. 319-335-1450.

Information for International Applicants

Estimated Costs & Finances

Current estimated costs may be viewed at: <http://tippie.uiowa.edu/fulltimemba/finaid/>. Once recommended for admission, applicants from other countries must submit evidence of adequate financial support to cover the costs of one full year of study before a *Certificate of Eligibility* will be issued. Graduate assistantships may be used to satisfy part of the financial requirement. You must include additional financial support for any dependents who will accompany you.

Employment Opportunities

Employment opportunities for students holding F-1 visas are limited by U.S. immigration regulations. F-1 students may work "on campus" (for the University) and many students do so. The pay is usually about \$6 per hour. Most of these jobs are in cafeterias, libraries, and laboratories. The demands of the MBA program make it difficult to work more than ten hours per week. F-1 students can work "off campus" only with governmental permission. This permission is difficult to obtain and is not granted during the first academic year of an international student's stay in the U.S.

Health Insurance

More information: <http://tippie.uiowa.edu/fulltimemba/admissions/childcare.cfm>
International students at The University of Iowa are required to have health insurance. In addition, students are strongly advised to provide health insurance for any dependents that will be here with them to cover costs of possible accidents or unexpected illnesses. A reasonably-priced group insurance plan with provisions for individuals and families is available through the University. Cost information is available at <http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/benefits/healthinfo/>. These figures are subject to change without notification. If you purchase an insurance policy from another source, you must furnish evidence that your policy offers comparable coverage. Students who do not furnish such evidence are automatically billed for a University health insurance policy.

Housing

More information: <http://tippie.uiowa.edu/fulltimemba/students/housing.cfm>

The majority of students live in off-campus apartments or houses, many within walking distance of campus or on a bus route. Plan to arrive in Iowa City to locate off-campus housing at least a week before orientation begins. The University cannot arrange off-campus housing, but current students often help new arrivals find a place to live. The University has about 750 unfurnished efficiency, one-, and two-bedroom apartments for students. Rental rates depend upon the unit's size and features. Gas and electricity are typically not included in the rent. University Apartment leases run for 12 months. For more information and an application, write to the University Apartments Office, 100 Housing Services Building, Iowa City, IA 52246-1000 USA or visit www.uiowa.edu/~resserve.

Office of International Students and Scholars

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) offers advisory services to help international students adjust to University and community life. Priority services include an orientation program and providing immigration advice. You will receive important information concerning housing, health care, appointments with academic advisers, registration procedures, and other matters of immediate concern during the orientation period.

OISS promotes workshops, seminars, cultural activities, and other educational and social programs designed to enrich the learning experience of UI students. The OISS is located in the International Center, a gathering place for meetings, studying, conversation, and social gatherings. Visit www.uiowa.edu/~intl/OISS for additional information.