



# Is a Deferred MBA Program Right for You?

If you know you want to pursue an MBA in the future, having already secured a spot at a top business school before you even graduate from college would be great, right? The good news is that this is totally possible! And if you did so, you would likely pursue work that genuinely interested you in the interim. Deferred admissions programs can provide exactly this kind of opportunity by allowing candidates who have been accepted to postpone their actual enrollment. Below we list the deferred programs available at top-ranked business schools, in addition to the requirements and characteristics of each program.

Program	Cohort size	GMAT required?	Years of deferment allowance	Application fee waiver available?	Interview required?	Admissions office focus	Career counseling access?	Deadlines	Deferment period requirements
Berkeley Haas Accelerated Access	N/A	Yes	2–5 years	No	Yes	Diversity in academic background	Yes	April 25, 2024	Non-refundable commitment fee, annual reservation fees
Chicago Booth Scholars	N/A	Varies <sup>2</sup>	2–5 years	Yes, for college seniors	Yes	Diversity, entrepreneurial spirit, etc.	Yes	April 4, 2024	Full-time employment, annual check-ins and deposits
Columbia Business School Deferred Enrollment	232 <sup>1</sup>	Yes	2–5 years	Yes, for undergrad students and eligible grad students	Yes	Diversity	Yes	April 15, 2024	Annual deferral fee
HBS 2+2	121	Yes	2–4 years	Yes, need-based	Yes	STEM background, unusual pre-business school paths	Yes	April 25, 2024	
MIT Sloan Early Admission	101	Varies <sup>3</sup>	2–5 years	Yes, for all applicants	Yes	Leadership abilities, collaborative spirit	Yes	April 19, 2024	Full-time employment, annual check-ins
Northwestern Kellogg Future Leaders	N/A	N/A	2–5 years	Yes, for all applicants	Yes	Dynamic, impactful candidates	Yes	N/A yet	
NYU Stern NYU X	N/A	No	2–5 years	Yes, for all applicants	Yes	Diversity in undergraduate background	Yes	June 15, 2024	Abbreviated application before enrollment
Stanford GSB Deferred Enrollment	N/A	Yes	1–4 years	Reduced fee	Yes	N/A	N/A	April 9, 2024	Check-ins
UVA Darden Future Year Scholars	74	Yes	2–5 years	Yes, for all applicants	Yes	Future ethical leaders	Yes	Arpil 8, 2024 August 1, 2024	Annual check-ins
Wharton Moelis Advance Access	118	Yes	2–4 years	Reduced fee	Yes	Leadership abilities	Yes	April 24, 2024	Annual check-ins
Yale SOM Silver Scholars	N/A	No	Minimum one year	Yes, for all applicants	Yes	Leadership abilities	Yes	April 9, 2024	

<sup>1</sup> Admitted

<sup>2</sup> Not for UChicago students/graduates with minimum 3.4 GPA in business courses

<sup>3</sup> Not for MIT seniors with a minimum 4.2 GPA