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THE STEP-BY-STEP

**TIMELINE**  
FOR YOUR

**MASTERS  
PREPARATION**

# MASTERS APPLICATION TIMELINE

- ✓ BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER
- ✓ APTITUDE TEST SCORES (GMAT/GRE/ETC.)
- ✓ FLUENCY IN ENGLISH (IELTS/TOEFL/ETC.)

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## EVALUATE YOUR PROFILE

13-19 MONTHS BEFORE START OF MASTER'S STUDIES

- Specify career goals
- Why Master's studies?
- Are you ready?
- What type Master's studies?

Resources: [prepadviser.com/pages/profile-evaluation-important](http://prepadviser.com/pages/profile-evaluation-important)

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## RESEARCH MASTER'S DEGREES PROGRAMS

13-19 MONTHS BEFORE START OF MASTER'S STUDIES

- Make a list of measurable selection criteria
- Start reviewing Master's programs

Resources: [prepadviser.com/schoolprofiles/search](http://prepadviser.com/schoolprofiles/search)

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## PREPARE FOR ADMISSION TESTS

13-19 MONTHS BEFORE START OF MASTER'S STUDIES

- Course/individual tutoring + self-study and practice tests
- GMAT/GRE 100 hours (3-4 months) to prepare
- TOEFL/IELTS 50 hours (1-2 months) to prepare

Resources: [prepadviser.com/admissions-resources](http://prepadviser.com/admissions-resources)

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## TAKE ADMISSION TESTS

10-16 MONTHS BEFORE START OF MASTER'S STUDIES

- GRE/GMAT – score valid for 5 years
- TOEFL/IELTS – score valid for 2 years

Resources: [prepadviser.com/pages/gmat](http://prepadviser.com/pages/gmat)

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## SELECT UNIVERSITIES/ BUSINESS SCHOOLS

9-15 MONTHS BEFORE START OF MASTER'S STUDIES

- Your test scores must be higher than the average score of the program
- Realistic budget and scholarships
- Research, meet schools, get the facts
- Shortlist up to 5 universities/B-schools

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## APPLICATION FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

5-11 MONTHS BEFORE START OF MASTER'S STUDIES

- Check out all types of scholarships
- Make sure you fully meet the criteria
- Apply early

Resources: [prepadviser.com/financing-your-studies/best-way-finance-mba-studies](http://prepadviser.com/financing-your-studies/best-way-finance-mba-studies)

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## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

4-11 MONTHS BEFORE START OF MASTER'S STUDIES

- Start early
- Stick to the requirements of each program
- Contact the admissions office for any questions
- Select recommenders
- Start brainstorming the essays
- Create an application resume/CV
- Your application package should be coherent
- Quality matters
- Submit early

Resources: [prepadviser.com/admissions-resources/breaking-down-mba-application-timeline](http://prepadviser.com/admissions-resources/breaking-down-mba-application-timeline)

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## ADMISSIONS INTERVIEW

4-8 MONTHS BEFORE START OF MASTER'S STUDIES

- Prepare well in advance
- Practice
- Know the different interview formats

Resources: [prepadviser.com/category/admission-interview](http://prepadviser.com/category/admission-interview)

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## POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF YOUR APPLICATION

3-4 MONTHS BEFORE START OF MASTER'S STUDIES

- Rejection
- Waiting list
- Conditional admission
- Admission
- Admission with a scholarship

## APPLICATION PACKAGE

- University diploma and Academic transcript
- CV/Resume
- Test scores
- Recommendation letters
- Essays
- Application form

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## PREPARE FOR MBA ADMISSION

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## 10 GREAT QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN MEETING A BUSINESS SCHOOL

1. How does your Master's program compare to others?

2. What is the focus of the curriculum?

3. What electives are offered to Master's students?

4. What are the qualifications and background of your faculty?

5. Do you require relevant work experience to be eligible or admission?

6. What can I do to improve my chances of admission?

7. What is the schedule of a typical Master's student?

8. How diverse is your student body?

9. Are internships a part of this Master's program?

10. Do you work with local and/or international recruiters?

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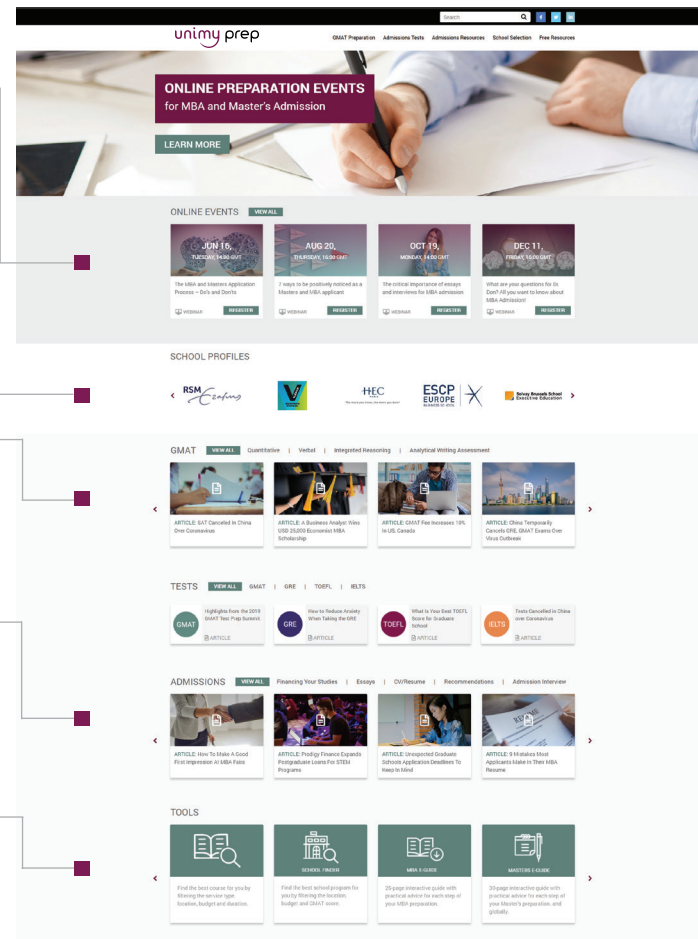
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