WashU Olin Business **Full-Time MBA Application** FAQs

General application questions

Is there an application fee/can I have an application fee waiver?

At WashU Olin there is NO FTMBA application fee. You are invited to apply at no cost, no waiver needed.

When is the next application deadline?

Application	Due by*	Notification by
Round 1	October 8, 2026	November 12, 2026
Round 2	January 7, 2027	February 18, 2027
Round 3	February 25, 2027	April 1, 2027
Round 4	April 15, 2027	May 13, 2027
Rolling Admissions	After April 15, 2027	Before program start

How can I learn more about the application process?

The WashU Olin FTMBA includes just a few key elements – academics, resume and essay – but to learn more about what needs to be included watch this video and/ or reach out to our recruiting team to learn more.

Academic records questions

Do I need to submit official transcripts/test scores with my application?

Official documents are not required until enrollment, so you can submit unofficial transcripts and test scores with your application.

Does Olin accept a Higher National Diploma for admission?

Applicants need to have received a bachelor's degree to be eligible for admission (HND not equivalent to bachelors degree)

Do I need to provide a WES evaluation?

No

Resume/Work experience questions

What if my resume is more than one page?

While we will accept a resume that is longer than one page, we encourage applicants to be concise in their descriptions.

What is the minimum work experience required to be considered for admission?

No minimum work experience years required to apply. The median work experience for the past three years is 4.3 years.

Essay questions

What makes a strong essay?

Your essay is your story, your voice and your opportunity to make an impression. It's where you express your aspirations, why you're an ideal candidate, and what role the program will play in your personal and professional development. It's important to tailor your essay to the school in which you're applying. Why Olin is a good fit for your goals and why you are a good fit for Olin. What are some examples in your resume that demonstrate this?

Should I submit the optional essay/what should I include in the optional essay?

The optional essay can be helpful in special circumstances where there are gaps in employment, academic history concerns (we have a separate question about this in the academic section) and is required if someone selects that they have a history of criminal or university violations.

Test score questions

Can I receive a test score waiver?

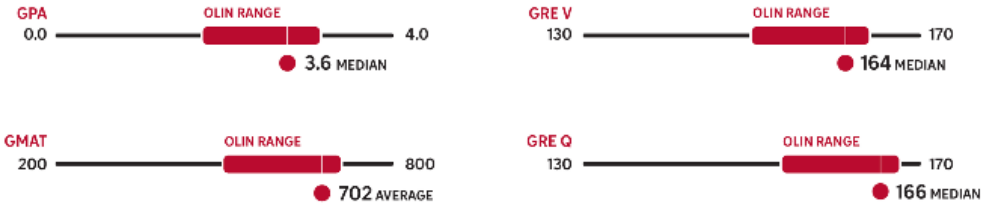
There is no need for a test score waiver, all applicants can simply submit without test scores.

However, if your degree is not in a quantitative field like business or economics, a GMAT or GRE score can showcase your skills and ability to dive into a business education. A test score can also complement a below-average GPA. These test scores can make you more competitive for admission and scholarships, but they are entirely optional, and applications can be submitted without them.

Can I be admitted and receive scholarship without test scores?

Yes, but strong scores can help an applicant be more competitive in the admission and scholarship review processes.

Should I submit test scores? What are the average GMAT/ GRE scores/what are considered 'strong' test scores by WashU?



Please reach out to a recruiter, if you have more questions about submitting scores.

Can I submit a test score after submitting my application?

Yes, but scores will need to be sent in as soon as possible if not submitted with app. Our admissions committee reviews applications on an ongoing basis starting around the deadline for each round, so it will just depend on timing of receiving the scores vs. when our admissions committee reviews your application to whether the scores will be included in review.

How do I receive an ELP exam waiver?

If you are a citizen of one of the countries listed within the Full-Time MBA admission documents and policies/English proficiency exam scores section of our application site, you do not need to submit an English proficiency score. Additional requests made through the application are reviewed on case by case basis.

Letter of Recommendation questions

Do I need to submit letters of recommendation?

Letters of recommendation are not required.

Application questions

How do I apply?

Within the Full-Time MBA application, select the scholarship or scholarships you are interested in and complete a brief survey. No additional scholarship application is required.

Can I apply for and receive multiple signature scholarships?

Applicants may apply and be considered for multiple scholarships. However, they can only be awarded one of these new scholarships.

Can these new scholarships be combined with other Olin aid?

Yes. A signature scholarship may be combined with Olin's existing Dean's Scholarship for qualifying applicants.