**Guest:** How does our cohort's limited work experience play into the admissions process and the recruitment process after graduation, especially as compared to/competing with our more seasoned peers at Booth?

* Alex DeCamp: We will evaluate all Maroon Scholar applications based on your intended career goals and how you will make an impact during your time at Booth. You will work closely with the college’s Career Advancement team and have access to Booth Career Services to support your specific career goals.

**Guest:** I applied to the Chicago Booth Scholars program right before the Maroon Scholars Program was announced. What can I or cannot do in this situation?

* Alex DeCamp: If you applied to Booth Scholars you can still apply for the Maroon MBA Scholars cohort. There will be an option on the Maroon MBA Scholars application to indicate you are interested in both.

**Guest:** Hi, thank you for your time! I am wondering after the first year of full time classes, if students will be able to work in cities outside of Chicago? In other words, will "part time" classes be virtual?

* Colin Davis: After the first year of full-time courses, students can certainly pursue employment opportunities outside of Chicago. If students elect to continue their MBA while working, they will do so through Booth's Evening or Weekend MBA Program. Our Evening and Weekend MBA students enjoy the same academic and curricular experience as Booth’s full-time students, and they are taught by the same renowned faculty at our downtown Gleacher Center location. In fact, more than 70 percent of our Weekend MBA students travel to Chicago for class from outside Illinois.

**Guest:** Hi, I have a question about the GRE/GMAT test score requirements. Is the requirement waived for the class of 2020?

* Donna: For UChicago 4th years applying this year, we are not requiring a GRE/GMAT score. Instead we will be looking at grades, letters of recommendations, and previous test scores such as your ACT/SAT you submitted as an undergrad.

**Guest:** If we also started an application for the Booth Scholars program, can we apply to both the Booth and Maroon scholars program?

* Starr Marcello: Regarding applying to both Booth Scholars and Maroon Scholars - you can apply to the Maroon Scholars Program first. If you are admitted and then decide to gain your work experience immediately, you can move into the Booth Scholars Program. You do not need to apply to both programs.

**Guest:** Good afternoon, and thank you for hosting this live chat! For the students who use their SAT/ACT score, an additional UChicago faculty letter of recommendation is required. I was wondering whether someone who used to be but is no longer a faculty member would also count. And if so, would I still fill in their information as if they are a current faculty member?

* Donna: We would prefer for the additional faculty letter of recommendation to be a current UChicago faculty member, or at least someone whose class you took as a 3rd year.

**Guest:** Will the Maroon Scholar students be evaluated in a different pool than deferred MBA students? How is it different than a deferred MBA if the student can take a leave of absence for 2-3 years? Thank you in advance for answering my question.

* Starr Marcello: The Maroon Scholars Program differs from the deferred MBA program in that you start your coursework for the MBA in the year immediately following your undergraduate degree. Your two years of work experience will be gained following the start of your MBA degree rather than prior to the start of your degree. Applicants to the different programs will be evaluated with the same approach and rigor.
Guest: Could you tell us about the curriculum during the first year of the Maroon Scholars program?
* Alex DeCamp: During the first year as a Maroon MBA Scholar you will pursue the Full-Time MBA program and select classes from our flexible curriculum as all our Booth students do. You will also receive specialized programming from the Career Advancement team and Booth.

Guest: When will admissions decisions be released?
* John Lim: All decisions for the Maroon Scholars Program will be released on May 22nd, 2020.

Guest: What is the application deadline? Is there a checklist for items needed?
* Alex DeCamp: The application deadline is May 1st, 2020. Two letters of recommendation, transcripts, essay/short answer, and GMAT/GRE scores are required as a part of the application. If you were unable to take the GMAT/GRE test we will also be accepting your ACT/SAT test score and an additional recommendation letter.

Guest: How much is the cost of the Maroon Scholars Program? Is the 50% reduction only for the first year or for all 3 years?
* Colin Davis: The cost of the Maroon Scholars Program will be comparable to the cost of Booth's traditional MBA offering. The 50% tuition reduction will apply to the first year.

Guest: What is the timeline like for the Maroon Scholars Program Application? When can we expect to hear back and/or are there any interviews?
* Colin Davis: The application deadline is May 1. Invitations to interview will be communicated shortly after the deadline and decisions will be released on May 22nd.

Guest: What is the application timeline? If I don't have a GMAT score and would like to take the test, when is the latest I can take it?
* Donna: Current testing centers are closed and the on-line GMAT will become available in a week or two. If you submit a score prior to May 15th we should be able to use it to render a final decision.

Guest: What are the main differences between Chicago Booth Scholars and the Maroon Scholars Program?
* Alex DeCamp: If admitted to Chicago Booth Scholars you will go through a work deferment period of 2-5 years. After this period of time you decide when you’d like to enroll at Booth to pursue your MBA. With Maroon Scholars, you will start the program this fall after graduating in June, and after the first year will begin working full-time. After two years of full-time work experience you will return to Booth to complete your MBA.

Guest: Is there an interview process for the Chicago Booth Maroon Scholars Program?
* John Lim: Yes, after submitting applications, admits will be invited to interview with the admission committee in May. These interviews will be scheduled on an individual basis and will all be virtual.

Guest: Good morning! I was wondering, as many MBA students are older professionals, what opportunities are there for Maroon Scholars to engage with them?
* John Lim: As a Maroon Scholar, you are fully integrated as a member of Chicago Booth's MBA class, and will have the same access student life, programming, networking events, and extracurriculars that any Booth students would have! Even prior to applying, you can actually connect with current Booth students now about their experiences in our Connect with a Student tool: https://apply.chicagobooth.edu/portal/studentvolunteer

Guest: Hello, I just have a question about what sorts of expectations do you have for a candidate in terms of undergrad GPA, classes, and what things will you be looking at as you make the decision?
* Donna: We do not have defined expectations but will be holistically reviewing applications for leadership, academic abilities, and how individuals will contribute to the community.
Guest: Is the number of booth classes and grades in those classes taken as an undergraduate a key factor in the admissions process?

* John Lim: Thanks for your email! We look at every application on a more holistic basis, and while we do look at the number of Booth classes and grades in those classes as one factor in the admissions process, it is by no means the only factor or even a deciding factor in assessing an application. Leadership involvement, extracurriculars, work experiences, and clarity in your application are all additional factors that we consider strongly when evaluating your application.

Guest: If accepted to the Maroon Scholars Program, would I be able to pursue a dual degree program just as a regular MBA would?

* Donna: At this time we are not reviewing applications for those who want to start the joint programs in the fall. If you complete the first year at Booth, and return in two to three years, you may be able to complete a joint degree. It depends on which program.

Guest: Do recommenders need to submit a different recommendation for Maroon Scholars if we have already applied/are in the process of applying to the Maroon MBA Scholars program or is it possible for them to use the same recommendations?

* Colin Davis: If you've already submitted your recommendations through the Booth Scholars application, you can contact our Admissions Office (at admissions@ChicagoBooth.edu) and ask them to move them over to your Maroon Scholars Application.

Guest: How many students are you planning on taking on for the Maroon Scholars Program?

* John Lim: The Maroon Scholars Program is being offered in part to allow UChicago undergraduates to be able to better navigate the job market given the current health crisis. That being said, we do not have a strict cap on the number of students we are planning on admitting.

Guest: Could you please speak to the required/preferred student background? Are non-Economics majors still eligible? I'm interested in applications to the healthcare profession.

* Starr Marcello: Students of all academic backgrounds are invited to apply to the Maroon Scholars Program.

Guest: Is there flexibility in the program in deciding after the first year to stay full-time at Booth for a second year?

* Alex DeCamp: If admitted we will work with you to create a program of study which makes sense for your long-term success. We want to emphasize two years of work experience before graduating will benefit your career.

Guest: Will the Maroon Scholars Program be waiving the GMAT requirement for the application process?

* Alex DeCamp: We will waive the GMAT requirement for any students that has completed 6 BUSN courses and received a GPA of 3.5 or higher. If you did not meet this requirement or you were unable to take the GMAT/GRE in time we will look at your ACT/SAT score and require you to submit an additional letter of rec.

Guest: What is your best advice for answering the essay prompt about our career goals? Obviously a full-time applicant with significant professional experience will have a better grasp on this vs. graduating seniors in this cohort.

* Alex DeCamp: We recommend that you speak to what you’re passionate about pursuing and how Booth will play a key role in supporting your career trajectory. We do not expect you to have all your plans post-graduation figured out yet.

Guest: Question about testing. On the application it says, "1. Chicago Booth will waive the GRE/GMAT if the candidate has taken at least four (4) 200-400 level BUSN classes by the time of application, received a grade of C+ or higher in each BUSN course and have an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in four (4) 200-400 level BUSN courses.” If I am currently enrolled in a 300 level BUSN class, can that count at my 4th BUSN course and will my GRE/GMAT scores be waived?
* **John Lim:** Only courses completed by the time of application will be counted, so BUSN courses taken this quarter will not be eligible to count toward the GRE/GMAT waiver since grades will not be finalized until after the application deadline.

**Guest:** Will there be any differences in the Booth curriculum for Maroon Scholars?
* **Alex DeCamp:** The Booth curriculum will remain the same for Maroon Scholars. You'll received additional specialized programming outside of the classroom.

**Guest:** Given the requirement to pursue full-time employment in year two (either alongside the MBA or through a leave of absence), what kinds of career mentorship and development opportunities would be available? How would this differ from traditional MBA support, if at all?
* **Starr Marcello:** Maroon Scholars will have robust career mentorship and support for the pursuit of their employment opportunities during the Scholars Program. This support will be tailored to the Scholars to maximize their success with prospective employers.

**Guest:** Is the Maroon Scholars Program binding upon admittance, similar to early decision?
* **Alex DeCamp:** The Maroon Scholars is not binding upon being admitted.

**Guest:** Hi there! Thanks for taking time to answer our questions. I hope everyone is staying healthy during these uncertain times. Regarding the 2020 Chicago Booth Scholars application, I just want to confirm that GMAT test scores are being waived. The application still has a page for submitting test scores by July 1st.
* **Donna:** Within the Chicago Business Scholars app, the scores may be required. The Maroon Business Scholars application is different. You can find the app here: [https://www.chicagobooth.edu/email/full-time/maroon-scholars-2020](https://www.chicagobooth.edu/email/full-time/maroon-scholars-2020)

**Guest:** Where do we submit ACT/SAT test scores?
* **Colin Davis:** You can submit your ACT/SAT score within the Test Scores section of the application. Click the "Add Test" link and select the type of test you would like to add.

**Guest:** Given the sudden opportunity of being able to start an MBA right out of college, how do we make a strong profile/case for ourselves if pursing an MBA is a really recent interest, and we don't necessarily have a business-related undergraduate background?
* **Starr Marcello:** Applicants to the Maroon Scholars Program will have the opportunity to share the reason for their interest in an MBA in the application process. We recognize this is a new opportunity, and therefore students may need to articulate how the opportunity has changed their initial plans post-graduation.

**Guest:** I just created the Maroon Scholars Application. I noticed some of my responses were carried over. I also noticed that there were some questions identical to Booth Scholars, may I reuse my answers? Also, do I need to ask my two recommenders to submit recommendations again? Is there not a way for you to pull their information from my Booth Scholars application?
* **Colin Davis:** Yes, you may reuse your responses where you feel relevant. If you've already submitted your recommendations through the Booth Scholars application, you can contact our Admissions Office (at admissions@ChicagoBooth.edu) and ask them to move them over to your Maroon Scholars Application.

**Guest:** Could the faculty member be a PhD student? For example, I had a preceptor who I worked with for 3 quarters.
* **Alex DeCamp:** A PhD student could be your recommender if they taught your class or if you worked with them in a professional setting.

**Guest:** If we do decide to take the GRE/GMAT, do we need official scores by May 1st?
* **Donna:** We can accept an unofficial score up until May 15.
**Guest:** Should all recommendations be from UChicago current faculty? Can a letter from a PI in a research lab or another professional setting be used?

*Alex DeCamp:* One letter of rec should be from an UChicago faculty member. The other letter of rec should be from a former supervisor from an internship or part-time job, or other professional setting.

**Guest:** As a follow up question, if we are admitted to Maroon MBA Scholars and did not provide a GMAT/GRE score, can we still defer our admissions to the Booth Scholars Program without submitting a GMAT/GRE?

*A Alex DeCamp:* Yes, if you decide to work full-time after being admitted to Maroon Scholars you will be considered for the Booth Scholars Program. If you did not qualify for a GMAT/GRE waiver and you did not submit either of these test score previously, we will be required to submit a test score prior to being considered for Booth Scholars.

**Guest:** If we have taken 4, 200-400 level BUSN classes and received a 3.5+ GPA average, do we still need to send our SAT/ACT scores?

*John Lim:* Hi, if you have already taken (4) 200-400 level BUSN courses and received a 3.5+ GPA average, you are exempt from both the SAT/ACT and GRE/GMAT requirements.

**Guest:** We would only be full time students for the first year, and then work full time the second and third years? How does the part-time classes work for the second and third years (roughly how many hours of classes would we be taking while working)?

*Starr Marcello:* Maroon Scholars have the opportunity to take MBA courses in the evening or weekend program while working full-time in the second and third year. Students can take one to three classes per quarter; many take two. The school can help you determine the best approach to your academics to balance working while pursuing the MBA.

**Guest:** What is required of students who have taken (4) BUSN 200-400 courses to have those be considered for review in place of ACT/SAT scores?

*Donna:* We will waive the GRE/GMAT if a candidate has taken at least four (4) 200-400 level BUSN classes by the time of application, received a grade of C+ or higher in each BUSN course and have an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in four (4) 200-400 level BUSN courses.

**Guest:** It’s a pilot program for Booth Maroon Scholars. It mentioned that 2nd and 3rd year full time working, part-time classes. Will Booth help secure 2nd and 3rd year full-time job?

*A Alex DeCamp:* The college’s Career Advancement team and Booth Career Services will work closely with you ensure you have the tools necessary to help secure a full-time position after the first year at Booth.

**Guest:** Following up on question about applying to both Booth and Maroon Scholars - is there an advantage to apply for the Maroon scholars program since it is only open to UChicago 4th years, given the option to move into Booth Scholar if we decide to gain work experience immediately? Thanks so much!

*A Alex DeCamp:* The advantages to this program is that you will be able to start the program sooner and received specialized programming from the college’s Career Advancement team.

**Guest:** Hello, just wondering if you could tell us what specific qualities you are looking for in the faculty and professional recommendation letters? Thanks!

*Starr Marcello:* For your recommendation letters, we advise you select faculty members who can attest to your academic success. For your professional recommendation letter, you may wish to select someone who can reflect on your leadership qualities, how you work as part of a team, your approach to challenges/setbacks, and your other characteristics in the professional setting.

**Guest:** Would you be able to talk more about the specialized programming you mentioned from career advancement and Booth as a Maroon Scholar?

*A Alex DeCamp:* The specialized programming will be focused on navigating your career after your first year at Booth and beyond. More detailed info to come once we admit the Maroon Scholars cohort.
Guest: Will students who have not secured full-time employment after graduation be preferred applicants?
* John Lim: Since the Maroon Scholars Program requires students to be enrolled as a Full-Time student for the first year of the program, students who intend to pursue full-time employment in Fall 2020 are not able to participate in the program. If you currently have an employment opportunity lined up for the fall but are unsure whether that position will still move forward as planned, you are encouraged to apply. In the case that you are able to find employment, we will be able to move your application to the Chicago Booth Scholars MBA pool.

Guest: Do classes taken as an undergraduate count towards the Maroon Scholars Program?
* John Lim: Since the Maroon Scholars Program is a separate MBA program, students who are admitted are expected to take 20 Booth courses towards their degree. The exception to this is if you have taken 6 BUSN courses. In this case, Chicago Booth would count those 6 BUSN courses (including undergraduate courses) toward your 20 Booth course load prior to starting at Booth.

Guest: Does the Maroon Scholars Program provide any form of support in helping students find full-time employment following the 1st year in the program?
* Donna: There will definitely be career support for Maroon Scholars throughout their time at Booth and post MBA.

Guest: Is the admission on a rolling basis?
* John Lim: Hi - thanks for your question! No, admission is not on a rolling basis, and all decisions will be released by May 22nd, 2020 so that you have a decision prior to graduation this year.

Guest: Are you required to work full time after your first year of Maroon Scholars, or can you continue to complete the MBA program full time?
* Colin Davis: As part of the Maroon MBA Scholars Program, admitted students will start their MBA and then pursue professional work experience after the first year. If students want to continue their MBA, they can do so while working full-time and pursuing the MBA as a part-time student. Otherwise, students will work for 2-3 years and then return to finish the degree as a full-time student.

Guest: Hi! Thanks so much for taking the time to answer our questions about this new Maroon Scholars Program. I have two questions. With regard to the 4 BUSN course equivalency to fulfill the testing requirement, can the 4th BUSN course be one that I am currently registered in this quarter? My second question is about the size of this first Maroon Scholars cohort?
* Alex DeCamp: You must have completed 4 BUSN courses by the time of the application deadline. Also, we do not have an exact estimate on the size of the Maroon Scholars cohort. We will have a clearer picture on this closer to the application deadline.

Guest: Are you flexible when it comes to "UChicago faculty member" recommendations? Would an UChicago administrator suffice?
* Donna: We would prefer at least one recommendation come from someone who can share insight of your academic performance.

Guest: What are reasons to pursue an MBA right out of undergrad, given limited work/life experience?
* Starr Marcello: We have designed the Maroon Scholars Program to enable students to gain both an MBA degree and two years of professional work experience. We believe this will provide graduates of the program with the advantage of completing an MBA early in their careers and developing professional networks that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Guest: Hello! For international students, what kind of visa will we be under?
* Donna: During the first year you would remain in your current visa status as a continuing student. We have been in communication with OIA to work on a smooth process. We will work with each international student on the creation of their individualized program of study.
**Guest:** Can Maroon Scholars continue their MBA program straight through, or are you required to take a break to obtain professional work experience

* **Starr Marcello:** If admitted we will work with you to create a program of study that is geared towards your long-term success. We want to emphasize that two years of work experience before graduating will benefit your career for the future.

**Guest:** Would it be possible to defer at all from the Maroon Scholars Program?

* **Colin Davis:** Students admitted to the Maroon Scholars Program are expected to matriculate and begin courses in the fall quarter. However, if students need to delay the start of their MBA, we will consider them for the Chicago Booth Scholars program.

**Guest:** Will the cost of the program behalf of a full time MBA student plus half of two years as a part time?

* **Donna:** For the most part, yes. The total cost will be approximately $148,000 over the course of your time at Booth with 50% being paid in the first year.

**Guest:** If we have to submit three letters of recommendation, how would you recommend the letters be divided? Should it be two professional and one academic, or two academic and one professional?

* **Alex DeCamp:** The third letter of rec should be from a faculty member assuming your first two letters of rec came from another faculty member and a professional source.

**Guest:** For the Chicago Booth Scholar Program, are GMAT/GRE scores also being waived?

* **Starr Marcello:** For the Chicago Booth Scholar Program, GMAT/GRE scores can be waived if the applicant has taken a minimum of four BUSN classes by the time of the application and has an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.

**Guest:** Is it possible to do part-time internships during the first year of the program?

* **Alex DeCamp:** It is not advisable. Most of your time will be committed to the full-time MBA program during your first year.

**Guest:** In my major, a lot of classes are taught by PhD students who would also be able to speak on my academic performance. Would they count as ‘faculty members’?

* **John Lim:** Hi! Yes - any instructional staff that can speak to your performance in the classroom can count as faculty members for the letters of recommendation.

**Guest:** I don't have a GRE/GMAT score and can't take these tests. How many letters of recommendation do I need?

* **Alex DeCamp:** You will need to submit your ACT/SAT score and submit an additional letter of recommendation making 3 in total.

**Guest:** I took the old SAT with 3 individual scores for Reading, Writing and Math. However, in the application for submitting test scores, there are only the verbal and math sections. Which is the new SAT format. What should I enter here?

* **Colin Davis:** You can also include your individual SAT test scores in the optional essay portion of the application.

**Guest:** Is work experience guaranteed for Maroon Scholars? Do students get matched with employers?

* **Starr Marcello:** Maroon Scholars will have significant career support and guidance tailored to their cohort.

**Guest:** For the (4) BUSN 200-400 waiver option is the 3.5 GPA requirement for our overall GPAs or just for those four courses?

* **John Lim:** The 3.5 GPA requirement applies just for those four BUSN courses.

**Guest:** If you have already applied to the Booth Scholars program, is it possible upon acceptance to do one year, and then part-time the second/third year?

* **Donna:** If you wish to be considered for Maroon Scholars, please contact us at admissions@chicagobooth.edu
**Guest:** If we have work experience, can an employer provide a letter of recommendation?

* **Donna:** Of course! One letter of rec can come from someone whom you have worked with professionally.

**Guest:** Are there any other financial aid opportunities for students accepted to the Maroon Scholars program, particularly if they are Odyssey/QuestBridge students in the College right now?

* **Colin Davis:** The College will provide a one-year scholarship covering up to 50% of tuition costs in the 2020-2021 academic year for Class of 2020 College students who enroll in the Maroon Scholars Program. Students will also be able to work with our financial aid teams to consider their funding options.

**Guest:** For those who must submit 3 letters of recommendation due not to not having a GRE/GMAT, does the third rec need to be academic, professional, or either?

* **Donna:** We would like two to come from UChicago faculty, and one professional/extracurricular.

**Guest:** Is the Booth Scholars Program also waiving the GMAT/GRE and using the same qualifications (IE. ACT/SAT score + extra letter of rec)?

* **John Lim:** Hi! In the absence of official GRE and GMAT test scores:

  1. Chicago Booth will waive the GRE/GMAT if the candidate has taken at least four (4) 200-400 level BUSN classes by the time of application, received a grade of C+ or higher in each BUSN course and have an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in four (4) 200-400 level BUSN courses or;

  2. If the candidate fails to meet the criteria outline in #1, Chicago Booth will review the application using the ACT and/or SAT score submitted for undergrad admissions along with a detailed transcript. Three recommendations are required: two from UChicago faculty, and one professional/extracurricular.

**Guest:** Do the letters of recommendation need to be submitted by May 1st?

* **Starr Marcello:** Recommenders have until May 8th to submit their letters of recommendation.

**Guest:** If accepted to the Maroon Scholars program, when is the last possible day to make a decision?

* **Alex DeCamp:** By July 1st we will ask for your commitment to the program. If you decide not to pursue the Maroon Scholars you will be considered for the Booth Scholars Program

**Guest:** For the academic letters of recommendation, do you suggest asking professors from my major or the ones who know me best?

* **John Lim:** We recommend asking professors who know you best - who can best speak to your ability in the classroom, and speak to your leadership in the classroom.

**Guest:** If selected for the interview process, will we interview with members of the admissions team and/or current Booth students?

* **John Lim:** Hi - at this time, members of the admissions team will be interviewing candidates for the Maroon Scholars Program.

**Guest:** Would it be possible to complete the first year full-time, work for 2 years, and then come back as a full-time student and pursue a joint degree i.e. MBA/MPCS?

* **Donna:** This would be possible.

**Guest:** Hello! Will any BUSN 200-400 class taken during our undergrad that has received a grade of C+ or higher be counted as one of the 20 required courses?

* **John Lim:** For UChicago undergraduates there are two ways to benefit from taking BUSN courses during undergrad:

  1. Students who take 4 BUSN courses (200-400) with a grade of C+ or higher and an overall GPA of 3.5 in those courses will be waived from taking the GMAT.
2. Students who take a total of 6 BUSN courses (200-400) during undergrad may apply those six courses toward their Booth MBA.

**Guest:** Will a letter of recommendation written by a PhD student who taught one of my classes be looked at equally as a recommendation from an official faculty member, such as a professor?

*John Lim:* Recommendations from faculty members will be look at in terms of content. Having a letter of recommendation from a professor or PhD student does not automatically qualify a recommendation and more/less strong.

**Guest:** Is this opportunity only available to UChicago 4th Years? Or will this be open to seniors from other institutions as well

*John Lim:* Currently, this opportunity is only available to UChicago 4th years. Students from other institutions are more than welcome to apply to the Chicago Booth Scholars Program.

**Guest:** Any advice you can give us on what qualities we should highlight in the Maroon Scholars application essays?

*Starr Marcello:* Your application should highlight your interest in pursuing an MBA and your professional interests for the short and longer term. Your leadership skills, your academic success, your internships and work experience, and why Chicago Booth is the right fit for you would all be areas to highlight in your application.

**Guest:** If I applied for the Booth Scholars program already, is it possible to have my application considered also for the Maroon Scholars program? Or do I have to make a new application?

*Donna:* We can move your applications for you. Please contact us at admissions@chicagobooth.edu.

**Guest:** Will this chat log be viewable after the chat is over? It’s a little bit difficult to read and keep up as it’s going.

*John Lim:* Yes - this transcript will be posted on this page a few days from now (https://www.chicagobooth.edu/email/full-time/maroon-scholars-2020), and will also be emailed out to all chat registrants.

**Guest:** International students under their current visa will expire upon graduating from the College, would we have to reapply for a student visa?

*Donna:* OIA will work with you on your visa status.

**Guest:** Will not having the GMAT/GRE negatively impact my application?

*John Lim:* If an applicant does not have a GMAT/GRE application, you can still apply using your ACT/SAT scores and your letters of recommendation. Not having the GMAT/GRE would not necessarily negatively impact your application, since we would evaluate your application using these other points in place of the GMAT/GRE.

**Guest:** If we plan on using an ACT/SAT score for our Maroon Scholars Application, can we submit more than 3 letters of recommendation?

*Alex DeCamp:* We highly recommend you only submit a max of 3 letters of recommendation but if you want to submit an additional letter please let us know in advance and we could include it as an additional component of your application.

**Guest:** Just to clarify, if submitting SAT scores we are self-reporting?

*John Lim:* Yes - students can self-report SAT scores. Admitted students would be asked to verify their scores upon admission.

**Guest:** What kind of interview questions would be asked? How can we prep?

*Starr Marcello:* If you are invited to interview, your interview will be aligned with a traditional MBA interview. You should be prepared to discuss your interest in the Chicago Booth degree and your experience/background.

**Guest:** Hi! I am looking at the application and I was just wondering what is the difference between post-MBA function and industry? Thanks!
Colin Davis: Industry is the area in which your company operates or conducts business. For example: Financial Services, Healthcare, Technology, Real Estate, Consumer Products. Function refers to "your focus/scope of work" within a company. Examples include business development, marketing, general management, operations, strategy. You can learn more about Industries and Functions in Booth's Employment report: https://www.chicagobooth.edu/employmentreport

Guest: It sounds as though to continue the MBA program after the first full-time year, all work opportunities are in the Chicago/greater Illinois area. Can you detail what some possible work experiences could be for those remaining two years?

Donna: After your first year, if you work in the Chicago area, you can take classes in the evening in the part time program. If you find employment in other cities, you can either take classes on weekends on a part-time basis or return to the program in two years to complete your MBA full-time.

Guest: Just to clarify, if I have taken 4 BUSN courses (200-400) with a grade of C+ or higher and an overall GPA of 3.5 in those courses, I will not be required to submit GMAT, SAT/ACT and an additional letter of rec?

John Lim: Hi - that is correct!