Considering an MBA?
You’re already in the right place. Chicago Booth recognizes the particular talents of University of Chicago undergraduates. That’s why we created the University of Chicago Booth Scholars Program. Launched in 2002, the program encourages students of the College to apply for admission to Chicago Booth during their fourth year of study and defer enrollment for two to three years while obtaining quality experience in a professional setting.

About Chicago Booth
Booth believes in the traditional educational values of the College and mirrors its emphasis on analysis and problem solving—an essential perspective in today’s global business world. At Booth, world-changing ideas are developed, tested, refined, and taught to students seeking the strongest grasp of the essentials and the keenest eye for the innovative. It is this learning environment and reputation for producing groundbreaking thought and extremely well-prepared graduates that set Chicago Booth apart.

Participating in the Chicago Booth Scholars Program
The Chicago Booth Scholars Program applicants must follow all Chicago Booth application procedures and meet the Chicago Booth Scholars Program deadline of April 4, 2017. The application fee will be waived for students who apply through this program. Students are required to complete the application for admission, including the submission of two letters of recommendation, GMAT or GRE scores, and all essays by the application deadline; an interview is also required. Interviews will be offered by invitation only and will take place in April. Decisions will be released on May 18, 2017.

Successful candidates will be granted conditional admission and, if they choose to accept, an automatic three-year deferment. During this time period, students will engage with Chicago Booth through events, online communications, and mentorship opportunities. Each Booth Scholar is awarded a $10,000 per year scholarship.

Students will be expected to seek and maintain employment for the period of time between admission and matriculation in an appropriate and applicable work environment that provides quality and substantive experience positioning them to succeed at Chicago Booth. These positions may be in corporate, public, or nonprofit settings. Job placements will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee to determine the quality of experience. Chicago Booth reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission if quality work experience is not obtained.

At the end of the deferment, if an applicant has not indicated an intention to matriculate to Chicago Booth, the offer of admission will be withdrawn. Students are expected to enroll in the two-year Full-Time MBA Program (students may not apply to the Evening MBA or Weekend MBA Programs through the Chicago Booth Scholars Program).

No preference will be given to students in particular majors or to those who have taken Chicago Booth courses. Current first- and second-year students at Chicago Booth prove that a diversity of academic and professional backgrounds is a key factor in the admissions process.

Students must submit an annual Declaration of Intent every year of their deferment period and pay the corresponding admissions deposit. Students must notify Admissions of their intent to matriculate by the end of January in the year they wish to enter Chicago Booth in Autumn Quarter only). Applicants who are not admitted to Chicago Booth through the Chicago Booth Scholars Program are encouraged to reapply in the regular pool at any time.

Chicago Booth admissions staff will hold information sessions for College students throughout the year. Students may direct questions to Nahida Teliani, program director for UChicago Initiatives at Nahida.Teliani@ChicagoBooth.edu

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