

GSB MBA APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Please read this entire page very carefully. Only fully completed applications will be considered.

The Submission of the UCT Online Application & GSB Additional Information

- All documents are used by the GSB Admissions Board to evaluate achievements, experience and maturity.
- Considerable thought should be given to your responses to questions. **Please keep a copy for your records.**
- An interview may be required; applicants will be informed.
- It is in your best interest to ascertain eligibility in terms of age, post-qualification work experience, etc. prior to sending your application pack.** The selection criteria can be viewed [here](#).
- In the event of a successful application, an acceptance fee will required to secure a place on the programme.
- All applicants are required to submit the UCT online application and courier or hand-deliver the [required certified/notarized documents](#) to:

GSB Admissions, Graduate School of Business
University of Cape Town
Breakwater Campus
Ports wood Road
Green Point
Cape Town, 8001
South Africa

Please DO NOT send the documents to UCT Main Campus (Rondebosch).

- You are urged to submit your application as early as possible, prior to the application deadline. You will be advised of the outcome; **in the event of an unsuccessful application, the school will not enter into any discussion with applicants on the reasons for non-acceptance.**

The Application Fee

- All applicants are required to pay a **non-refundable** application fee.

The 2018 application fees are as follows:

Citizens of all African countries	R1350 (One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Rand)
Applicants from all other countries	US\$285 (Two Hundred and Eighty-Five US Dollars)

- Please **do not** include cash in your application pack.
- Payments can be made directly into the UCT GSB's [account](#) or via a [credit card](#).



Test Requirements

- All MBA applicants are required to write the GMAT which is administered by Pearson VUE. You are urged to take the GMAT as early as possible prior to the application deadline. A GMAT score of **550** will ordinarily be required.
- GMAT Booking and Queries**
The Regional booking office can be contacted via:
Website: www.mba.com
Telephone: 0044 161 855 7219 (09:00am – 17:00pm BST)
Fax: 0044 161 855 7301
E-mail: GMATcandidateservicesEMEA@pearson.com
- When registering for the GMAT, please complete the section which authorises GMAC to send a copy of your results directly to the Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town; **our code is 0837**.
- If you have already taken the GMAT, a certified copy of your score should be enclosed with your application pack. **GMAT scores older than four years are not acceptable.**
- It is strongly recommended that applicants thoroughly prepare for the GMAT by purchasing any one of the books available from major book stores.
- In addition, the UCT Graduate School of Business offers GMAT preparation courses each year. Please see our website, www.gsb.uct.ac.za for more information.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

- MBA candidates that do not meet the degree entry requirements may apply through the [RPL Route](#) .
- The cost of the RPL assessment is R1700. This fee is non-refundable, and separate from the application fee.
- For more information on the RPL Admissions route and to request the RPL form, please contact the GSB Admissions Department at admissions@gsb.uct.ac.za.

Confidential Evaluators' Forms

- Two individuals who know you in a professional context and who are not family members should complete the confidential evaluators' forms.
- Applicants are responsible for ensuring that each evaluator receives a form which must be returned directly from the evaluator to GSB Admissions. Evaluators are requested to email their reports directly to GSB Admissions at evaluators@gsb.uct.ac.za.
- Only the [evaluators' forms](#) provided on the GSB website will be accepted.** General references and/or testimonials are not acceptable.

English Proficiency

- International applicants whose first language is not English are required to demonstrate their English language proficiency either through clear evidence of a satisfactory command of English or by achieving a score of 600 or higher on the TOEFL, a test which is administered by Education Testing Service. For more information please go to <http://www.toefl.org>.
- Alternatively, recent overall band score of 7.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), with no individual element of the test scoring below 6.0 is required. For more information please go to www.ielts.org.
- Where required, TOEFL scores must accompany applications from candidates in non-English speaking countries. Alternatively, clear evidence of a satisfactory command of English is required.



Translation and Evaluation of Foreign Qualifications

- Candidates must ensure that they submit official and certified English translations of all documents with their applications.
- Verification of whether the qualification is equivalent to a South African degree is also required. This can be done by contacting the South African Qualifications Authority (<http://www.sqa.org.za/>).

Proof of Academic Qualifications

- Transcripts being sent to the UCT Graduate School of Business directly from an academic institution should be requested timeously so as not to delay the application process. The GSB will not follow up on transcripts with academic institutions on behalf of applicants. Candidates must ensure that they submit official and certified English translations of all documents with their applications.
- It will not be possible for original documents to be returned – therefore please submit **certified/notarised copies** of all documentation required.
- Certified copies of diploma transcripts, partially completed degrees or any other courses completed which may be used in support of your application, should also be submitted. Each page of these must carry an original stamp from a Commissioner of Oaths (or equivalent). Documents which have previously been certified and then photocopied, are not acceptable. Please do not include extraneous material such as reports, thesis documents, etc., with your application.

Study Permit for non-South African Applicants

- Confirmation of a place on a GSB programme is required before a study permit can be considered by the South African Department of Home Affairs. Applications should be made through your nearest South African Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission.
- Please note: In terms of the provisions of the Aliens Control Act 1991 (Act 96 of 1001) this University is prohibited from registering an international student unless he/she is in possession of a valid study permit. You should not leave your home country unless you have obtained a study permit which you will be asked to present at registration.

Any queries/assistance required regarding study permits should be directed to the International Office at the University of Cape Town.

Tel: +27 21 650 3734

Email: int-iapo@uct.ac.za

Website: <http://www.uct.ac.za/about/iapo/overview/intro/>.

Click [here](#) to continue to step 2 of the application process.