



Waitlist Frequently Asked Questions

We appreciate your patience with the waitlist process and have provided this information to answer your questions. If you have additional questions that are not addressed here, you may email admchair@stern.nyu.edu.

Why was my application placed on NYU Stern's waitlist?

Admission to NYU Stern is highly competitive. There are many more qualified candidates than there are places in each class. The Admissions Committee has reviewed your application carefully and sees strengths in your background and experience, but is not currently in a position to offer you admission.

Can I get feedback on my application? Can I find out which specific parts of my application I need to strengthen?

The Admissions Committee looks favorably upon candidates who show self-awareness. We encourage you to independently assess your application and identify possible areas of improvement. Please keep in mind that the admissions process at NYU Stern is holistic and competitive. We do not provide specific feedback on individual applications. For ways to strengthen your application while on the waitlist, please see below.

How can I strengthen my application at this point?

Typically, no single factor in your application determines our final decision. Therefore, we encourage you to review all parts of your application. In our experience, candidates are very often aware of the areas of their application that could be improved. You may find it helpful to review the [academic, professional and personal](#) areas on which we evaluate each candidate. You also may find it helpful to review the profile of last year's class when assessing your background.

Below are some of the ways you can strengthen your application in each of the three major areas of evaluation described above.

Academic Profile

- Retake the GMAT or GRE. We consider only your highest overall score(s), so there is no downside to retaking the test if you believe you can improve your score. The GMAT or GRE is an indicator of future academic performance. An improved score may alleviate concerns in this area. If you intend to retake the GMAT or GRE, please email your scheduled test date to admchair@stern.nyu.edu. Once you take the exam, please email your unofficial score report to admchair@stern.nyu.edu. Even if your score does not improve,

please send us the new result. It will signal that you put forth additional effort to improve your application. International applicants may also consider retaking the IELTS or TOEFL.

- Inform us of new, relevant coursework or continuing education classes you are taking. Please provide a scanned or self-reported transcript upon completion of your coursework.
- Provide an explanation of your undergraduate performance (if not already provided).
- Inform us of any new, relevant credentials you have pursued (e.g. CFA, CPA, etc.).

Professional Achievements

- Provide an updated résumé if you have recently become employed, changed positions or been promoted. Applicants with recent, significant and relevant work experience make excellent contributors in the classroom and tend to fare well in the recruiting process.
- Provide further information regarding your career goals, including your rationale for pursuing the MBA at this time, relevant skills and background, knowledge of the field/industry and/or a plan for your career development (if not already sufficiently explained in Essay #1).

Personal Characteristics

- Provide a brief essay to demonstrate your continued commitment to attending NYU Stern.
- Inform us of new community involvement or leadership roles.
- Submit a supplemental recommendation letter. Supplemental recommendation letters should be emailed by the author to admchair@stern.nyu.edu to be included with your application.

New information should be submitted only when it provides a different or updated perspective to the Admissions Committee. Please note that the Admissions Committee reserves the right to make a final decision on your application prior to receiving additional material. Materials received after a final decision has been made will not affect that decision.

Please upload additional material to the [application status page](#) and select "Supplemental Information".

Is the waitlist ranked? How many people are on the waitlist?

The waitlist is not ranked and the number of applicants on the waitlist varies throughout the admissions cycle. There is no pre-determined number of waitlisted applicants.

How do you select applicants from the waitlist? When are decisions made?

Typically, the waitlist review process begins in the spring and can continue until the orientation of the programs you're interested in. For example, for the two-year Full-time MBA program, a final decision may not be made until late August. If you are concerned about applying for a visa as an international student, rest assured that we take visa timing and program start dates into consideration.

How will I know if a decision has been made?

You will receive an email when there has been an update to your status. You can then check your status update on the [application status page](#).

What are my chances of being admitted?

The number of admitted students from the waitlist varies from year to year.

I want to submit more information but will not have it immediately. Can I still submit it?

You can always submit additional information. If you have scheduled a date to retake the GMAT, GRE, IELTS or TOEFL, please email admchair@stern.nyu.edu with the date you will be taking the test so we can expect the new scores. **Please note that the Admissions Committee reserves the right to make a final decision on your application prior to receiving additional information. Materials received after a final decision has been made will not affect that decision.**

When I submit my supplemental materials, how can I check to see if NYU Stern has received them?

You can upload and view materials at any time on the [application status page](#).

Can I interview with the Admissions Committee? Should I visit campus? Interviews are available **by invitation only**. The best way to demonstrate your interest is by uploading appropriate supplemental information via the [application status page](#).

If I am admitted late, what is the impact on financial aid and course registration?

We are committed to assisting all admitted students with the financial aid and registration process. Please keep in mind that you should start to review our [Financial Aid](#) information early in order to begin the process of financially planning for your MBA. Below are a few tips:

- **Domestic Students:** Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.gov> as soon after January 1 as possible. As it typically takes 4-6 weeks to process your FAFSA, do not wait until you receive an offer of admission.
- **Domestic and International Students:** There are many private loan opportunities available. For more information on how to finance your education, please visit our [Financial Aid website](#).