

Chat

Transcript for February 27, 2007. MBADiversity held a chat with alliances Manhattan GMAT and MBA Math on our prep program, National Symposium and B-school tips.

Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	Hello Everyone I would like to welcome you to the chat this evening.
Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	My name is Alantria Harris and I am the Co-Director for the 2007 MBADiversity Fellows Program
TexasUG	Hi alantria
Peter_MBAMath	My name is Peter Regan. I teach at Tuck and founded MBA Math, an online site for applicants and admitted students to prepare for the quant challenges of the MBA first year
Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	In tonights chat you wil have the opportunity to learn more about the program and to speak with our partners
Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	I will allow the chance for our other MBADiversity staff/partners to introduce themselves
Kim Watkins	Hi everyone - my name is Kim Watkins, and I am the Marketing and Student Services Director at ManhattanGMAT; we've worked with MBA Diversity members and fellows for several years now, and I'm really happy to see so many of you here.
K.D.	Good evening everyone, K.D. here. I will assist Alantria where needed to answer MBADiversity questions. We look forward to chatting with you tonight.
Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	Thanks.
Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	For those participating in the chat, please feel free to ask your questions at anytime
TexasUG	kim, ive noticed that manhattan gmat doesnt really have live classes in my area-Texas(please correct me if i am wrong)..is there a way for MBA DIversity to supplement that?
Kim Watkins	Hi there Texas.
Kim Watkins	You are correct - ManhattanGMAT's physical centers are in Boston, Chicago, LA, San Francisco, and New York. However, we work with MBA Diversity fellows throughout the

	country.
deepsesame	iam already a manhattan gmat student,will i have to enroll again in may?
kevnicheny	Hello everyone...I'm in the West Coast.
Kim Watkins	Our virtual classroom platform is live, and we teach hundreds of students in that platform each month. If you want details on that option and how it works, just let me know. We can chat tomorrow, or I can set you up to attend a free class.
Peter_MBAMath	For those of you who can see over the GMAT horizon and believe that they may be looking for something they can do to improve the quant portion of their application, I'd be happy to take questions about MBA Math.
wleon	Kim what is the Difference between Manhattan Gmat and Kaplan or Princeton Review ??
K.D.	hello kevnicheny, fellow West Coaster
Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	Hi deepsesame. If you want to re-take the course then the scholarship will apply, however the program scholarship will not apply to any previous classes.
alyciac	Hello. I'm applying for the summer session. Are there 200 awards given persession, or is the 200 spread across the spring and summer sessions?

jpark

peter, if i have a non quant background what courses should i take prior to applying to business schools (ie calculus, stats, econ, etc)?

tash

when do people find out if they have received the scholarship?

**Alantria_MBADiversity
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Hi Alyciac - The 200 awards includes both spring and summer

kevnicheny

This question is for Alantria...can you tell me more about how MBA Diversity select people into its organization?

Renee

Hi Peter: In regards to MBA Math - what can we expect (difficulty, types of courses)? What specific types of math skills will we need?

Peter_MBAMath

I'll be leading a 3-hour finance quant workshop at the MBA Diversity symposium in August for those who will be attending. Workshop students can continue the MBA Math course online

Kim Watkins

Hi there wleon, that's a great question. The main difference is that ManhattanGMAT is focused on teaching the content areas tested on the GMAT, not just short cuts and tricks like those

that form the structure of the test prep industry.

Katrina

Hi Peter, I am planning to enroll in Statistics and Finance classes this summer to improve my application. Do you think that is a good idea? I have already taken the GMAT twice.

Peter_MBAMath

jpark, MBA Program offices for your target schools will likely have some suggestions. You can take a look at MBA Math at www.mbamath.com. The course covers finance, accounting, microeconomics, stats, and spreadsheets

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Hi Tash - the decisions are made on a rolling basis

jpark

thx peter

TexasUG

and kim, what are typical improvements over the original diag. for students that take the manhattan course

wleon

Kim What is the average improvement in Gmat Score?

alyciac

In the past have the responses to application

questions been more straight answer, or essay-like? I want to do my best, but don't want to submit more than the applications team is wanting to receive.

Renee

Once we have been accepted into the program, what are procedures for actually enrolling in a Manhattan GMAT course? Is there a code we need to mention in order to get the tuition rate for \$500?

Peter_MBAMath

Renee, the biggest problem that I see with first years who don't have much quant background is weakness with spreadsheets, which are used throughout the first year

kevnicheny

Alantria (or anybody)...what does MBA Diversity look at in the essays for fellowship?

Kim Watkins

The truth about the GMAT everybody is that it's a sophisticated test, and it WILL learn the truth about your math and verbal skills. Short cuts and tricks will get you as far as an average GMAT score (530-540's). You need to really learn the material

Kim Watkins

--in order to score high on the GMAT.

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Hi Kevinchenry - MBADiversity is looking for people that fit the three C's - Capability, Character and Collaboration

Peter_MBAMath **What is hard to understand before starting b-school is that familiarity isn't enough; there is a premium on speed with the mechanics so that there is enough time to absorb the rest, the important part of your classes**

tash **kim what math level do we need to be at before starting the course?**

TexasUG **well kim, im wondering what kind of improvements ar typical of your students in the program?**

K.D. **Hello Renee, the procedure for enrolling in a scholarship course is simple. Once we receive the signed agreement from those selected, they will receive our program packet**

Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program **Alyciac - The response to the questions should be presented in essay form**

K.D. **the registration and code details are within the packet**

deepsesame **hi KD i sent u my signed document.did u receive it?**

K.D.	deepsesame, pm me your real name and I can confirm for you
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Kim Watkins	Hey again Texas - we don't track improvements from practice test scores to official GMAT scores, because we don't believe in their statistical validity. We do, however, track official GMAT results.
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vwilliams	I have a question, once successfully accepted into the program, are there local events in the participants areas in addition to the symposium?
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tash	in the essays what are the key points you are looking for?
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kevnicheny	Alantria...is there or do you know someone who is currently in the fellowship that I can talk to live? Anyone around San Francisco?
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Kim Watkins	And on average, our scores hit the mark for any top b-school. Our median reported GMAT score is 710.
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	Renee - you will receive instructions on how to register for the Manhattan course that will include the schedule, code, etc
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kevnicheny

Just an informal meeting...that's all.

tash	kim how many weeks are the courses?
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Kim Watkins

9 weeks, once a week

Peter_MBAMath	For those of you who want to read some current student perspectives about the quant expectations of major b-schools, you can look at www.mbaquant.com, a blog I started to bring together student perspectives from top programs
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Kim Watkins

and you should count on about 10-12 hours of work per week at home

Renee	In order to cover the cost of the flight and hotel for the symposium in August, it is suggested on your website that corporate sponsors may be
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able to help defray the costs. Do you have any suggestions on a tactful way to approach companies about this?

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vwilliams - at this time there are not any scheduled local events, however you will be matched with a buddy that will be in your area. you will be able to study with your buddy.

vwilliams

Ok Thanks

TexasUG

thanks kim

vwilliams

For the manhattan gmat program, are online courses available if you must miss one of the live classes?

**Alantria_MBADiversity
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tash - we want to make sure that you understand your career goals, why you want an MBA, and how the program will help. In addition to that making sure that you meet the three C's - Capability, Character and Collaboration

tash

are the study buddies picked based on location?

before Orientation. But otherwise, the online version at www.mbamath.com is entirely self-paced and takes 20-40 hours depending on prior experience

Kim Watkins

Then, we have you compose two essays, one of each type, and we have them graded and sent back to you with comments and suggestions for improvement.

Peter_MBAMath

Tuck, Georgetown, and, most recently, Cornell provide subscriptions to all their admitted students. But individuals from other programs (over 60 at the moment) come to the course on their own.

tash

thank you peter

Peter_MBAMath

Applicants can take the course on their own and submit a transcript as part of their admissions package. You can see an example at www.mbamath.com/status/sampletranscript.htm

K.D.

this is a new milestone for our organization, btw

rclarke6002

Peter, do any schools accept your course as a supplement to low GMAT quant scores?

K.D.	we focus on preparedness through our great alliances- core competencies are GMAT and MBA-centric quantitative prep

kevnicheny	Peter...I heard about mbamath(dot)com on a podcast. If I enroll in the course, can I state on an application that I took classes at MBAMath?
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wleon	Kim what is the cost for this class again ?
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kevnicheny	Good question "rclarke6002"!
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Peter_MBAMath	rclarke-- yes, that's the point. The GMAT and MBA Math are complementary. Kim is the expert on the GMAT but it seems to me that the GMAT is focused on aptitude whereas MBA Math is focused on diligence on building a foundation of skills needed...
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Peter_MBAMath	...in the first year curriculum
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Peter_MBAMath	kevnicheny--even better, you can request a transcript and I'll send one to the school with the
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details of your effort and proficiency. I send the transcripts free for up to 10 schools. Take a look at the sample transcript for details.

Kim Watkins

The tuition is \$1390 for in-person courses and \$990 for virtual courses; however, we offer MBA Diversity participants a 10% discount, and fellows are offered the course for \$500.

**Alantria_MBADiversity
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Does anyone have any questions about the program? The structure? What to do after you are accepted?

tash

Alantria what does the prgram involve?

Peter_MBAMath

I don't pretend that MBA Math is comparable to the GMAT in importance. People should focus first on that. But, when you've done all you can with the GMAT, you might want to consider MBA Math for an extra boost in the admissions process.

kates

Can you explain the structure of the program? The length of time required per week/how many weeks the fellowship runs?

kevnicheny

Peter...what is your e-mail address? I have another question for you about "transcripts".

Peter_MBAMath	peter.regan@mbamath.com
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program **The program involves the GMAT prep, buddy system, annual symposium, and mentor match**

williams	when will decisions be made for the summer program? and when will the summer program begin
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K.D. **exactly. To piggyback Peter's comment, you want to differentiate yourself from the competition. Preparedness booters are an avenue to do show how serious you are about your MBA goals**

tash	Who are the mentors?
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program **all of these aspects of the program are to ensure that you become a successful business school applicant**

krysan	yes, I do. What is the overall process after we turn in our applications and what happens if we are selected?
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	There is not a requirement of time per week, however there is a volunteer component that you can fulfill at anytime during the program
K.D.	Just to give you a feel of the current competitive landscape in the MBA community, under-represented group applicants are on the upswing. About 64% of full time programs saw an increase in female applicants, 47% part-time programs, and 50% executive.
Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	The mentors are either current or former MBA students
rclarke6002	Actually I do. From my understanding the most of the prep happens at the Symposium?
kates	IS the symposium local? or is it a national event? Is there any travel involved?
rclarke6002	What happens after?

kevnicheny

Alantria...is the fellowship for people wanting to attend school FT only or FT/PT?

rclarke6002

What happens before....besides the GMAT prep?

tash

How are we notified if we are accepted into the program?

vwilliams

i am a bit confused earlier it mentioned mba diversity participants receive 10% discount, fellows receive program for \$500; what is the distinction between participants & fellows

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after you are accepted into the program the focus is on the GMAT prep along with the buddy program

K.D.

that is Phase 1

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exactly

Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	and phase 2 is the symposium where you meet with your mentors, business school admissions counselors, other prospective students
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TexasUG	how does manhattan gmat compare to veritas test prep?
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K.D.	vwilliams those who attend the symposium receive the 10% discount, Fellows receive prep for only \$500
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Kim Watkins	Fellows, those who apply for and are accepted to the program can sign up for the course for \$500.
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Kim Watkins	And K.D. just answered the rest.
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	the symposium is a national event - this year it is in Philadelphia
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Kim Watkins	I think that she types faster than I.
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K.D.	The National Symposium is open to the public

vwilliams	oh ok thanks that clears it up for me.
LRinke	how much does the symposium cost for fellows?

Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	tash - you will be notified via the application system once you are accepted into the program
kevnicheny	The \$500...is that just \$500 off the price OR for the course itself?

Kim Watkins	Kevin - the fellowship price for the whole course is \$500. No additional cost.
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K.D.	The symposium will be held in Philadelphia this year, August 17th-18th

K.D.	registration is now open: http://www.mbadiversity.com/symposium/
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	LRinkey - the cost for the symposium will include any travel costs...we are working on corporate sponsorships however
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tash	what activities are planned for the symposium this year?
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	if I missed your question, please re-post...I received a lot at one time
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vwilliams	Just for a general timeline (work wise) what month will the summer program commence?
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colesdj	Good Evening - During the symposium there is a essay workshop. Is it advisable to bring
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prepared essays for fall MBA program admission for review or critique?

kevnicheny	Is the fellowship for people wanting to attend school full-time only or FT/PT?
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rclarke6002	What is the mode of contact with the respective mentors? Are they local or is it by e-mail etc.?
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	Tash - there are several workshops including a MBAMath presentation by Peter Regan, admissions workshop, and case study simulation to name a few
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K.D.	colesdj- great question. We advise Fellows to do the Harvard essays. They are quite comprehensive and most top schools have some variation of those essays. Also, your MBADiversity Fellows Program essays are good preparation.
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	vwilliams - the summer program will begin in mid-April/May
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LRinkey	what is required from the buddy program?
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Peter_MBAMath Just to clarify, the MBA Math workshop at the symposium will be a hands-on workshop where I will introduce concepts and then students will work on their laptops to solve exercises. We'll work from simple to more advanced over the 3 hours...

colesdj Thanks KD. Great Advice!

Peter_MBAMath ...working on skills that you'll be using in multiple classes during the MBA first year.

Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program kevincherry - the program applies to anyone. we even have a parternship with the PhD Projects, so PhD students are eligible as well

LRinkey Do you need help reaching out to corporate sponsors for the symposium?

Peter_MBAMath We'll go back and forth every 30 minutes or so. I introduce some concepts, demonstrate some Excel skills and solution methods, then you do a few, then we repeat the process on the next set of skills building on the earlier ones.

Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program rclarke6002 - you can establish the contact with you mentor through any means that is feasibile for you two...that can be phone, e-mail, face to

	face, etc
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K.D.	LRinke - yes. We are currently in our fundraising campaign. If you want to help to fulfill your volunteer component please contact me at keishadawn@mbadiversity.com
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rclarke6002	thanks
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rclarke6002	Is there a regimented schedule of contact?
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LRinke	What is required of the buddy program?
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wleon	Kim
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	LRinke - we ask that you make contact with your buddy at least one a week...any form of contact is fine
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Kim Watkins

wleon - do you have a question for me?

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you guys can help each other out throughout the process...I still speak to my buddy even though we have submitted applications

wleon

Kim is there any free classes or open houses available to me before I decide to sign up with Manhattan Gmat

Kim Watkins

sure - we do them all of the time.

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sorry LRinkey - I meant once every two weeks

colesdj

Are there any other ways that we can prepare ourselves for the symposium? Peter mentioned laptops, I am assuming that we bring are own. If so, are there any special requirements?

K.D.

for those interested in applying to our prep program for NEXT year, note that we will begin info sessions across the nation starting in June.

Kim Watkins	There's a schedule of upcoming options here:
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tash **Alantria how do you feel MBADiversity helped you with the GMAT and application process**

Kim Watkins	www.manhattangmat.com/free-gmat-prep.cfm
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program **relarke - we ask that you contact your mentor once every two weeks**

Peter_MBAMath	If you are interested in the MBA Math workshop on Friday morning of the symposium then bringing a laptop would be a good idea. If that isn't possible for some reason then we'll like be able to create small groups to work together.
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K.D. **some of the info sessions are co-sponsored by our GMAT partners and school partners. We'll also be at the Idealist Fairs, and possible NBMBA and NSHMBA. We look forward to meeting some of you in person.**

Alantria_MBADiversity	The program was very helpful in assisting me
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Fellows Program	with the GMAT and application. I studied according to the schedule and found the prep class extremely helpful in learning new materials.
rclarke6002	I am an Architect hoping to pursue an MBA and stay in my industry. How would you approach finding me a mentor or buddy?

vwilliams	I see on the entrance to the mbadiversity site it mentions the working mother's women of color event in los angeles tomorrow, is this open to the public and if so how can i find out more info
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	The opportunity to meet other prospective students and admissions counselors at the symposium was very beneficial.
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K.D.	vwilliams, send me an email at keishadawn@mbadiversity.com and I'll send you the info.
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	additionally working with my mentor helped in the applications
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K.D.	I have 2 free passes, so be sure to pm. me, without the pass the cost is around \$400
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wleon	Alantria on average how many applications do you receive each session

tash	thanks Alantria
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LRinke	if you are a fellow and you don't score as high as you would like to after the gmat course, can you sit in on additional courses after or retake the course altogether. If so, what are the fees involved?
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Peter_MBAMath	I helped out at the Tuck table during the school fair session at last August's symposium and saw a lot of animated conversation all around the room. One part of the symposium that I thought was great was the participation of some current MBA students.
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tash	have you been accepted to any schools yet?
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	rclarke6002 - no worries on your end...we will handle your match with a buddy and mentor based on your interests
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kevnicheny	Thanks Alantria and Peter for answering my questions! I'll send you a note soon. This is a
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great forum, and I'm very glad that I discovered MBA Diversity and MBA Math! Again, thanks...signing off!

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Tash - I have been accepted into MIT Sloan and Ross at U-Mich so far...I am still waiting on one more school

Kim Watkins

Goodnight Kevin

tash

Congratulations

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Your Welcome Kevin

Renee

Will a transcript of this chat be available later on?

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Yes we will have a transcript

Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	wleon - at this time we do not have those numbers. we'll begin releasing that type of info starting next year
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K.D. **LRinke- good question. This is why we have both a spring program and summer program.**

Peter_MBAMath	Let me mention that next Thursday, Mar 8 at 1 pm ET (10 am PT) I'll be moderating a chat with staff, instructors, and current first years from MIT Sloan about the first year quant experience at MIT Sloan. You can learn more at www.mbaquant.com
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rclarke6002 **have many fellows do you accept per admission session? Is it 50/50?**

K.D.	Apprx. 21% of GMAT tests taken each year are by repeat testers
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**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program** **we do not have a certain percentage by session. we accept those that meet the qualifications of the program**

TexasUG	kim, how does manhattan gmat compare to veritas
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K.D. so if you don't do well in the spring program, you would start the summer program. we stick with you in the process as long as you persevere. **Kim-** can you provide info on how that works with Manhattan GMAT (repeat courses through our Fellows Program?)

Kim Watkins	Texas - that's a question with a long answer.
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K.D. lol

Kim Watkins	Both companies started around the same time, with the idea that GMAT prep deserves a place outside the score of generic test prep.
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wleon **Alantria** can you give a me a basic profile of a **MBA Fellow**

TexasUG	im willing to listen, kim
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K.D.

feel free to email Kim

Kim Watkins

However, our business developed in drastically different ways. ManhattanGMAT has chosed to remain solely focused on excellent teaching and the continual development of our curriculum.

Kim Watkins

Veritas took things in a slightly different direction...

Peter_MBAMath

Any further questions about MBA Math, first year quant challenges, or Tuck?

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wleon - we have a diverse set a participants in the program and not a set profile for each. We want to make sure that you meet the three C's - Capability, Character and Collaboration

Renee

For those accepted in the summer program, the next steps would be to enroll in a GMAT course and register for the National Symposium, correct? Is there anything in regards to volunteering that we need to do?

Kim Watkins

Why don't you send me an email at kim@manhattangmat.com and we can correspond further.

K.D. **Kim- can you provide insight to Lauren on how repeat courses work through our Fellows Program?**

Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program **Renee that is correct. No worries about the volunteer just yet...we want you to focus on the GMAT**

wleon **So, how would you make that decision Alantria**

Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program **based on the materials submitted in your application - essays, resume, community service activities**

Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program **As I mentioned before I recently applied to business school, so if there are any questions about that process please feel free to ask me.**

Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program **Along with how MBADiversity helped**

Kim Watkins **Lauren - if you are a second time fellow, we'd**

	offer you a retake course fee of \$300.
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LRinke

KD/Alantria - what is the average gmat score of past fellows? Kim - how many points do people usually improve from beginning to end of the 9 wk course?

vwilliams	Alantria how did you make the decision to go to MIT rather than your other choices?
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vwilliams - I am still making up my mind...no decision made just yet

Kim Watkins	We don't compile stats on score improvements because they aren't valid. However, we track official GMAT scores from the thousands of students we see, and our students do very well on average. Our median final official GMAT score is 710.
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however, I looked at all schools and determined the fit in terms of the program and people

K.D.	who is here from the spring cohort?
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LRinkey

Spring here

K.D.

how are your GMAT studies going so far? talk to us... vent.. get it off your chest!!! grrrr....

LRinkey

ha well considering I got home from work tonight right at 9pm, not so great :)

**Alantria_MBADiversity
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LRinkey - we do not have those numbers yet...but our fellows score very well on the GMAT

vwilliams

Well congratulations on your offers

LRinkey

but the class has been great

LRinkey

and i'm gonna delve into it big time this weekend

TexasUG	kim, i dont understand what you mean when you say that score improvements are not valid; care to elaborate?
K.D.	great, LRinkey!!

Kim Watkins	People start classes with different levels of exposure to the GMAT.
Kim Watkins	Some take a practice test having seen no sample questions, knowing not a single thing.

K.D.	we luv feedback, so let us know how we can improve. we believe in CQI (continuous quality improvement)
Kim Watkins	Others prepare for their first practice test.

Renee	LRinkey - approximately how many hours per week do you devote to studying for the GMAT (outside of the prep course class time)?
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Peter_MBAMath	I'll stay for any questions but otherwise I'll be signing off in a few minutes. Good luck to all of you. I hope to see some of you in Philadelphia. I have really enjoyed my involvement with MBA Diversity. It's a great organization!
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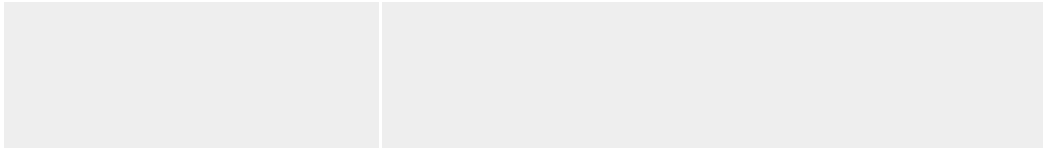
Kim Watkins	For that person who has no idea, who takes the test and scores a 500 - may be the same real base skill level as the person who takes a look at some questions, reads up on the basics and who scores a 550-600 on the first practice test.
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LRinkey	i was shocked to see how fast some of the math properties come back to mind after not being in school for a few yrs. when i first looked through a test, i thought there was no way i'd be able to re-learn all that info - but i've been pleasantly surprised.
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K.D.	... as is MBA Math. Have a great night Dr. Regan!
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LRinkey	is there a discount code for fellows on the sponsorship symposium registration page?
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K.D.	ProgramDiscount
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Kim Watkins

Comparing vastly different numbers to the single most important variable, the official GMAT, is an exercise in futility.

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Thanks Dr. Regan...have a great night!

LRinke

do you find that many people score higher on the actual GMAT than on the practice tests?

vwilliams

I learned a lot from all these responses, thanks for the quick feedback. I look forward to finishing up my application. Have a great evening everyone. Best regards

**Alantria_MBADiversity
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have a great evening vwilliams

deepsesame

goodnight everyone

Kim Watkins

Have a great night everyone! Email me at kim@manhattangmat.com if you have any other questions.

**Alantria_MBADiversity
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we are going to wrap up in about 5 minutes. any last questions from the group? colesdj, mbagirl53?

tash

Alantria can you share your application experience

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in the words of Kim ' that question has a long answer'

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but what specific parts do you want to know about?

wleon

What was your Time Table Alantria?

tash	the writing process for the essays
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tash	how long did you study for the gmat
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	but in general I found the application process to be a eye-opening and self-discovery experience. I took a lot of time to figure out what I wanted, what schools I wanted and then applied
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Renee	Alantria - how many hours per week did you spend studying for the GMAT (outside of class time)?
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	my timetable is as follows -
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Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	Feb - May - GMAT study. I studied about 15-20 hours outside of class
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Alantria_MBADiversity	June - August - school research and
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Fellows Program	MBADiversity symposium
Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	August - September - more school research and contact current students

colesdj	No all of my questions have been answered! Thank you so much!
Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	September - November - schools visits and essays

tash	did you apply 1st or second rounds
Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	November - December - applied and celebrated

Alantria_MBADiversity Fellows Program	I applied during the first rounds
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did I answer all questions?

tash

any recomendations for us future applicants

wleon

Yes thank you

**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program**

please take your time to understand why you want an MBA. Also understand what you want in terms of a school. visit the schools and speak to students to determine the culture and fit. be true to yourself in terms of what you want.

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Fellows Program**

Never give up. The reward at the end is worth all of the time.

**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program**

take the GMAT seriously and spend as much time studying as possible.

**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program**

**If you have other questions please e-mail me -
alantria@mbadiversity.com**

wleon

may i ask what your GMAT was?

**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program**

**I prefer not to answer specifically, however was
in the 600s**

LRinke

**do you know what your specialization is going to
be in b-school?**

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Fellows Program**

I want to specialize in Strategy and Marketing

LRinke

**what exactly were some of the traits you were
looking for in a school? i.e what helped narrow
your options down?**

tash

did you a chance to visit your schools?

**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program** I was looking for a small program (400 students and less), strong focus in Strategy and Marketing, wide range of opportunities in terms of study abroad, internships

**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program** location and the ability to re-locate back to the south (I am in Atlanta)

LRinke did you apply to emory?

**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program** I visited all of my schools...that helped me narrow my list from 7 to 4

**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program** oh yes, outside of Georgia

**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program** so no Emory

**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program** great program though...I just wanted to move from the South

**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program**

Ok so if there are no more questions, I will end this chat. I thank you for attending and asking questions. Hopefully we answered all of your questions if not please e-mail me at alantria@mbadiversity.com

**Alantria_MBADiversity
Fellows Program**

Thanks everyone and have a great evening!!

TexasUG

thanks alantria

tash

Thank you and goodnight

wleon

thank you

TexasUG

how can we get a transcript

TexasUG

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**we will post the transcript on the website this
weekend**

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Fellows Program**

we will e--mail you when it becomes available

Renee

Thanks!

