Frequently Asked Questions

How does this program differ from a traditional MBA?
The Global Executive MBA provides students with a thorough exposure to all the traditional business disciplines. In addition, the program offers special emphasis on the managerial challenges associated with the global business environment.

Are there specific program concentrations?
Yes, the specific concentration is in global business. This program, like most executive programs, builds a cohort of students who experience the same curriculum together. Because the curriculum is pre-determined, the class is able to take all courses together and build strong relationships. The single class cohort also allows students to learn from their professional peers.

What is the executive format?
Students begin and end the 17-month program with residencies held at Georgia Tech and then attend full-day classes every other Friday and Saturday for the duration of the program. There are also two international residencies held during the second and third semesters. This format allows students to continue working, and put their new skills to use in the business world, while earning an advanced degree.

Is the program offered online?
No. We believe in a philosophy that is best conveyed by the expression “high tech, high touch.” We make use of technology where appropriate, but we believe firmly that there is no substitute for the learning environment that is created by a top-notch professor and a class of professional peers, live and in person.

When does the program begin?
A new class begins each August and graduates in December of the following year.

Will I have access to Georgia Tech resources?
Yes, you will have access to all student resources, including study areas, computer labs, and the campus recreation center. One of the key differentiators of our program—compared with other Atlanta area EMBAs conducted in office buildings—is that you experience your program on a diverse and complete college campus. Whether it is the library resources, the recreation center, or cheering for Division I-A sports teams, you are a full member of the Georgia Tech campus community.

Do I need a laptop computer?
Yes, specific parameters are provided upon acceptance to the program. You will also need high speed internet access at home and/or work.

How do I apply?
Application materials are available online at http://mgt.gatech.edu.

When is the application deadline?
Applications for the class beginning in August 2007 are accepted for rolling admissions consideration until June 30, 2007. Applications received after this deadline will be accepted based on space availability.

When will I know if I have been accepted?
Once the admissions committee has received your completed application, you will be notified within four weeks.

Whom do I contact for more information on the program?
Please contact Laurie Butler at 404.385.7592 or via email at laurie.butler@mgt.gatech.edu for additional program information. Contact Betty Jones at 404.385.2254 or via email at betty.jones@mgt.gatech.edu with questions regarding the admissions process.

What is the profile of a typical student?
Qualified candidates have several years of professional work experience with a history of professional advancement and leadership. Students’ personal and professional backgrounds vary, bringing an additional element to the classroom experience.

How many hours do students spend on work outside of class?
On average, students spend between 10 and 20 hours per week on assignments outside of class. This number will vary based on how familiar you are with the courses taught in a given semester.

How much does the program cost, and what does tuition cover?
The program fee for the entering class of 2007 is $67,500. This includes all books and software; socials; breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and parking on class days; lodging (double occupancy) and some meals during the international residencies; and travel to and from the international residencies.
Is my company required to sponsor me during the program?
Your company is not required to sponsor you financially, but it must sponsor your time commitment to the program in advance.

What are the admission requirements?
- At least five years of professional work experience
- A personal interview
- Two professional recommendations (including your manager)
- GMAT may be required pending academic profile

Do you have to live or work in Atlanta to participate in the program?
No. Though many students reside in Georgia, some students do commute. Travel expenses and accommodations for the domestic residencies and classes are not included in the cost of the program, but we will gladly provide you with a list of local lodging.

Is there financial aid?
Yes. There are numerous financial aid options for which you may be eligible. To learn more, please contact our office at 404.385.2254 or via email at GlobalEMBA@gatech.edu.

Do I have to take the GMAT?
The GMAT is not required in all circumstances. Following an academic review, you will be notified if you need to take the GMAT.

How big is the class?
The program generally enrolls between 20 and 30 students for each class.

Where will the residencies be?
The entering class of 2007 will attend a week-long residency in Latin America in early January 2008 and a two-week residency in Asia in early June 2008.

What happens during the residencies?
Students visit businesses and educational institutions in established and emerging economies during the residencies. In addition to completing course work, they will experience the culture and traditions of the countries visited.

Will I be interviewed?
Yes, each applicant must conduct a personal interview as part of the application process.