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# MBA

**GET A BETTER GIG WITH AN EXECUTIVE MBA.**



## EXECUTIVE MBA ADMISSIONS TOOLKIT

This kit contains the tools you'll need to help you get a better gig with a Texas A&M MBA.

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# EMBA



## EXECUTIVE MBA BROCHURE

### Take your career to new heights.

Ranked the number 1 public program in Texas by *The Economist* and recognized as a top program by *Bloomberg Businessweek*, the Texas A&M University Executive MBA program is designed for professionals who want to climb all the way up the corporate ladder. As an Executive MBA student, you'll combine your 10+ years in the business world with classroom learnings and high-impact experiences to broaden your knowledge base and strengthen your skills. In just 21 months, you'll graduate with a top-tier degree, an iconic Aggie ring and the powerful Aggie Network behind you.



### DON'T QUIT YOUR DAY JOB.

Executive MBA classes meet on alternating Fridays and Saturdays at the Mays Business School campus in Houston's CityCentre in a flexible format: in person or live stream.

This state-of-the-art facility provides plenty of classroom and study space as well as executive-quality areas for meetings, conferences and events.

Students traveling from across the United States or around the world can easily access the CityCentre campus through Houston's two international airports.



The structure of the Mays Executive MBA allowed me to balance my roles as a mother, working professional and student. The caliber and support of my teammates only enhanced the collaborative learning environment.”

**ALUMA TESSLER-GOULD**  
Executive MBA Class of 2015  
Talent Acquisition and Strategy,  
Plasson USA

EXECUTIVE MBA BROCHURE

## STEP UP TO A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION.

Built around the theme “Leaders Who Create and Sustain Value,” the Executive MBA curriculum uses a cross-functional approach to emphasize the interconnectivity of business disciplines like management, finance, marketing, accounting, strategy, business law, supply chain and global operations. Students work with their exceptionally qualified peers, globally recognized faculty and experienced staff to hone leadership skills such as team building, conflict resolution, negotiations, coaching and mentoring.

The Texas A&M Executive MBA program offers experiential opportunities outside of the classroom as well. You’ll use the knowledge you’ve gained during your studies to help a real-world client in the Capstone Consulting Project, working independently to produce recommendations for actionable results.

At the Washington Campus Seminar in the nation’s capital, you’ll experience firsthand the inner workings of the federal government, gaining knowledge you can apply at your existing organization.

“ I wanted to do my MBA at Texas A&M because I wanted to be an Aggie. I work in an international industry with hundreds of thousands of people but I’ve met so many Aggies in my career who were all inspirational people.”

**MARK SMITHARD** Executive MBA Class of 2009, COO and Managing Partner, Cantium

## TAKE OFF WITH PROFESSIONAL CAREER GUIDANCE.

As an Executive MBA student, you’ll have access to the Career Management Center (CMC) and its suite of services. The experts at CMC are available to provide executive coaching, personalized counsel and professional guidance during your studies and throughout your career.

More than 60% of students took on new responsibilities as a result of the Executive MBA program. And nationally, more than 13% received an increase in salary.

Using a value-proposition approach, our Career Management professionals will help you identify personal and professional attributes and experiences that better position you for growth opportunities and increase your marketability, both within your current organization and externally.

## GET MORE FROM YOUR EMBA.

As an Executive MBA student, you'll get individualized attention by an internationally recognized faculty. You'll also make meaningful connections with classmates, career coaches and program leadership.

If you have at least 10 years of professional work experience and you're interested in taking your career all the way to the top, we're interested in you. The best candidates for the program have significant managerial experience and advancement potential, are highly motivated and demonstrate an ability to work well in a team environment.

Before you apply, reach out to us through one of our [virtual events](#) or email us at [mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu](mailto:mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu). Our program is highly competitive and our class size is limited, so candidates are encouraged to apply early.

For more information or to start the application process, visit [emba.tamu.edu](http://emba.tamu.edu). **And "Gig 'em," Aggies.**



As an older, more experienced professional, I felt that going back to school would show my clients that I didn't stop trying to learn or gain new resources. Having gone to a school that's nationally recognized automatically gives me credibility in my conversations."

**RAQUEL OLIVIER**

Executive MBA Class of 2018  
President at Olivier, Inc.

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## MBA PROGRAM COMPARISON

Get more confidence. Get that promotion. Get moving up the corporate ladder. Get a better gig with an MBA from Texas A&M. Whether you're starting out or stepping up, Texas A&M has an MBA program designed for you. By offering a Full-Time MBA, Professional MBA and Executive MBA, we can help you take your career to a whole new level.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROGRAM DETAILS	FULL-TIME MBA	PROFESSIONAL MBA	EXECUTIVE MBA
PROGRAM RANKING	<i>Financial Times</i> places the Full-Time MBA 19th among public programs in its 2020 ranking of U.S. programs	<i>U.S. News &amp; World Report</i> rates the PMBA 18th among public schools and 30th overall in its 2021 ranking of U.S. programs	In its 2020 ranking, <i>The Economist</i> rates the EMBA 1st in Texas and 9th in the nation among public programs.
PROGRAM LENGTH	Eighteen months, beginning in July of each year	Twenty-two months, beginning in July of each year	Twenty-one months, beginning in July of each year
PROGRAM STRUCTURE	Two semesters in Year 1, followed by a summer break; third and final semester in fall of Year 2; optional fourth semester available	Five semesters each containing 10 class weekends (classes continue through summer)	Four semesters each containing 10 class weekends (no required summer classes between Year 1 and Year 2)
CLASS SCHEDULE	Full-time coursework, Monday-Friday	6 p.m.-10 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, alternating weekends	9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, alternating weekends
LOCATION	COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS Mays Business School at Texas A&M University	HOUSTON, TEXAS CityCentre Campus	HOUSTON, TEXAS CityCentre Campus
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT	Two years full-time post-graduate	Two years full-time post-graduate	Ten years professional work experience with seven years managerial experience preferred
PROGRAM COST*	\$63,000 for Texas Residents (estimate includes tuition and fees only)	\$99,500 for Texas Residents (estimate includes tuition, fees, books, materials, Residency Week, and International Trip)	\$99,500 for Texas Residents (estimate includes tuition, fees, books, materials, Residency Week, and Washington Campus Seminar)

\*Program cost is based on Texas A&M 2021-2022 tuition rates and is subject to change.

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## EXECUTIVE MBA APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### Howdy!

We are excited that you're ready to get a better gig with an MBA from Texas A&M University. Below is a checklist to help guide you through the process.



Still have application questions? Reach out to [mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu](mailto:mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu) and we'll schedule a no obligation, one-on-one application consultation with you.

### Application

#### Online application and application fee

Information entered in the first three sections of the application is for all schools who use the common BusinessCAS application system. The fourth section contains questions specific to Texas A&M University and the Executive MBA program.

The application can be accessed at [tx.ag/ApplyMays](http://tx.ag/ApplyMays).

*If you are a current or former member of the US military, the application fee can be waived.*

*Email [mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu](mailto:mbaprograms@mays.tamu.edu) for admission.*

### Education History

#### Unofficial transcript copies from each post-secondary institution you have attended

If offered admission and you choose to enroll, you will then be required to submit your official transcripts.

### Resume

#### Current professional resume or CV

Follow a 70-10-20 rule. About 70 percent of your resume should focus on your work experience, 10 percent should describe your education, and 20 percent can inform on everything else relevant to your profile as a Texas A&M MBA candidate.

Focus on what you've accomplished rather than simply describing your role and quantify your achievements where you can.

### Essays

#### Two required essays

See the Executive MBA [essay prompts](#) here.

The third essay is optional unless you are a re-applicant from last year.

### Recommendation

#### From your current employer

Enter the name and email of the person submitting the recommendation in your online application. The system will send your recommender an email inviting them to complete a short Likert-scale survey. Please choose someone who can attest to your professional skills and accomplishments.

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## FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST



Use any combination of these options to pay for your MBA program.

### OPTIONS TO PAY

- Employer Support or Third-Party Sponsor**  
Your employer or a third-party pays for a portion or all of the program.
- Apply for Financial Aid**  
Financial aid is available to almost all students regardless of income.
- Military Benefits**  
Eligible students can use military benefits such as VA Chapter 33-Post 9/11 GI Bill and/or Hazlewood Exemption.
- Pay Out of Pocket**  
Each semester, pay a portion or all of your bill out of pocket.
- Installment Plan**  
Pay your "Out of Pocket" portion each semester in four installments. Summer semesters consist of two installments.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

1. Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).
  - The FAFSA is available on October 1 prior to the aid year in which you enroll.
  - Texas A&M's school code is 003632.
2. If applying for a Grad Plus Loan, complete the additional required [application](#). Be sure to complete all required steps in the process.
3. Once financial aid is awarded, complete the following steps:
  - Go to the [Howdy Portal](#),
  - Go to the **Financial Aid Portal** via the "My Finances" tab,
  - On the "Award" tab, click on "Begin Processing,"
  - You may accept as much or as little of each award as needed.



Figuring out how to pay for your program doesn't need to be a stressful experience!

Contact our dedicated MBA financial aid liaison, **Joanne Byrne** at [jbyrne@mays.tamu.edu](mailto:jbyrne@mays.tamu.edu) with questions or to set up an appointment.



### TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

#### 1. Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

- Annual maximum loan amount: \$20,500
- Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov> to be eligible

#### 2. Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan (Grad Plus)

- Additional federal loan up to the Cost of Attendance (COA) for the program
- Loan is based on credit score
- Must complete FAFSA to be eligible
- Must complete an additional loan application at <https://studentaid.gov>

#### 3. Alternative Loans

These loans are administered and processed through private lending institutions.

- For a list of preferred lenders, go to <https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Alternative-Loans>
- Or
- Use the private lender of your choice

#### 4. Texas Aggie Grad Grant

- Need-based award determined by Texas A&M's Scholarships & Financial Aid Department
- Must be a Texas Resident to be eligible
- Must complete FAFSA
- Complete this [required 1 page application](#)

#### 5. Veteran Benefits

- Must be eligible for veteran benefits
- Visit [veterans.tamu.edu](https://veterans.tamu.edu) for additional information and to check your eligibility

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