

FINANCING YOUR MBA



F.W. OLIN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Your Financing Plan

Investing in an MBA means investing in your future. This brochure includes descriptions of the fellowships, grants, loan programs, employment opportunities, and payment plans that can help make your MBA a reality. You can draw on one or a combination of these programs to finance your degree.

MBA cost information can be found at www.babson.edu/mba in the Tuition and Financing section. Estimates are provided for tuition, fees, books, housing, food, medical insurance, transportation, and personal expenses. These figures are averages, and your expenses may vary.

We encourage all U.S. and Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents of the United States to apply for need-based financial aid. Recipients of merit awards will be notified upon acceptance into the MBA program. Students use credit-based loans and payment plans to finance other portions of their educational costs.

Making It Possible

We are here to help make your MBA possible, whether you are applying for the One-Year, Two-Year, Evening, or Fast Track MBA program. The Student Financial Services staff will work with you to review options, determine your eligibility for specific programs, and help you select the best possible means for securing your MBA. Please contact us with specific questions about programs and procedures, or to discuss more generally your options for financing your degree.

Student Financial Services

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Need-based Programs

How to Apply

The F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business participates in the federal financial aid programs open to graduate students, all of which are awarded based on financial need. "Need" is defined as the difference between your total educational costs (including living expenses) and the resources you have available to meet those expenses. Student Financial Services is responsible for determining your level of need and making the awards for which you are eligible.

- U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents of the United States can apply for need-based financial aid by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The school code for Babson College is 002121.
- Canadian citizens can apply for need-based financial aid by completing the College Scholarship Service (CSS) PROFILE online at www.collegeboard.com.

Upon receipt of your information, we will follow up with a tentative financial aid package.

■ FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN PROGRAM (SUBSIDIZED AND UNSUBSIDIZED)

Students who are U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents and who are enrolled for six or more credits per term may apply to borrow up to \$20,500 per year through the Federal Stafford Loan Program. The interest rate is fixed at 6.8 percent. Repayment of the loan extends up to 10 years, with deferments available during periods of unemployment, economic hardship, or continued education.

Students who demonstrate financial need are subsidized by having the interest on the first \$8,500 paid by the federal government while enrolled at least half-time, for a six-month grace period, and during deferment periods.

■ FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN PROGRAM

Selected students with exceptional financial need are awarded funds from the Federal Perkins Loan Program. Annual awards range from \$1,000 to \$6,000. The interest rate is 5 percent, and no interest accrues and no repayment is required until nine months after graduation. No fees are charged for participation in this program. Eligibility is restricted to U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents.

■ FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAM

Federal Work-Study recipients work for an hourly rate (currently \$12), with 75 percent of wages paid by the federal government. Students must be U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents who demonstrate financial need. Federal Work-Study students receive preference in hiring at Babson.

■ WELLESLEY/NEEDHAM GRANTS

Babson provides grant funding for selected Wellesley and Needham residents who demonstrate financial need. Preference is given to long-term residents pursuing full-time study. An additional application to the appropriate town's board of selectmen is required.

■ CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded based on need to Canadian citizens. Preference is given to full-time students who have attended McGill University. Other funding limitations may apply. To be considered, complete the College Scholarship Service PROFILE form online at www.collegeboard.com.

Merit Programs

The F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business awards fellowships and scholarships to the most highly qualified full-time MBA candidates. Awards are made on the basis of academic, professional, and personal merit without regard to financial need. Applicants to the One-Year and Two-Year programs will be considered based on their admission application information. Candidates are notified of merit awards upon acceptance into the MBA program.

■ OLIN FELLOWS PROGRAM

The prestigious Olin Fellows Program recognizes outstanding full-time MBA candidates. Each fellow receives a full-tuition, books, and supplies award in anticipation of significant academic and professional contributions to the graduate school. Olin Fellows are expected to devote 10 hours per week for 12 weeks each semester to a designated research or administrative project.

■ BABSON FELLOWS PROGRAM

Babson fellowships, ranging from \$15,000 to full tuition, are awarded to highly qualified full-time MBA candidates. The work requirements are the same as for the Olin Fellows Program. Additionally, members of the following professional organizations will be considered for designated Babson Fellowships: National Association of Black Accountants (NABA); National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA); Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA); and Posse alumni.

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■ HAMILTON ENTREPRENEURIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND THE PRICE FELLOWSHIP FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Candidates for the Two-Year MBA program are invited to submit an essay concerning their entrepreneurial accomplishments. Applicants are considered for one of the five \$10,000-per-year Hamilton Entrepreneurial Scholarships, awarded to outstanding MBA candidates with significant entrepreneurial experience. The Price Fellowship, a full-tuition award, is based on entrepreneurial experience, academic and personal accomplishments, and financial need, and has a work requirement the same as for the Olin Fellows Program.

■ FORTÉ FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business is a founding member of the Forté Foundation, a consortium of educational institutions, businesses, and nonprofit groups. The mission, shared by Babson, is to increase the number of women business owners and business leaders and to support their careers through business education and networks. Forté Foundation Scholarships of \$10,000–\$20,000 per year will be awarded to exceptional women candidates.

■ WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Women's Leadership Awards are \$5,000-per-year scholarships offered to selected full-time MBA candidates upon admission. Awards are made on the basis of demonstrated leadership in career and other life activities, and a vision of how the Babson MBA will enable the candidate to further develop her leadership potential.

■ GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate assistants work in a variety of academic and administrative departments on campus doing research, program development, and project coordination. Assistantships are awarded to selected full-time students based on merit. Awards equal the value of three credit hours per semester, in exchange for 10 hours of work per week for 12 weeks.

Credit-based Loans

Credit-based loans are available to finance any portion of a student's educational costs. Your credit history, a coapplicant's credit, and your ability to repay based on expected earnings after graduation will help you secure long-term financing at reasonable rates. The programs described here are often used to supplement need-based awards. Generally, students can borrow up to the cost of attendance minus any other financial aid. For more information on interest rates or repayment terms, visit our Web site at www.babson.edu/mba or contact the individual lender listed on the back page of this brochure.

■ MEFA LOAN FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION

The MEFA Loan is the most popular of the credit-based programs. It is offered to Babson students through the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA). Students can defer repayment of principal and interest while in school, though interest does accrue during the deferral period. Canadian students should check the MEFA Web site, www.mefa.org, for more specific loan options.

■ FEDERAL GRADUATE PLUS LOAN

The Federal Graduate PLUS Loan is available to graduate students who are U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents enrolled at least half-time. Applicants also must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The interest rate is fixed at 8.5 percent but many lenders offer borrower benefits with reduced rates at disbursement and repayment.

■ SIGNATURE STUDENT LOAN

The Signature Student Loan is offered by Sallie Mae and Citizens Bank. The borrower is responsible for interest throughout the life of the loan; however, interest is not capitalized (added to the principal) until repayment and at the end of any forbearance period. Sallie Mae offers a variety of repayment options.

■ CITIASSIST LOAN

The CitiAssist Graduate Loan is available through Citibank and its subsidiary, the Student Loan Corporation. Students can defer repayment of principal and interest while in school, though interest does accrue during the deferral period.

■ MBA LOANS PRIVATE LOAN

MBA LOANS offers the Private Loan. Although most credit-based loans require half-time attendance (six or more credits), the MBA LOANS Private Loan is available to students enrolled less than half-time.

■ OPPORTUNITY LOAN

Babson College, in partnership with Sallie Mae, offers a loan program designed specifically for full-time international students. International students can apply for loan funds up to \$40,000 per year in the Two-Year program and \$60,000 in the One-Year program. Other funding limitations also may apply.

Payment Plans

A payment plan allows students flexibility in making tuition payments, and is available to help students budget MBA program costs whether they are taking one course or attending full time.

■ ACADEMIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES (AMS)

Using the AMS plan, first-year MBA students in the Two-Year program can spread a full year's costs over 10 months (\$55 application fee). One-Year MBA students, second-year MBA students in the Two-Year program, and Evening MBA students can spread a semester's costs over three months (\$30 application fee) under the AMS plan. Fast Track MBA students can spread the costs of the program over the required period of enrollment. For more details, contact Student Financial Services.

■ EXTENDED PAYMENT PLAN FOR COMPANY-SPONSORED STUDENTS

Fast Track and Evening MBA students who receive tuition reimbursement benefits can defer two-thirds of the tuition until after the end of the semester. All they need to do is:

- Pay one-third of the tuition.
- Pay the per-semester application fee of \$50.
- Certify their eligibility for tuition reimbursement benefits from their company.
- Sign a promissory note authorizing Student Financial Services to charge the remaining two-thirds to a credit card after the end of the semester. Students may opt to settle the balance sooner if they receive their tuition reimbursement earlier.

MBA Financing Options							
Program Name	Program Type	Award Criteria	Amount	Enrollment Requirements	Citizenship Requirements	Application Procedures	For Further Information
Olin Fellows Program	Fellowship	Merit	Full tuition, books, supplies	Full-time only	None	None	MBA Admissions 781-239-5591
Babson Fellows Program	Fellowship	Merit	\$15,000 to full tuition	Full-time only	None	None	MBA Admissions 781-239-5591
Price Fellowship for Entrepreneurship	Fellowship	Merit & need	Full tuition	Two-Year MBA only	None	Essay on Admission application	MBA Admissions 781-239-5591
Olin Scholars Program	Scholarship	Merit	\$10,000/year	Full-time only	None	None	MBA Admissions 781-239-5591
Babson Scholars Program	Scholarship	Merit	\$5,000/year	Full-time only	None	None	MBA Admissions 781-239-5591
Hamilton Entrepreneurial Scholarships	Scholarship	Merit	\$10,000/year	Two-Year MBA only	None	Essay on Admission application	MBA Admissions 781-239-5591
Porte Foundation Scholarships	Scholarship	Merit	\$10,000-\$20,000/year	Two-Year MBA only	None	None	MBA Admissions 781-239-5591
Women's Leadership Awards	Scholarship	Merit	\$5,000/year	Full-time only	None	None	MBA Admissions 781-239-5591
Wellesley/Needham Grants	Grant	Need & resident	Varies	Full-time given preference	U.S./Permanent Resident	FAFSA & town application	SFS 781-239-4219
Canadian Scholarship	Grant	Need	Varies	Full-time only	Canada	CSS PROFILE	SFS 781-239-4219
Federal Stafford Loan (Subsidized and Unsubsidized)	Loan	Need	Up to \$20,500/year	6 or more credits/term	U.S./Permanent Resident	FAFSA	Student Financial Services (SFS) 781-239-4219
Federal Perkins Loan	Loan	Need	Up to \$6,000/year	Full-time only	U.S./Permanent Resident	FAFSA	SFS 781-239-4219
MEFA Loan for Graduate Education	Loan	Credit	Up to full cost	6 or more credits/term	U.S./Permanent Resident (student or coapplicant) or Canada	MEFA Loan application or www.mefa.org	MEFA 1-800-449-MEFA www.mefa.org
Federal Graduate Plus Loan	Loan	Credit	Up to full cost	6 or more credits/term	U.S./Permanent Resident	FAFSA and www.salliemac.com	Sallie Mae 1-800-828-0290 www.salliemac.com
Signature Student Loan	Loan	Credit	Up to full cost	6 or more credits/term	U.S./Permanent Resident (student or coapplicant)	Signature Loan application or www.salliemac.com/signature/citizens	Sallie Mae 1-800-828-0290 www.salliemac.com
CitAssist Loan	Loan	Credit	Up to full cost	3 or more credits/term	U.S./Permanent Resident (student or coapplicant)	CitAssist Loan application or www.studentloan.com	Citibank 1-800-745-5473
MBA Loans Private Loan	Loan	Credit	Up to full cost	3 or more credits/term	U.S./Permanent Resident (student or coapplicant)	MBA LOANS application, by phone, or www.salliemac.com/mbaloans	MBA LOANS 1-800-366-6227
Opportunity Loan	Loan	Credit	Up to \$40,000 (Two-Year) and \$60,000 (One-Year)	Full-time only	None	Contact Student Financial Services 781-239-4219	SFS 781-239-4219
Academic Management Services (AMS)	Payment plan	None	Up to full cost	3 or more credits/term	None	AMS application	SFS 781-239-4219
Extended Payment Plan for Company-Sponsored Students	Payment plan	Company sponsorship	Amount of tuition	Evening and Fast Track MBA only	None	Extended Payment Plan application	SFS 781-239-4219
Federal Work-Study	Employment	Need	\$12/hour	Full-time only	U.S./Permanent Resident	FAFSA	Student Employment 781-239-4286
Graduate Assistantships	Employment	Merit	6 credit-hours/year	Full-time only	None	None	MBA Admissions 781-239-5591