

October 27, 2008 UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School International Students Chat

Anshul A.: Hi everyone! Welcome to the International Students Chat of Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC Chapel Hill. I am Anshul Agrawal, a 1st year MBA student, Class of 2010. Today we are very glad to have with us German Galvan, the President of International Business Association, Sumit Goyal, Alex Auspitz, Amrinder Nandha, 2nd year MBA students, and Julie Wiley, Assistant Director of MBA Admissions. Please feel free to ask us any questions.

Ajesh: Hi. I am Ajesh...GMAT 730,4 years Work Ex in ERP Consultancy, India

SUMIT_KFBS2009: Hi everybody.. Welcome your questions

German_KFBS2009: Hello everyone. I will be glad to answer any questions about International Students.

Andres: Hi. Have you seen an important increase on applications due to current financial crisis?

Julie W.: Andres, Friday was the deadline for the 1st round. We're checking on the count and will get back to you later in the chat.

Andres: Thank you Julie

German_KFBS2009: Hola Ana y Andres. I am from Mexico City, how about you guys?

Andres: Hi German. santiago de Chile

Aditi: Hi anshul, this is Aditi, I currently have 1 year of work experience and by the time i start with my MBA, i will have 2 years. Looking at the people just in this chat session, I can tell most people have way more work experience...is 2 years enough or will that be a handicap for me?

Anshul A.: Aditi, I was in your boat too. I had only 2 years of work experience, so I would say that as long as you can show that you are a strong applicant, it should not matter.

Aditi: Thanks Anshul.

Anshul A.: you're welcome :)

Ana G.: Hi German, I'm Ana from Cali, Colombia

German_KFBS2009: Excellent! We have quite a few guys from Santiago and a girl from Bogota. The Latin group is a strong community at Kenan-Flagler and we have a great time together. Let me know if you have any questions.

Philipp: Hi all, I'm Philipp from Germany, 4 yrs. experiance in foodservice industry/product management. gmat 590

Alex A.: Welcome Philipp. I am Alex from France, it is nice to see a fellow European. Do not hesitate to ask me any questions.

Philipp: Hi Alex, good to see you. my gmat is quite low compared with the others do you think it makes sense applying anyways?

Alex A.: Philipp, the GMAT is not the only factor that Admissions look at for their selection. Work experience and personal background are also very important. I had a rather low GMAT too but it did not stop me from coming to Kenan-Flagler.

Sethuram: Hi, I am working in RTP area and want to consider UNC for my MBA. I will have 1 year of NC residency by April. Does that qualify for NC resident fee?

Julie W.: Sethuram, please refer to the K-F website for residency requirements.

Ashutosh M.: Hi, How is the presence of KFBC alumni in Asia- More specifically in India?

SUMIT_KFBS2009: Hey Ashutosh.. I am from India.. KFBS Alumni take leadership opportunities all across the globe..

Ashutosh M.: Thanks Sumit !

Mohit: Hi Anshul...how is Kenan-Flagler suited for people coming from IT background and looking to shift to consulting?

Anshul A.: Mohit, I think Kenan Flagler is great for career switchers. There are many students currently doing the same.

Ana: Julie, regarding the crisis, how do you see the possibility of getting financial aid, via credits or scholarships for next year? Is UNC going to be affected by the situation with Citibank and non co signer loans?

Julie W.: Ana, I would suggest you inquire with Susan Brooks who is responsible for K-F financial aid. She will be able to give you a much clearer answer. Here's the link to Financial Aid: <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/...> Susan Brooks' contact information is on this link.

Ana: Thanks a lot Julie. Ashutosh M.: In addition to Ana' question regarding the financial aid, will the International students be able to get loans this year without a co signer ?

Julie W.: Ashutosh, please see my answer to Ana's question.

Ashutosh M.: Thanks Julie !

Sethuram: Julie, What percentage of applications are received during October and December deadlines? If I plan for Jan deadline, will that be a disadvantage?

Philipp: I would be interested in learning more about the culture of the school. Is it very competitive or more teamwork focused. Can any current student tell us more about that?

Anshul A.: Philip, the atmosphere here is very relaxed and collaborative. There is a lot of team work and students really enjoy it.

Philipp: How about classes, what's the split between case studies, projects and individual assignments?

Alex A.: Philipp, there is a good balance between cases, projects and individual homework. Sure, it changes from class to class but if I have to give you a number, I would say that the split is 1/3 for each.

Andres: German, how strong is the latin-hispanic community of KFBC compared to similar ranked programs?

German_KFBS2009: Andres, I'm not sure how many Latin/Hispanic students other programs have, but we usually have between 15-20 students each year and we actively participate in a lot of clubs and organizations.

Andres: Thanks German!

Philipp: How are the teams mixed, do you really get to work with different nationalities and work backgrounds?

Alex A.: Philipp, the teams are definitely mixed. You will interact with students from other countries and different work backgrounds.

Philipp: Alex, great the right mix I think :-)) how is the entrepreneurship center anybody involved in there?

Alex A.: Philipp, currently we are 5 full-time students and another 5 exchange students from Europe.

Philipp: so not really crowded with europeans than

Alex A.: Kenan-Flagler is currently working on recruiting more students from Europe.

Philipp: that's fine, just would like to get a feeling of what it would be like

SUMIT_KFBS2009: Philipp.. We have an entrepreneurship club which is very active inside and outside the school.. we leverage our proximity to local entrepreneurs in RTP to create business plans and help startups..

Philipp: that's definitely good to hear!

Aditi: As a follow up question to Philipp, what is the ratio of men to women?

Julie W.: Aditi, for fall entry 2008 our class was 31% female, 69% male.

Aditi: Great...Thanks Julie.

Ana: Hi German! I am Ana from Bogota! Are there any colombians in the first or secon year right now? I would be very interested in talking to them further ahead...

German_KFBS2009: Hey Ana, there is a Colombian girl in the first year right now, her name is Adriana Hurtado and I'm sure she will be very happy to help you.

Ana: German, thanks, great do you know how can I get in touch with her?

German_KFBS2009: Sure Ana, please send me an email and I will forward it to her. My address is german_galvan@unc.edu

Sethuram: Julie, What percentage of applications are received during October and December deadlines? If I plan for Jan deadline, will that be a disadvantage?

Julie W.: Sethuram, we accept applications for all four deadlines and accept qualified applicants accordingly.

Ana: German Thanks a LOT!!! Just wrote you an email!

Sethuram: Thanks Julie. Another question. I have done my Undergrad education from India and did my MS from West Virginia U. I can provide sealed Transcripts from WVU. But do you also need sealed transcripts for my Undergrad also? Or is a Notary signed photocopy enough?

Philipp: Has anybody had his interview yet?

Philipp: what's a typical week like? how many hrs do you spend in classes, working on team projects and individual ones?

Alex A.: Philipp, there is no real template on the typical week here so I will talk about my experience.

Alex A.: Philipp, the average number of classes per trimester can be 5. You would have 2-3 classes on Monday/Wednesday/Friday and the rest on Tuesday/Thursday. The amount of work you put in is really up to you.

Philipp: thanks alex. so there is enough time to work on business plans while there?

Alex A.: Philipp, definitely. It is all about planning.

MC: Hi Julie, just wondering, but do you typically receive many applicants from South East Asia?

Julie W.: MC, We have a good number of applicants from that area every year though I don't have an exact number for this year. Over the last couple of years, we have had about 10 students from this region.

Julie W.: MC, to clarify, we have had about 10 students in each class.

MC: Julie, thanks for your replies! Would it be possible for me to get in contact with anyone of them? Specifically maybe someone from Singapore.

SUMIT_KFBS2009: MC, send me your email id, I will send you the details of a person from Singapore...

MC: Sumit_KFBS2009: - my email address is michaelcheng.admissions@gmail.com. Please let me know if you would like me to drop you an email directly. Thanks in advance for a contact!

SUMIT_KFBS2009: MC - I just sent you a mail.

MC: Much appreciated, SUMIT!

Bishan: Hi Julie, can you give me some idea about the student exchange program...does every student get the opportunity ?

SUMIT_KFBS2009: Hey Bishan.. UNC is one of the largest school in terms of number of students who go out or come here on exchange.. Approximately 40% of the class is tentatively availing the exchange opportunity this year..

Bishan: thanks Julie

Bishan: thanks Sumit

Ashutosh M.: I am visiting the campus on Nov 12th. How can I schedule some club visit during that day ?

Amrinder_KFBS2009: Hi Ashutosh: You can contact the club leaders through the website and arrange the meeting with them.

Ashutosh M.: Thanks Amrinder !!

Amrinder_KFBS2009: Ashutosh: This is the link for the clubs: <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/...>

Ashutosh M.: Thanks Amrinder !!

Ashutosh M.: looking forward to meet you guys over there

Matt H.: Hello

German_KFBS2009: Hi Matt

Anshul A.: Hi Matt.

Mohit: What is the placement percentage of International Students? What is their first choice concentration at KF, especially in this Financial crisis ? Also are their placement opportunities in Asia (Singapore,India,...)?

Jeff_CMC_KFBS: we don't have a placement % for international yet

Jeff_CMC_KFBS: we do have a small number of students who do get placed in asia

Jeff_CMC_KFBS: first choice concentration is consulting followed by finance and marketing

MC: Alex, you mentioned earlier that your GMAT scores weren't excellent. In your opinion, was it your GPA + work experience or your essays that gave you a competitive edge?

Atsuro I.: Hi Julie. I'm interested in the KFBS-organized International Internship. I'll take a leave of absence for my MBA studies, I'm not company sponsored though. Can I participate in this program, while employed?

Julie W.: Atsuro, since you are not company sponsored, I am not sure I understand your question. Please clarify.

Atsuro I.: Julie, what I mean is that I'll be still employed by the current company when I apply to the internship program. Is there any limitation for employed students to get the internship opportunity?

Julie W.: Atsuro, some companies will have summer employment opportunities or there may some opportunities available at the Kenan Institute

Atsuro I.: Thank you Julie!

Sethuram: Thanks Julie. Another question. I have done my Undergrad education from India and did my MS from a Big East School. I can provide sealed Transcripts for Grad school. But do you also need sealed transcripts for my Undergrad also? Or is a Notary signed photocopy enough?

Mohit_C : What is the placement percentage of International Students? What is their first choice concentration at KF, especially in this Financial crisis ? Also are their placement opportunities in Asia (Singapore,India,...)?

Jeff_CMC_KFBS: MOHIT we don't have placement % for international students yet; we do have a small number of students who do get placed in Asia; concentration is consulting, finance, then marketing

Anshul A.: Mohit, if you want to talk to some internationals about recruiting, please give me your email and I can connect you to some.

Mohit_C: Hi Anshul

Anshul A.: Hi Mohit.

Mohit_C: my email is chaudhary.mohit@gmail.com

Anshul A.: I will get in touch with you shortly Mohit.

Mohit_C: thnx Anshul

Bishan: Hi Sumit, is there any disadvantage or negative impact of scheduling telephonic interview instead of visiting the campus. I am currently in California and my job hardly gives me ample time to fly to east coast.

Julie W.: Bishan, there is no disadvantage to a telephone interview instead of a personal interview. We do many telephone interviews every year.

Bishan: thanks Julie Matt H.: I would like to know the job opportunity for international students. How's the employment situation for Int'l students graduated this year?

Jeff_CMC_KFBS: MattH: email sandy_gerow@unc.edu for the international job statistics

Matt H.: thank jeff

Matt H.: it's true

Virush: hello, I'm wondering whether there is some kind of quotas from each region in the application process.

SUMIT_KFBS2009: Virush - There is no Quota for any region.

Virush: thanks Sumit. Sethuram: Anshul or Sumit, I have done my Undergrad education from India and did my MS from a Big East School. I can provide sealed Transcripts for Grad school. But do you need sealed transcripts for my Undergrad also? Or is a Notary signed photocopy enough?

Julie W.: Sethuram, please contact Sharon Moore in Admissions. Her e-mail is Sharon_Moore@unc.edu

Sethuram: Thanks Julie.

Philipp: Alex, how did you handle your recommendations? one of my supervisors i would like to ask for one is not fluent in english, would you recommend to get a translator? anything to keep in mind there?

Alex A.: Philipp, this was also a problem for me. I did hire a translator, it is the best way to make sure that everything that your supervisor is writing about you makes it through the language barrier.

Philipp: and that's fine for the admissions office, do i have to mention it?

Alex A.: Philipp, it is not necessary to mention it as they expect to receive letters in English.

Philipp: ok thats fine then. you mentioned before that you gmat was not brilliant, did you write the additional essay for low gmat scores. what do they consider low?

Julie W.: Philipp, our range for enrolled students last year was 500-780

Philipp: thanks julie, so i better write it

Anshul A.: Matt H & Mohit, there are many initiatives that UNC is taking to help international students land with a job. We have guest alumni speakers who talk to us about how they did it, we have workshops that train us better to adapt to the american corporate culture, and many more

Ajesh: Hi.. I have telephonic interview scheduled later this week. What kind of questions can i expect?

Julie W.: Ajesh, your interviewer will ask about your career accomplishments to date, your goals, and other pertinent information on why you are interested in an MBA from KF Ana: Does any one can comment in the sustainable enterprise concentration and any of the electives that are available?

Ajesh: Thanks Julie.

Virush: Does Chapel Hill have numerous international food restaurants? Is the cost of living expensive over there?

SUMIT_KFBS2009: Virush - We have all kinds of restaurants in the region.. A new indian restaurant opened last month, and it is highly popular.. Cost of living - Is much less as compared to what you have in bigger cities..

Aliyah A.: Hi, Virush. Chapel Hill has lots on international restaurants as well as Durham and Raleigh that are close by.

Aliyah A.: and North Carolina is not considered to be an expencive state..

Virush: thanks Aliyah and Sumit.

Sethuram: sumit,

Matt H.: JEFF, are there many int'l students join real estate club?

Jeff_CMC_KFBS: MATTH yes, we do have several international students that concentrate in real estate; they normally have previous real estate experience in some way

Matt H.: can I get the list of the club member?

Amrinder_KFBS2009 Matt H.: List of clubs: <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/...>

Matt H.: and also in Real estate club?

Jitrutai: Hello everybody.

Sethuram: Sumit, How many Indian students are at KF now?

Anshul A.: Sethuram, about 15- 20 first years

Anshul A.: and about 20 in second year

Sethuram: Anshul, Thanks.

Bishan: Hi Sumit, can you give an idea about what % of applicants were accepted in early round last year or what was the total % of acceptance across all the rounds

Julie W.: Bishan, we admitted 34% in all rounds last year.

Bishan: Thanks Julie

Ajesh: I want to pursue Consulting but i dont have high clarity about the other streams and whether i will be suited to them more. I am hoping that before i have to choose my specialization i will get enough clarity. What do you think about it?

SUMIT_KFBS2009: Ajesh - I was in the same boat and the school provides ample opportunity to help you decide which path to take..

Ajesh: I hope the same for me as well.Thanks Sumit..

Ana: Julie, if I am planning on taking the GMAT again, If I submit my application and schedule the interview, my application will be revised only until you receive my new score?

Julie W.: Ana, if we have your score within the deadline decision date we will consider your most recent GMAT score.

Ana: Julie, Thanks a lot, that means I have to get my new (and hopefully better)score before Dec 5.

Ana: Does any one can comment on the sustainable enterprise concentration and any of the electives that are available?

German_KFBS2009: Sure Ana, I am concentrating in Sustainable Enterprise and I am currently taking Environmental Strategy. Last year I took our custom-core SE course and also took a Business-Government Relations elective. There are other options like Sustainable Investment Strategies and CSR related courses. Also, this Friday we are having our SE/CSR Career Fair!

Sethuram: Anshul, Do you have any stats on the AVG GMAT score among Indian applicants who get admission?

Sethuram: Anshul, 700+ or 650+?

Anshul A.: Sethuram, 700+

Anshul A.: Sethuram, I dont have the statistic, but it on the higher side.

Sethuram: Anshul, Is it fine if send you email to get lil more details?

Anshul A.: Sethuram, please give me your email and I will get in touch with you

Sethuram: anshul: mine is sethu_ram@yahoo.com

Anshul A.: Sethuram, got your email, will get in touch with you soon.

Sethuram: Thanks and expect your email sometime today. Gotta get back to work.

Sethuram: Thanks all!

Aditi: German, are there many employment opportunities available in sustainable enterprise?

German_KFBS2009: Yes Aditi, Kenan-Flagler is known for its focus on Sustainability, so there are many opportunities. As I mentioned to Ana, we actually have a separate Career Fair just for SE/CSR-related jobs. Our Net Impact chapter is quite strong and we also have a Center for Sustainable Enterprise that conducts research and networks with many organizations. To summarize, if you are interested in SE, Kenan-Flagler is just right for you!

Aditi: Thank you German..that sounds great!

Matt H.: Amrinder, what's the toefl minimum? If I still no toefl, can I apply first and then send the score?

Amrinder_KFBS2009: Matt H: We don't have minimum TOEFL score.

Mohit_C : which consulting companies came for placements (for international students) this year? what were the median salaries for international students..

SUMIT_KFBS2009: Mohit_C - Mckinsey, BCG, Bain, Deloitte all hire internationals. They pay international students at par with domestic students..

Ana: German I think you are the guy I need to talk to! Did you get to do an Internship in a related field? What was your background before BS and what are your plans after? what are you recruiting for?

Philipp: Julie, how familiar is the european grading system with 6 grades with KFC? how to best translate the grades?

Julie W.: Philipp, our Associate Director responsible for Europe is quite familiar with the grading system. There should be no problem.

Jitrutai: May I ask about the elective course, the complex deal?

Ajesh: So what will be the impact on Career prospects for all of the sectors because of this current financial crisis? How serious is this?

Jeff_CMC_KFBS: AJESH: There is more competition among students, in all areas. Some companies are only making full time offers from their interns and not returning to campus for full time opportunities...so getting the right internship is important. We haven't seen a decline in internship hiring this year...our company numbers have remained the same.

Virush: Since the competition is tense this year, may I know what the KF is looking for in each applicant? Will the working in international company with various colleagues around the globe be considered strong criterion?

Julie W.: Virush, we always look for the most qualified candidates.

Julie W.: Virush, we look for strong academic records, solid work experience and achievements, and other leadership qualities. Certainly your experience with international business is a plus

Virush: thanks, Julie. That is encouraging

Philipp: Alex, did you have trouble getting a visa? did you have any problems as non us citizen to find a place to live or so?

Alex A.: Philipp, once I was accepted at Kenan-Flagler, it was easy to get the Visa. It is a long process so make sure to plan enough time to do the paperwork and file it with the Embassy. Apartment complexes around the area are used to dealing with new students from other countries so you will not have a problem with that.

Ana: Julie, Regarding the TOEFL are there any ranges, I feel very good about mine (113 IBT) but I still wonder...

Ajay: Anshul, How are the opportunities in India post MBA?

Anshul A.: Ajay, there are plenty opportunities in India. In fact, if you are willing to work in India, it will be easier for you to find a job. Companies like Intel and J&J love it.

Ajay: Thanks Anshul. I am looking for Gen Mgmt, Ent. Can I get any contacts who took jobs in India post MBA

Anshul A.: Ajay, I will have to get back to you on that one. please give me your email.

Ajay: Ok. Thanks. ajay_nampally@yahoo.com

Ashutosh M.: Anshul, Could you please mail me the post MBA opportunity in India as well? my mail ID: ashutosh.mohapatra@gmail.com

Anshul A.: Ashutosh, will do.

Ashutosh M.: Thanks Anshul

Mohit_C: I have a short-term goal for a career in strategy consulting? How strong is KF in "strategy" subjects?

SUMIT_KFBS2009: Mohit_C - We have a strong faculty and program in Strategy.. check out the website of one of our Strategy professors Paul Friga: <http://www.paulfriga.com/index.php>

Philipp: how is public transport, better to have a car?

Amrinder_KFBS2009: Philipp: It's better to have a car because the bus only operates in during limited hours. But if you're living on campus, like I do, you don't need a car. I don't have a car but I'm able to survive because I'm close to campus.

Aliyah A.: Hey Phil, Chapel Hill is quite spread out, so having a car will make it much easier to move around. Still, there is a good bus transportation system around campus

Anshul A.: Aliyah, having a car is definite advantage. There is a good bus transportation system too. In addition, you will be forming carpools with students who own cars so you will have a ride to and back from school.

Philipp: Thanks all!

Anshul A.: you're welcome Philipp

Anshul A.: ** We have about 15 minutes left **

Ajesh: So Jeff what factors does getting the right internship involve? Does it include Student's performance in the Business School till that point?

Jeff_CMC_KFBS: AJESH experience is important, as well as finding the right company that's the right fit for you. You MUST have a strong story---because finding that right internship is all about NETWORKING and selling yourself. You have to stand out from the crowd. You have to show that you understand the company, its purpose in the business world, and how you fit it. It's all about what you can bring to the company---not what they can give you.

Ana: German, can I look you up in Net Impact

German_KFBS2009: Ana, my background is in the Financial Sector, but I am refocusing my career towards Consulting/Microfinance. This summer I worked with McKinsey and most likely I will go back with them and focus on their Social Sector practice. About the TOEFL, it is quite important for Kenan-Flagler that you are proficient in English, so I would suggest that you make sure that all your sections are ok (Speaking, for example) and also that you work hard on the quality of your essays, not only the content, but also grammar, etc.

Ana: German, I have consistent TOEFL scores, Reading 28, Listening 29, Speaking 26 and Writing 30. Total 113.

German_KFBS2009: Congrats Ana, those are good scores!

Ana: German! Thanks a lot!!! They make me feel good, because the GMAT... not so good!

Ana: If you don't mind, I would like to write to you to ask maybe more questions, is that OK?

Ajay: Anshul, What's the volume of Early round applicants?

Julie W.: Ajay, we do not have updated information on the early round applications. You could check later this week at MBA_info@unc.edu.

Ajay: Thanks Julie

Alex A.: To all, I am part of the IBA Leadership team. I am in charge of the Culture Buddy Program. This program pairs incoming International students with incoming Domestic students based on family status, hobbies, school focus. We organize events around Culture Exchange for the Culture Buddies. For example, we are currently planning a Thanksgiving dinner for the International students. If you have any questions about the Culture Buddy Program or the IBA, do not hesitate to ask German or me.

Bishan: Hi Sumit, How much important is the community services from admission perspective? I have served my community well and handled social responsibilities mostly in my local areas and in the university. Will that be competent enough or getting involved with a big organization or NGO gives some added advantage

SUMIT_KFBS2009: Bishan - Community service experience is considered highly in application, make sure to highlight it well. You will have ample opportunities to participate in community work in school. KFBS is strong in Sustainability and a lot of Non profit opportunities come across..

Bhargava: Julie, good to know that the GMAT range for last year was 500 - 780. Also I would like to know what is the experience the person who got 500 in GMAT has.

Amrinder_KFBS2009: Bhargava: We look everyone's application on case by case basis and we don't have the information that you're requesting at this moment.

Matt H. : Thanks all, gonna sleep

Anshul A.: ** We have about 10 minutes left **

Tseng J.: Thanks all

Bishan: thanks Sumit

Julie W.: If you would like to review the transcript from today's chat go to <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/Programs/....>

Julie W.: The transcript will be posted within one week.

Mohit_C: what would be the accommodation costs in chapel hill...in my case, I would be moving with wife and kids?

Anshul A.: Mohit, you can get accommodation in Baity Hill on campus. It costs about \$800 for rent including utilities. So pretty cheap.

Aliyah A.: I live in Baity Hill, and it's great, Plus it's right behind the BS.

Ashutosh M.: When should an International student start financial and visa process ?

Anshul A.: Ashutosh, I would say right after you get your offer.

Ashutosh M.: Thanks Anshul

Ajesh: I understand that there is a soccer Club. How active is it?

Alex A.: Ajesh, we are very active. We have a soccer training camp every Tuesday and a pick-up game every Friday. We also participate in other Business Schools' Tournaments. We have an ongoing competition with Duke too.

MC: Julie, would you say applicants with business undergrad degrees have a greater/ less disadvantage in general? Eg. They have to differentiate/ prove themselves more?

Julie W.: MC, we have people from all different academic backgrounds apply. The strength of your academic record is what makes the difference; we like to see applicants who have taken courses in accounting, statistics, microeconomics and calculus.

Ashutosh M.: Does good credit history in USA help in getting loans for International Students ?

Anshul A.: Ashutosh, for the CFI loan it does not really matter. If you plan to take a car loan or any other sort of loan from a private bank, your credit score will be considered.

Ajay: Anshul - Goes more exp - 10 years can compensate for mediocre GMAT?

Mohit_C: my son would be ready for kindergarten school in 2009..what are my options and facilities if any offered at KF?

Amrinder_KFBS2009: Mohit_C: Public schools in Chapel Hill is very strong.

Julie W.: Mohit, we have many international families residing in Chapel Hill. The kindergarten and other grades are prepared for international students and the programs are very strong.

Ajay: Anshul Does more exp - 10 years can compensate for mediocre GMAT?

Anshul A.: Ajay, it GMAT and work experience are just a part of the application. It really depends on the quality of work experience: job progression, promotions, contribution to the team, etc.

Ajay: Anshul - Can I contact you offline to understand my chances and post MBA prospects in India?

Anshul A.: sure buddy.. give me your email and I will get in touch with you

Ajay: thanks - ajay_nampally@yahoo.com

Ajay: Thanks Anshul

Anshul A.: yr welcome :)

Ajesh: Thanks team for your promptness. Good night from India to everybody...

Alex A.: Bye Ajesh.

SUMIT_KFBS2009: bbye Ajesh.. have a good night

MC : Thanks for all your replies, Julie and team. This has been a very informative session indeed!

Anshul A.: ** We have 5 more minutes to go **

Bishan: Hi Sumit, can i have your email id so that I can contact you in case of other queries

SUMIT_KFBS2009: send me ur mail id Bishan

Bishan: bishan.nandy07@gmail.com

Bishan: thanks

Julie W.: If anyone did not get their questions answered today, you can also contact MBA_info@unc.edu.

Mohit_C: Thanks Julie / Anshul / Jeff / Sumit / Amrinder

Ajay: I have EA interview on 11/07. But my TOEFL is on 10/31. I have submitted part 2 on 10/24. Hope I will be considered for EA.

Aliyah A.: Do i schedule an interview before or after the application deadline?

Bhargava: But I do not have any certificate to show that.

German_KFBS2009: Thanks everyone for joining us today. Please feel free to send me any questions about the MBA experience for international students at Kenan-Flagler. My address is german_galvan@unc.edu

Ashutosh M.: last question !

Anshul A.: sure go ahead.

Ashutosh M.: How many years can I work in USA in work visa considering that I am already working for last 2 & 1/2 yrs ?

Anshul A.: Ashutosh, I do not know the answer to that question, you might wanna get in touch with an immigration attorney.

Ashutosh M.: Ok Anshul..Thank you very much

Ana: Thanks a lot for all the information! Look forward to be there next year!!!

Julie W.: Thanks to all of you today for your great questions. Good luck on your applications.

Ajay: Thank You All

Alex A.: Thank you all for staying up to chat with us. We hope that we have answered most of your questions. Do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions. alex_auspitz@unc.edu

Aliyah A.: Julie, Do i schedule an interview before or after the application deadline?

Julie W.: Aliyah, there is a specific deadline for interviews for each round. More information is available on our website.

Aliyah A.: Thanks..

Atsuro I.: Thanks Julie and team!

SUMIT_KFBS2009: Thanks all.. Feel free to write me at sumit_goyal@unc.edu

Anshul A.: I would like to thank everyone for joining us today, and good luck with your applications. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at mba_info@unc.edu. We will be posting the transcript of this chat on the website in a week.

Addendum to chat transcript: UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School Career Management Center would like to supplement its responses above regarding Kenan-Flagler's response to the current financial crisis by adding that it is taking the following steps to assist all students, including international students, in recruiting efforts: Proactively reaching out to Kenan-Flagler's extensive alumni system and hiring companies to secure opportunities; training students on job-specific skills to make them more competitive (through a "Street Smart" series); seeking opportunities in counter cyclical career paths, e.g. restructuring, distress investing, and turnaround consulting; seeking opportunities in "off the radar" companies, e.g. boutique investment banks; and going to the companies directly (while recruiting budgets often get cut, companies still hire. Proactivity and direct contacting of hiring managers can go a long way).