

June 16, 2020

Dear Students,

I want to personally welcome you to our wonderful community! On behalf of the Graduate Admissions and Financial Aid Office (GAFAO) and the MBA Center, I am pleased to hear of your decision to attend the Boston University Questrom School of Business. The GAFAO team is thrilled to have met you during the admissions process, and now we're excited to introduce you to the MBA Center team. The MBA Center is your "one stop shop" for student support and is made up of Academic Advisors, Career Coaches, and Student Clubs & Organization support. We are here to assist you with your transition to life as a full-time MBA student and to help you align your academic and career goals.

This has been an unusual and extraordinary year. Between changes in the ways we have conducted our professional lives to different rules for socializing with family and friends to protesting systemic and ongoing racial inequalities in society, we have been challenged in many ways. As a part of the Questrom community, whether in residence or learning remotely, you will continue to develop the skills and knowledge you need to effect change and create global solutions.

As you prepare to join us for the first day of your MBA program on August 17, it is important that you read and review all the information on the [Full-Time MBA New Student page](#) on our graduate programs website, paying particular attention to the "Next Steps" section. I would like to highlight some important items below:

- Set up your BU email account (you should soon receive a separate email with specific instructions).
- As soon as you have set up your BU email account, please activate your [Activity Directory Account](#) and complete the [New Student Info Form](#). We request that you complete these tasks as soon as you are able and no later than June 29.
- Once you have set up your BU email account, we will be able to give you access to your academic portal, [QuestromTools](#), where you will find the '*Full-Time MBA Class of 2022 Pre-Work and LAUNCH*.' We recommend you start your mandatory academic pre-work assignments, due on August 14, as soon as possible to allow ample time for completion.
- The MBA Center Career Coaching team will be reaching out late next week about the summer résumé process and summer career pre-work. This will include webinars, self-assessment, and résumé development with due dates beginning on July 6. On [QuestromTools](#) you will find the '*MBA Career Site – 1st Years*' folder, which includes comprehensive information and deadlines for all summer career pre-work.

- Save the dates for LAUNCH: weekdays August 17 – 31. The two weeks of LAUNCH are part of your curriculum and are mandatory for all Full-Time MBA students. Your LAUNCH schedule, which will include both synchronous group sessions and asynchronous independent and team work, will be updated with more information throughout the summer. For more specific information on LAUNCH, please visit the [admitted students' website](#).
- International students who have not previously studied in the United States are also required to attend our International Student Orientation (ISO) sessions, which will occur within the regular LAUNCH period (August 17-31). However, all international students are invited to attend. For more specific information on ISO, please visit the [admitted students' website](#).
- We strongly encourage U.S. citizens and permanent residents to [apply for federal financial aid](#). Student loan options are available to international students with a credit-worthy U.S. citizen or permanent resident co-applicant, please review our [list of recommended loans and lenders](#).
- Fall semester classes begin on September 2 and end with an evening event on December 15. Please make your winter travel arrangements accordingly.
- Mark your calendar for our new student webinar. On July 15, from 9:00–10:00am EST, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage with the MBA Center academic and career staff in preparation for your time at Questrom. You can access the conversation through our [Zoom login](#).
- Don't forget to fill out your Health Services materials, including immunizations. Please see your [New Student webpage](#) for details.
- I hope you are taking advantage of the [MBA Class of 2022 Facebook Group](#) and [your Whatsapp Group](#) to contact each other. You also may find it helpful to visit our [Welcome Guide](#) to assist you in planning your move.

You will continue to receive additional information from us throughout the summer, both by email and in more detail on the [New Student webpage](#). In addition, be on the lookout for more opportunities to engage with faculty, staff, and current students in the coming months. You should expect to receive an email from mbacenter@bu.edu with updates and information approximately every week this summer.

Please feel free to contact the MBA Center at mbacenter@bu.edu with any questions. I look forward to seeing you at LAUNCH, and again, welcome to Questrom!

Sincerely,

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