

Executive MBA Programmes at Cambridge



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Judge Business School

ExecutiveMBA

TWO PATHS | ONE VISION



“ Cambridge has this critical mass of academic and business expertise, capital and connections. It’s a cluster of a sort that’s hard to find anywhere else in the world.

Dr Eben Upton CBE | Inventor and Entrepreneur, Co-founder Raspberry Pi Foundation

Why Cambridge Judge Business School?

Cambridge is a world-renowned seat of learning and is synonymous with research and teaching excellence. The University has over 315,000 living alumni, over 20,200 students and 125 affiliates awarded the Nobel Prize.* As an **Executive MBA** student at Cambridge you become a lifelong member of this powerful network.

Cambridge is also Europe’s leading entrepreneurial and high-tech cluster. It is surrounded by science parks, incubators and innovation centres, which are home to a mixture of start-ups and high-tech businesses, as well as major multinationals. Many of these businesses have connections to the University, a collaboration sometimes referred to as the ‘**Cambridge Phenomenon**’. There are many ways to connect to this ecosystem, including seminars, consulting projects and networking events.

The University of Cambridge sits at the centre of the Cambridge Cluster or ‘**Silicon Fen**’. Innovators – many based at the University – have developed over 1,600 firms, employing more than 30,000 people. Cambridge Judge has close links with these businesses: some are start-ups formed by Cambridge alumni. This means you have unique access to an unparalleled network of entrepreneurs, technologists and business experts who live, work and study right here in the city.

Additionally, centres at Cambridge Judge such as **Accelerate Cambridge**, **The Entrepreneurship Centre** and **The Centre for Social Innovation**, provide an unrivalled portfolio of programmes and connections to relevant societies, enterprise champions and departments across the University of Cambridge.

* Figures as at October 2024

University of Cambridge Faculty

The programme is taught by our outstanding faculty, many of whom are leaders in their field. When they are not teaching, they are likely to be directing cutting-edge research which advances knowledge in core management disciplines, consulting for top businesses, or advising governments.

As well as learning from exceptional academics, we ensure you are exposed to innovative business practitioners at the forefront of their field. During your time in Cambridge, you will attend dinner in various Colleges across the University, joined by business leaders who will provide inspiration and insight into their own experience. You will also learn from a variety of practitioners who will act as coaches and mentors to support your personal and professional development.





“The sheer range of disparate backgrounds, experiences and perspectives of the cohort was incredible and the value that brought to the learning cannot be overestimated.”

Dr Jag Ahluwalia | Chief Clinical Officer, AHSN & Non-Executive Director Royal Papworth Hospital

Our Executive MBA programmes

The **Executive MBA programmes** at Cambridge are designed to support your professional and personal growth while respecting your work-life balance. We welcome experienced professionals from all backgrounds, and each student defines their own journey – whether aiming for career progression, a role change, or launching a new venture.

Our diverse cohorts bring together senior leaders from across industries and geographies, creating a rich environment for learning and exchange. Expect to build lasting friendships, discover new business opportunities and gain experiences that will stay with you for life.

Both **EMBA programmes** focus on developing strategic, practical knowledge alongside the leadership and soft skills essential for senior executives. Each takes 20 months to complete and shares the same curriculum and admissions criteria. **The key difference is in the delivery:**

The **Cambridge Executive MBA** is delivered over 16 weekends and 4 one-week blocks in Cambridge. The Global Executive MBA comprises 6 one-week blocks – 2 overseas – and 33 live online teaching half-days, offering reduced travel for those based further from the UK.

Each pathway offers a flexible structure that enables you to continue leading your organisation while applying what you learn in real time.

Programme objective and course structure

In the early stages of their careers, corporate executives are often employed for their functional expertise or specific skill sets. However, as they progress through the organisation, this functional expertise becomes less important. At higher levels, executives need to have developed a broad, comprehensive understanding of all the constituent functions in their organisation, not just their own. They need to have a strong understanding of the global business environment in order to make well informed strategic decisions. They need to have well developed 'soft skills' in order to manage and lead others effectively. And they need to be part of a strong, global peer network that will provide the connectivity and advice to help them advance in their careers.

Core courses | It is critical that those responsible for the running of an institution have a thorough knowledge of its various component parts. Our EMBA programmes provide a strong overview of the principal functional areas of a corporate structure. We ensure that our participants understand the role of different business departments, are familiar with their key tools and methodologies, appreciate the way in which they operate in the wider organisational context and are fully conversant with the language and terminology they use.

Global business | The programme structure and content is designed to meet the needs of global business leaders, and attracts participants from around the world. Part of the programme is delivered overseas through an International Business Study Trip. The country visited is carefully selected according to current economic conditions and its relevance to the course. The course covers internationalisation strategies. The class meets local business leaders and government officials and visits leading domestic and international organisations to understand at first hand the varied responses to globalisation.



“The programme provided me with an incredible platform for better understanding the corporate world. I was fired up by a vision of what big companies might contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development.”

Dr Louisa Cox | Director of Programme Partnerships, Fairtrade Partnerships



Programme objective and course structure

Practical | We are committed to delivering a programme which is appropriate to your work so you can apply your newly acquired knowledge and skills as soon as you return to work after a weekend or week-long session. Each course aims to provide ideas, insights and frameworks that will help you be more effective in your organisation. We also offer a **Team Consulting Project**, comprising a week-long group project where you work in a small team for a specific client on a live project. Client companies typically implement the recommendations and strategies developed during these projects.

Customisable | The University of Cambridge is celebrated for its very personal approach to learning. **The Executive MBA Programmes at Cambridge** can be tailored to your particular needs or can focus on subjects of specific interest through a variety of electives, as well as through an extended individual project supervised by a member of the University of Cambridge's faculty.

Professional, personal and career development | The Professional Development programme comprises a suite of discrete professional training modules, designed to impart critical practical and transferable skills.

Lifelong learning | After graduation, the **Executive MBA** programmes continue to furnish alumni with the knowledge and skills to become more effective managers. EMBA alumni have access to lifelong learning opportunities offered by the Business School and the University to keep abreast of the latest research and thinking. This enables our alumni community to stay engaged with Cambridge Judge and the wider University community throughout their careers. More importantly, a significant amount of time is allocated to personal development which focuses on the improvement of 'soft' skills such as cultural intelligence, diplomacy and reflexivity, all of which are critical to effective management of oneself and others. Participants also have the opportunity to work with executive coaches on a one-to-one basis.

Course content at a glance*

The Cambridge Executive MBA

Term 1	Orientation Week	Business Analytics	Corporate Finance	Financial Reporting and Analysis	Microeconomics	Management Praxis	Personal/ Professional/Careers Development Speaker Series
Term 2	Individual Project	Team Consultancy Project	Organisational Behaviour	Corporate Finance	Operations Management	International Business Study Trip	Personal/ Professional/Careers Development Speaker Series
Term 3	Individual Project	Team Consultancy Project	Marketing Management	Macroeconomics	Negotiation Skills	Personal/ Professional/Careers Development Speaker Series	
Term 4	Individual Project	Team Consultancy Project	Managing Innovation	Strategic management	Management Praxis	Personal/ Professional/Careers Development Speaker Series	
Term 5	Individual Project	Corporate Governance and Ethics	Electives	Management Praxis	Personal/ Professional/Careers Development Speaker Series		

The Global Executive MBA

Term 1	Orientation Week	Business Analytics	Corporate Finance	Financial Reporting and Analysis	Microeconomics	Management Praxis	Personal/ Professional/Careers Development Speaker Series
Term 2	Individual Project	Team Consultancy Project	Organisational Behaviour	Operations Management	Marketing Management	Management Praxis	Personal/ Professional/Careers Development Speaker Series
Term 3	Individual Project	Team Consultancy Project	Organisational Behaviour	Marketing Management	Corporate Governance and Ethics	Macroeconomics	International Business Study Trip
Term 4	Individual Project	Team Consultancy Project	Managing Innovation	Strategic management	Management Praxis	Electives	Personal/ Professional/Careers Development Speaker Series
Term 5	Individual Project	Global Innovation Study Trip (featuring Corporate Governance and Ethics, Innovation Management and Strategic Management)	Management Praxis	Negotiation Skills	Personal/ Professional/Careers Development Speaker Series		

Orientation Week	Travel
Core courses	Personal and Professional Development and Speaker Series
Management Praxis course	Projects
Electives	

* Please note that module terms of delivery and dates are subject to change

Core courses | The core courses ensure you understand the different business disciplines you need to run your organisation, and encompass the full range of subjects generally taught as part of an MBA programme.

Electives | Our electives provide you with the ideal opportunity to broaden your experience, focus on subjects of particular interest, and tailor your Executive MBA to your specific needs.

International Business Study Trip | The course covers internationalisation strategies including why and how firms internationalise. It's a one-week trip and the location is carefully selected based on current economic situations around the world.

The Cambridge Ecosystem | These 3 days, designed around a specific theme, are designed to showcase the Cambridge Ecosystem. A third of the course will be classroom-based and two thirds will comprise meetings with local business leaders and company visits in the East Anglia region.

Personal and professional development | The PPD course enhances leadership effectiveness by developing personal skills, attitudes and capabilities that go beyond the core Executive MBA curriculum. It emphasises soft skills such as cultural intelligence, diplomacy and reflexivity and includes one-to-one coaching to support individual growth.

Careers support | The Cambridge Judge Online Careers Centre (OCC) enables students and alumni to sign up for careers events, search a database of employers and job listings, set up specific alerts for jobs and events relating to their interests and create profiles for prospective employers.

The OCC can be customised to allow users to book meetings with members of the Careers Team for careers advancement, transitions and entrepreneurial ambitions. The Careers Team can help you with applications, interviews and negotiating your offers, as well as being a sounding board for your careers planning.

Your peers

A key feature of the programme is learning from and collaborating with peers at a similar level of seniority. The Executive MBA programmes encourage this approach during both classes and projects, asking you to work in international teams and to join forces to test your new skills in the business world. Participants are from a diverse range of industries and nationalities and from a variety of cultures and backgrounds. Each brings with them unique experiences resulting in a class of talented, energetic and creative team players.

Outcomes | We measure the success of the programme by the outcome of its participants. Participants have diverse expectations of the programme and assess its success through a range of outcomes. Some feel they have become better managers, some have achieved promotion and others have started their own businesses. What can be said of all our alumni is that they have achieved their goals they set themselves and have generated greater wealth or success for both themselves and the organisations for which they work.



Henrietta Mbeah-Bankas | Head of Portfolio, NHS England
Cambridge EMBA 2023

Henrietta joined the programme with a high level of expertise in health leadership. In her current role, she enjoys influencing health education policy and practice to widen access and participation for diverse groups of people to prepare them for the demands of 21st century healthcare. She chose to study for an Executive MBA to gain business skills in preparation for career progression and her entrepreneurial endeavours.



Chris Whitaker | Head of Disability, Sport England
Cambridge EMBA 2023

Chris had a varied career path before joining the EMBA programme, having obtained an Undergraduate degree in Law and a PhD in offender rehabilitation before changing direction and embarking on a career in disability sport. Chris joined the Cambridge EMBA programme for its rigorous academic and practical grounding. Chris and his wife have recently co-founded Purple Advantage, a company that aims to help close the disability employment gap by helping businesses unlock the talent of disabled people and creating inclusive environments for everyone.



“The global network, diverse outlooks and variety of industries represented enable me to go to work on Monday morning with a fresh perspective and to think about my industry differently.”

Lily Cortese | Director, Transactions & Business Analytics, Johnson & Johnson



Pravena Mohan | Regional Grants & Contracts Director
(Asia Pacific), Conservation International
Cambridge EMBA 2023

In her current role, Pravena oversees grant management and sustainable finance initiatives that align with the company mission to protect and restore forests, build partnerships for nature and people, scale up blue carbon projects, balance production and protection, and expand ocean protection. She was attracted to the Executive MBA by the programme's integration of rigorous academic theories with real-world applications, empowering senior executives to challenge conventional thinking and redefine their leadership approaches.



Percy Silamba | Chairman & Chief Executive Officer,
The International Corporation
Global Executive EMBA 2025

Percy is a senior executive with over 25 years of leadership experience in banking and financial services including roles at Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase. A qualified lawyer across multiple jurisdictions, he brings deep expertise in finance, law and executive leadership. An Ivy League and HBCU alumnus, Percy combines strategic insight with a global perspective.



Noor Teja | Cell Supply Chain Referent, Médecins Sans Frontières
Cambridge EMBA 2024

Noor is a Supply Chain Programme Manager with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) overseeing humanitarian logistics across Eastern and Southern Africa. She leads critical medical supply operations in challenging environments, applying systems thinking and data-driven strategy. Committed to global health equity, she manages diverse teams to deliver high-impact results.

The Executive MBA and you



Entry requirements

To find out about our entry requirements, scan the QR code or type this URL into your web browser: <https://bit.ly/EMBAEnter>
Then navigate to our minimum requirements section.



Eligibility

Want to find out if you are eligible? Upload your CV and have it reviewed by our Admissions Team. Simply scan the QR code or visit this link: <https://bit.ly/EMBACv>



One-to-one meetings

Would you rather speak to one of Admissions Team directly? Book a one-to-one meeting by scanning this QR code or entering the URL: <https://bit.ly/EMBA-121-R>



Events

Events are a great way to find out more about the Executive MBA programmes, hear from our alumni and discover if Cambridge is the right fit for you. To see our upcoming events, scan the QR code or enter this URL: <https://bit.ly/EMBA-events>

// I liked the broadness of the countries and the industries that the learnings can be applied in. New tools I've picked up I can easily apply and present in work context.

EMBA 2023 student, Vietnam | On the International Business Study Trip



The application process

We have a rolling application process, with funding awards decided after each round deadline.

To complete your application, you will need:

- Two references: one from a peer and one from a supervisor
- Answers to 2 essay questions
- £150 application fee
- Transcripts and degree certificates for your undergraduate degree, and any other degree level qualifications you have completed.

These should show the courses taken and results attained.

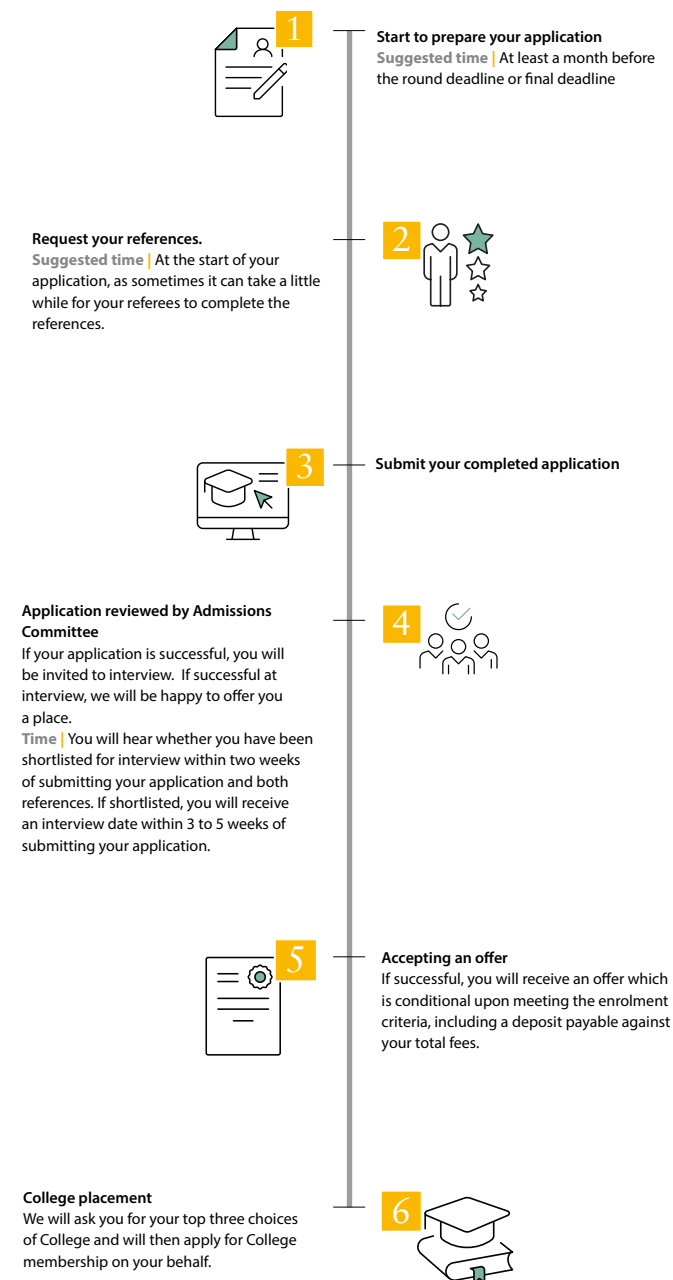
Depending on your circumstances, you may also need:

- A valid GMAT/EA score
- Proof of English language ability (TOEFL/IELTS)

A member of our Admissions team will be able to advise if you need these. You can contact our Admissions Team on: emba-enquiries@jbs.cam.ac.uk

“The Team Consultancy Project was a fantastic learning experience getting to meet new people, industries, backgrounds and working together in a demanding professional environment without having specific experience in the area.”

EMBA 2023 student



Connect with us

There are a number of different ways you can engage with us to find out more about our programmes and help you decide whether Cambridge is the right place for you.

Speak to Admissions

Want to reach out to our Admissions Team directly? You can contact them on the email addresses below.

Cambridge EMBA | emba-enquiries@jbs.cam.ac.uk

Global EMBA | gemba-enquiries@jbs.cam.ac.uk



Register your interest

Want to be kept up to date on everything EMBA related? Register your interest to subscribe to our newsletters, find out about upcoming events, receive information about round deadlines and much more.

To register your interest, scan the QR code or visit this URL:
<https://bit.ly/EMBA-reg-int>

// The content, delivery, professors, innovation forum, group discussions, company visits, evening speakers, programme team, Austral team. Everything was A+ well planned and executed. I had the best time and enjoyed the module and acquiring new skills and network.

EMBA 2023 student, Vietnam



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