Graduate Management Admission Council*

Women and Graduate **Management Education**

Motivations and Journeys of Female Candidates

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Strong demand for graduate management education among female candidates

of programs report growth in applications from female candidates in 2020

Career advantage of a graduate business degree is attractive to female candidates



of female prospective students report that "having opportunities for promotion or advancement" is extremely or very important



of female prospective students report that "having a job you enjoy doing" is extremely or very important



of female prospective students agree or somewhat agree that "a graduate business degree helps you stand out at work"

Domestic and international female candidates differ in their GME plans

Percentage of female candidates reporting, "I always planned to pursue a graduate business education at this point."



International Candidates

50%

Domestic Candidates Percentage of female candidates expecting financial resources to come from parents or grants / fellowships /scholarships



58%

International Candidates

Domestic Candidates

Career goals vary by preferences for program types and study destinations

MBA-Domestic*

#1 Career Goal



Get a raise/salary increase

#1 Job Function



General Management

MBA-International

#1 Career Goal



Work outside my country of citizenship

#1 Job Function



Strategy

Business Master's-Domestic

#1 Career Goal



#1 Job Function



Finance/accounting

Business Master's-International

#1 Career Goal



Work for a company where I can travel internationally

#1 Job Function



Consulting

^{*} Program preference (MBA vs. Business Master's). Preference for a study destination relative to the citizenship (domestic vs. international)