Graduate Management Admission Council

GMAC Prospective Students Survey 2022

How has COVID-19 changed prospective student preferences?

Access the summary report at gmac.com/prospectivestudents

Candidates still see higher value in the in-person experience, but interest in hybrid formats is on the rise



of candidates disagree that on-campus and online degree programs offer the same value

Across candidate segments, interest in hybrid delivery is growing % prefer hybrid program format, 2021



The full-time MBA still reigns supreme as the most preferred program type



43%

Of candidates

indicate their

preferred program type is either a

full-time two-year

(22%) or one-year

(21%) MBA

Top 3 curriculum "must-haves" for candidates who prefer full-time MBA programs







Western Europe and the US are still the top international study destinations, but some key candidate markets are now less mobile



Top 3 preferred study destinations of international candidates



39% Western Europe

of Central and South Asian candidates

prefer to study

internationally,

down from 89%

in 2019





39%

Interest in working in the tech sector is on the rise



of global candidates are interested in working in tech post-GME, up from 34% pre-pandemic

Growth in tech interest is noteworthy among specific candidate segments % interest in tech. 2021





Women

undergrads 32%

Career switchers are casting a wider net of post-GME career possibilities than prior to the pandemic



of global candidates want to switch careers. consistent with pre-pandemic levels



Top 3 industries of interest

among career switchers





