

# Leeds MBA

## Admissions Criteria for International Students

### International

The Leeds School welcomes applications from international candidates. The cultural diversity and perspectives that international students bring to the program enriches the experience for all of our MBA students. We will evaluate candidates from outside the US using the same criteria used for domestic applicants. However, some additional information is required to complete the application for international candidates.

### Required Credentials and Grade Standards

A four-year bachelor's degree or its equivalent is required for admission into the graduate programs at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Admission standards are competitive and students are expected to have excellent academic records. Download the Prescreening Guide for International Graduate Applicants for detailed information regarding credential and grade standards required for graduate admission. This chart is for the purpose of prescreening only. Meeting the minimum credential and grade requirements does not guarantee admission.

### Transcripts

Official certified transcripts of your previous academic records are expected. All records should be submitted in the native language, and credentials written in languages other than English must be accompanied by a literal, certified English translation. Diplomas or certificates of government or university examinations must show the subjects passed and grades/marks received. Submit transcripts to:

MBA Programs Office  
Leeds School of Business  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
995 Regent Drive UCB 419  
Boulder, CO 80309-0419  
Phone: 1.303.492.8397

### Financial Statement

International applicants are required to submit a financial statement. This document assures the University of Colorado at Boulder that sufficient funds are available to the student to finance his or her two year stay at the Leeds School of Business. The financial statement must be notarized and signed by a bank official, sponsoring company, or an individual with supporting documentation (such as bank statements from the previous three months). This statement must be submitted with your MBA application and is available in the online application.

### English Language Proficiency

The Leeds MBA program is rigorous both quantitatively and qualitatively and an excellent command of written and spoken English is essential. Applicants who have not completed an undergraduate or graduate degree in the United States or whose native language is not English must submit satisfactory test scores for evaluation. Applicants should request that the scores be reported directly to the University of Colorado Boulder MBA program.

We will accept the following tests of language sufficiency:

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) The MBA Program requires a minimum score of 250 on the computer-based test (CBT), or 80 on the internet-based test (IBT).
- IELTS (International English Language Test) The MBA program requires a minimum score of 6 on the IELTS.
- Pearson Test of English Academic. The MBA program requires a minimum score of 55 on the PTE Academic.

Citizens of the following countries are exempt from the language requirement:

Australia	Great Britain
Belize (formerly British Honduras)	India
Botswana	New Zealand
Canada (residents of Quebec must submit scores unless they earned a degree from McGill University)	Nigeria
The Commonwealth Caribbean	Rhodesia (formerly Zimbabwe)
Ghana	Scotland
	Singapore
	South Africa

### Pre-Enrollment Preparation Program

Participation, leadership, and teamwork are all central components of American MBA programs. Students are expected to participate actively, communicate clearly, and work effectively in teams. Many professors and students in MBA programs across the U.S. agree that, although international students bring an incredible wealth of knowledge to their programs, they are often overshadowed by their American counterparts. Our one week long Program for International Participants (PIP) helps to bridge this gap between knowledge and effective participation and contribution in MBA programs.

For students who need additional English language preparation, we also recommend the English Language Intensive Program (ELIP) which provides business-focused sessions in conversation, writing and presentation skills.

### Deadlines

We strongly encourage international candidates to submit applications in the first or second rounds of the admission cycle. The deadlines are November 15 or January 15. This allows enough time for the issuance of a student visa.

### Application Fee

The Full-time MBA application fee is \$70 US. Application fees may be paid by credit card, check or money order. Checks should be made payable to the University of Colorado and must be drawn on an American bank. Submit your payment with your application as applications will not be reviewed without payment of the application fee. Include your full name and date of birth on your check or money order to ensure the payment is credited to your application. Do not send cash. Application fees are not refundable and will not be waived.

### Fellowships

Fellowships are available to selected international candidates. International candidates may for fellowships as part of the online application. International applicants who are seeking fellowships should apply in the first or second rounds of the admissions cycle for best consideration as fellowship awards are limited and are generally granted to competitive applicants who apply early.

### Financial Aid

Need-based financial aid is available for U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens.

Eligible non-citizens may be:

- U.S. permanent residents with an I-551
- Conditional permanent residents with an I-551C
- Noncitizens with an I-94 showing "Asylum Granted," "Refugee," "Indefinite Parole," "Humanitarian Parole," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant"

Visit EduPass for general information about financial aid for international students studying in the U.S.

The Rowe Fund is the student loan program of the Organization of American States. It awards interest-free loans to qualified persons from Latin American and Caribbean countries to help finance graduate, postgraduate, and the final two years of undergraduate studies at accredited universities within the United States.