PH.D. IN BUSINESS

Admissions

Each application to the Gabelli School of Business Ph.D. program receives a thorough and complete evaluation.

Applicants are evaluated on two primary criteria:

1. Demonstrated past success in university programs
2. Potential ability in the field as an academic scholar

It is expected that most applicants to the Ph.D. program will hold a graduate degree from an accredited university in business or a related field, such as an M.S. in economics, finance, mathematics, operations research, psychology, or statistics.

Transfer students from other Ph.D. programs, particularly in economics, are strongly encouraged to apply. Students may receive consideration for transferred credits based on previous coursework and degrees. Applicants without graduate degrees or with general questions about their eligibility are encouraged to email businessphd@fordham.edu.

Application Materials

Applicants must provide all of the following materials:

Statement of Purpose

This one- to two-page statement should introduce the applicant, provide a summary of past academic achievements, indicate the applicant's current academic interests, identify what he or she hopes to accomplish, and explain the choice of both a business Ph.D. in general and the Gabelli School program in particular.

CV/Résumé

An updated CV or résumé should detail all relevant academic and/or professional experience and achievements.

Writing Sample

A writing sample demonstrating strong research and writing skills is required. The writing sample should ideally be a research paper in the area of the applicant's interest, such as a master's thesis or a seminar paper.

Transcripts and GPA

Official transcripts in support of all previously earned degrees must be sent to Fordham directly from the issuing institution. It is expected that applicants have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.5. All international transcripts and related documents must be evaluated by World Education Services (WES). Given the time involved in the evaluation process, unofficial transcripts may be submitted as placeholders; however, any admissions decision is conditional upon eventual evaluation of all international transcripts.

Letters of Recommendation

Three letters of recommendation are required; at least two of these must be written by professors or academic research practitioners.

TOEFL/IELTS

International applicants who have not earned their previous degree(s) at a university in the United States or another English-speaking country must submit a valid TOEFL or IELTS score. The minimum expected TOEFL score is 105, and the minimum expected IELTS score is 7.5.

Interview

Applicants who meet the above requirements may be interviewed by the doctoral program committee.

Application Fee

The application fee is $135.

GMAT/GRE scores are not required, though applicants may submit scores from either exam.