

MsECON-MIA Application Checklist – Fall 2024



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
The Bush School
of Government & Public Service

APPLICANT NAME: _____

UIN: _____

The Bush School's Office of Admissions works in conjunction with Texas A&M's Office of Graduate Admissions and Economics Department to process applications for the Master of Science in Economics-Master of International Affairs combined degree program. Applicants must first apply, be admitted, and enroll in the MsECON degree program. The student applies to the MIA portion of the combined degree in their first semester of enrollment in the MsECON degree by submitting an MIA Supplemental Application to the Bush School. Use the checklist below to mark off items as you upload/submit. We recommend you make copies of your materials (except pieces in sealed envelopes) for your own records. Our contact information is below.

*Priority MIA Funding Application Deadline: **December 15, 2023***
*Final Application Deadline: **January 12, 2024***

- Supplemental MIA Application for the Bush School** (https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3lqwLVqyEjxc1w)
 - Answer MIA program-specific questions.
 - Upload international experience essay, personal statement that addresses MIA prompt (if different from MsECON statement), resume (if different than MsECON resume), and GRE/GMAT scores (if preferred)
 - No app fee required

- Résumé:** If you would like to submit a résumé different from the one you submitted to the MsECON program or geared toward the MIA, upload to the Supplemental MIA Application.

- Personal Statement:** If the statement you submitted for the MsECON application did not address the MIA personal statement prompt, upload one that does to the MIA Supplemental Application.

- MIA International Experience Essay:** Upload to the MIA Supplemental Application.

- GRE/GMAT:** Upload to the MIA Supplemental Application, if desired. For the MIA portion, scores are:
 - **Strongly encouraged** for those with a cumulative GPA below a 3.2.
 - **Optional** for those with a cumulative GPA of a 3.2 or above.
 - **Accepted** for applicants who feel their scores can complement a strong file or offset concerns.

MIA Questions? Contact Ashlee Treadway or Kathryn Meyer * bushschoolapplications@tamu.edu * 979-862-3476
MsECON Questions? Contact Economics Department * ms-econ-program@tamu.edu * 979-845-7376

Welcome! This document provides instructions to apply for fall graduate admission into the on-campus **Master of International Affairs** portion of the **MsECON-MIA combined degree program** at the Bush School, in conjunction with the Economics department, at Texas A&M University.

Fall 2024 application deadlines:

MIA Priority Funding Application Deadline: December 15, 2023

Final Application Deadline: January 12, 2024

Applications completed by the priority funding deadline of **December 15** are considered for optimal funding consideration for the MIA degree portion. Applications completed after the priority deadline, but on or before the final deadline, will still receive a competitive Bush School Scholarship, but may miss nomination for other funding.

APPLICATION PROCESS & OVERVIEW

The Department of Economics and the Bush School of Government & Public Service work together to process applications and admit students into the Master of Science in Economics and Master of International Affairs (MsECON-MIA) Combined Degree.

First, applicants apply to the Master of Science in Economics (MsECON) by submitting an application through the Texas A&M University GraduateCAS application system (GradCAS). If admitted, the student enrolls in the Economics degree for their first year. Please visit the [MsECON Admissions website](#) for instructions to apply to the MsECON degree.

Applicants apply to the MIA portion of the program in the fall semester of their first year (while enrolled in the MsECON degree) by submitting an MIA Supplemental Application to the Bush School by the application deadlines listed above. **Incomplete applications will NOT be considered for admission.** Use the same spelling and name on all correspondence and documents to avoid confusion or delay in processing.

★ **Note:** The Bush School will notify applicants via email of any missing items required to complete the MIA portion of the application process and/or when their application is complete, so be sure to monitor the email address entered on the application.

In early February, applicants selected for the interview round in the MIA admissions process are invited to interview during Interview Conference Weekend (Feb 23-24, 2024), with alternative interviews available for those who cannot attend. Admissions and Scholarship Committees meet soon after, and applicants are notified of an MIA admissions and scholarship decision by mid-March. Applicants have until April 15 to accept or decline their offer.

MIA SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

In the fall semester of the student's first year of enrollment in the MsECON degree, the student is eligible to apply to the MIA portion of the MsECON-MIA combined degree by filling out and submitting the [MIA Supplemental Application](#) to the Bush School by the application deadlines listed above.

The Supplemental MIA Application will ask you to answer several MIA program-specific questions, upload your International Experience Essay, Personal Statement (if MsECON personal statement does not address items in the MIA prompt), Resume (if different than resume submitted to MsECON) and GRE/GMAT scores (if desired).

RÉSUMÉ

If you would like to submit an MIA focused résumé that highlights your international experiences, language, and focus, we encourage you to upload it to the [MIA Supplemental Application](#). An MIA [Résumé Template](#) is available which includes the following sections:

- **Name and Contact Information**
- **Education**
- **Work/Internship/Military Experiences**
- **International Experience**
- **Skills and Certifications** (language, software, clearance, etc.)
- **Leadership, Service, Organizations, and Honors**

PERSONAL STATEMENT

If the personal statement you submitted via your application to the MsECON degree does not address the following prompt, then please upload a statement that does to the [MIA Supplemental Application](#).

Statements should be typed in 11 pt font, spaced 1.5", and address the following prompt. Include your name, the title "Personal Statement", and page number on each page.

Prompt: *In 750 words or less, please address the following topics in your personal statement:*

- *Your personal and professional goals for a career in international affairs and economics,*
- *What (including the people, places, internships, or events) inspired you to pursue a career related to international affairs,*
- *How obtaining the MsECON-MIA degree will help you achieve your goals, and*
- *What value you bring to the MIA program specifically (including knowledge gained from meaningful experiences, education, or jobs you have had in the past).*

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE ESSAY

An International Experience Essay is required for the MIA portion of the application process. The international experience essay is a place for applicants to convey their unique international experiences/influences and is **in addition to the personal statement**. Upload to the [MIA Supplemental Application](#).

Essays should be typed in 11 pt font and spaced 1.5", and address the following prompt. Include your name, the title "International Experience Essay", and page number on each page.

Prompt: *In 750 words or less, tell us about the experiences that have influenced your interest in international affairs. We recognize that your experiences and opportunities may vary substantially from others, but we are looking for aspects of study abroad, living abroad, influential courses or readings, language interests, international news or events, cultural interactions, and more. Some repetition may occur from your statement, but this essay should include new material.*

GRE/GMAT Scores (optional)

Applicants are not required to submit GRE or GMAT scores for either program. For the MIA, scores are:

- **Optional** for those with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better.
- **Strongly encouraged** for those with a cumulative GPA below a 3.2.
- **Accepted** for those who feel scores can complement a strong file or offset concerns such as a low GPA, lack of experience in the field, or if grades/experience do not reflect current abilities. When deciding if scores will help or hinder, consider our previous years' averages (308).

Applicants weighing the decision to submit scores should consider their testing ability, time to study, and whether scores will help or hinder their application (our average GRE score is a 308). We prefer the GRE test over GMAT. Scores must be within five years of the date the GradCAS application is submitted.

If you wish to provide GRE/GMAT scores, upload a copy of your Test Score Report to the [MIA Supplemental Application](#).

CONTACT INFORMATION

BUSH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Questions about the MIA portion of the program and/or MIA Supplemental Application should be directed to Ashlee Treadway or Kathryn Meyer in the Bush School Admissions Office:

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ECONOMICS ADVISING OFFICE

If you have any questions about the MsECON portion of the program and/or the MsECON application process, please contact **Margaret Lomas Carpenter**:

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