

# MS ECON-MIA Application Checklist – Fall 2025

Priority MIA Funding Deadline: **December 15, 2024** | Application Deadline: **January 5, 2025**

The Bush School's Office of Graduate Admissions works with Texas A&M's 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.

In the student's first semester of enrollment in the MS ECON degree, the student then applies to the MIA portion of the combined degree by submitting an MIA Supplemental Application to the Bush School. Use the checklist below to mark off items as you upload/submit via the MIA Supplemental application.

An application and all materials must be submitted/received on or before 11:59 PM (Central Time) on the application deadline above. Incomplete applications are not considered or reviewed for admission.

Please note the admissions process for the MIA is different than that of the MS ECON and includes interviews. Visit our website for an overview of the [MIA admissions process](#).



## **MIA Supplemental Application for the Bush School**

([https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5clp1xJTK684zOu](https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5clp1xJTK684zOu))

- Answer MIA program-specific questions.
- Upload personal statement that addresses MIA prompt (if different from MsECON statement), resume (if different than MsECON resume), and GRE/GMAT test score report (if desired).
- No app fee required



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



**GRE/GMAT Test Scores (optional):** Upload to the MIA Supplemental Application, if desired.

For the MIA, scores are:

- **Strongly encouraged** for those with a cumulative GPA below a 3.2.
- **Encouraged** and **accepted** for anyone who feels their scores can complement a strong file or offset potential concerns, such as a low GPA.



## **Transcripts, Recommendations, and Proof of English Proficiency (if applicable)**

We will obtain a copy of your transcripts and recommendations that were submitted at the time you applied to the MS ECON degree. You do not need to resubmit these items.

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**MIA Questions?** Contact Ashlee Treadway or Kathryn Meyer \* [bushschoolapplications@tamu.edu](mailto:bushschoolapplications@tamu.edu) \* 979-862-3476

**MS ECON Questions?** Contact Economics Department \* [ms-econ-program@tamu.edu](mailto:ms-econ-program@tamu.edu) \* 979-845-7376

## MS ECON-MIA Application Instructions – Fall 2025

### Fall 2025 Application Deadlines:

**MIA Priority Funding Application Deadline: December 15, 2024**

**Application Deadline: January 5, 2025**

Applications completed by the priority funding deadline are considered for nomination-based funding awards. Applications completed after December 15, but prior to the application deadline, will still receive a competitive, merit-based scholarship. However, nomination-based opportunities may no longer be available.

### 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.

In the fall semester of their first year while enrolled in the MS ECON degree, the student then applies to the MIA portion of the combined degree program by submitting an MIA Supplemental Application 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 21-22, 2025), 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 MS ECON-MIA combined degree by filling out and submitting the [MIA Supplemental Application](#) to the Bush School on or before the application deadlines listed above.

The Supplemental MIA Application will ask the applicant to answer several MIA program-specific questions, upload a Personal Statement that addresses the MIA prompt, resume (if different than resume submitted to MsECON), and GRE/GMAT test 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

Upload a personal statement addressing the following MIA prompt to the [MIA Supplemental Application](#). Statements should be typed in 11 pt font, spaced 1.5", and include your name, the title "Personal Statement", and page number on each page.

**Prompt:** *In 1,000 words or less, please address the following topics in your personal statement:*

- *What inspired or influenced you to pursue a career related to international affairs (include relevant people, places, travel, courses, internships, and/or events),*
- *Your personal and professional goals within international affairs and economics,*
- *What value you bring to the MIA program specifically (include meaningful experiences, education, and/or jobs you have had), and*
- *How an education from the Bush School will help you to achieve your goals.*

## GRE/GMAT TEST SCORES (optional)

Applicants are NOT required to submit GRE or GMAT test scores for either program. If you wish to provide GRE/GMAT test scores to be considered for admission into the MIA portion of the combined degree program, upload a copy of your Test Score Report to the [MIA Supplemental Application](#). For the MIA, scores are:

- **Strongly encouraged** for those with a cumulative GPA below a 3.2.
- **Accepted** and **encouraged** 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.

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 application is submitted.

## TRANSCRIPTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, PROOF OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (if required)

The Bush School Graduate Admissions Office will obtain these items from the Economics department and Texas A&M Admissions Office which you submitted at the time you applied to the MS ECON degree. Applicants do not need to resubmit transcripts, recommendations, or their proof of English proficiency (if applicable).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### BUSH SCHOOL GRADUATE 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 MS ECON portion of the program and/or the MS ECON application process, please contact **Margaret Lomas Carpenter**:

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