

Top Graduate Schools of Business in America for 2008

U.S. News & World Report has just released its annual survey, “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2008.” If you are planning to pursue a graduate degree in business, but not quite sure which one is the best for you, read on to learn about the nation’s top graduate schools of business. **Graduate School Loans** has provided this summary to give you information on the top twenty graduate schools of business.

Categories

Schools were ranked according to their scores in categories such as peer assessment (5.0 scale), recruiter assessment (5.0 scale), undergraduate GPA, GMAT scores, acceptance rates, starting salary of graduates, employment of graduates, and full-time enrollment.

Top 20 Graduate Schools of Business

1. Harvard University
2. Stanford University
3. The University of Pennsylvania (Wharton)
4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Sloan)
5. Northwestern University (Kellogg)
6. University of Chicago
7. Dartmouth College (Tuck)
8. University of California – Berkeley (Haas)
9. Columbia University
10. New York University (Stern)
11. University of Michigan – Ann Arbor (Ross)
12. Duke University (Fuqua)
13. University of Virginia (Darden)
14. Cornell University (Johnson)
15. Yale University
16. University of California – Los Angeles (Anderson)
17. Carnegie Mellon University (Tepper)
18. University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill (Kenan-Flagler)
19. University of Texas–Austin (McCombs)
20. Emory University (Goizueta)

For an exhaustive list of the top 50 ranked business schools, go to:

http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/grad/rankings/mba/brief/mbarank_brief.php

The Top 3 Business Schools

All 50 schools possess impressive traits that earned them a ranking on this esteemed survey. However, it takes unparalleled innovation to cultivate a learning community that deserves to be the top three best graduate schools of business in the nation! Read on to learn more about these three schools.

#1 Ranked Graduate School of Business: Harvard University

Recognized for creating the world's first Masters in Business Administration program, Harvard Business School is located on its own residential campus in Boston, Massachusetts. Founded in 1908, the school boasts having over 38,000 living alumni from their MBA program, over 25,000 executive education alumni alive and over 500 living doctoral alumni.

Each year the school averages about 7,000 applications for their pioneering MBA program, but only accepts 1,800.

This prestigious school is obviously doing something right as 2006 graduates averaged a starting salary of \$125,527, with a whopping 90.4% employed at graduation. It is no wonder that this is not the first year that Harvard Business School has received this high-status honor.

For more information on Harvard Business School, visit: <http://www.hbs.edu>.

#2 Ranked Stanford University

Falling just one point behind Harvard for another year is Stanford University's Graduate School of Business, also known as the GSB. A huge part of the GSB is Stanford's MBA program. This two year program has approximately 365 students enroll each year. But do not let the smaller class size fool you. According to Stanford's GSB website, because of the smaller size of the MBA program, it can offer "unparalleled personal attention and flexibility."

Located between San Francisco and San Jose, **Stanford University's Graduate School of Business** (GSB) was founded in 1925 after a proposal from future U.S. president Herbert Hoover. Hoover a Stanford University graduate and trustee, held a meeting with a group of business leaders in 1924 to express a need for a graduate school of business on the West Coast. He felt that too many students were moving to the East Coast to obtain their graduate degrees in business.

Today, alumni of this successful school of business are employed with prominent world-wide companies such as Citigroup Corporate & Investment Bank, Kraft, L'ORÉAL, and Bath and Body Works, to name a few.

To learn more about **Stanford University's Graduate School of Business**, go to: <http://www.gsb.stanford.edu>.

#3- The University of Pennsylvania

As the world's first collegiate school of business, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania was founded in 1881. The school's historic Philadelphia Ivy League campus offers programs for MBA, executive MBA, and doctoral degrees, as well as executive education programs.

To offer the Wharton School experience to more than just those on the East Coast, the University of Pennsylvania established a Wharton West Campus in San Francisco. In doing so, this moves Wharton one step closer to accomplishing their goal of being the global leader in management education.

Wharton prides itself on having 81,000-plus alumni in 140 countries around the world, as well as on the fact that these alumni average \$105,684 starting out after they receive their degrees.

For more information, visit The Wharton School website at: <http://mba.wharton.upenn.edu>.

The Cost of Attendance at a Top-Ranked Graduate School of Business

While receiving your graduate degree from these institutions can quite possibly launch your career, and provide you with financial security, it is by no means a low-priced undertaking. To attend these 50 schools, the cost of tuition ranges from \$8,200 (Brigham Young University) to \$43,380 (Stanford University) per year. That is excluding the cost of application fees, attendance fees, books, supplies and the cost of living. All of that taken into account, the price of attending one of these graduate schools could easily cost you at least \$140,000 for a two year degree.

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