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# THE MBA APPLICATION ROADMAP

## Your 2027–2028 Planning Guide

*Everything You Need to Know About When to Prepare, What to Prioritize, and How to Plan Your MBA Application.*

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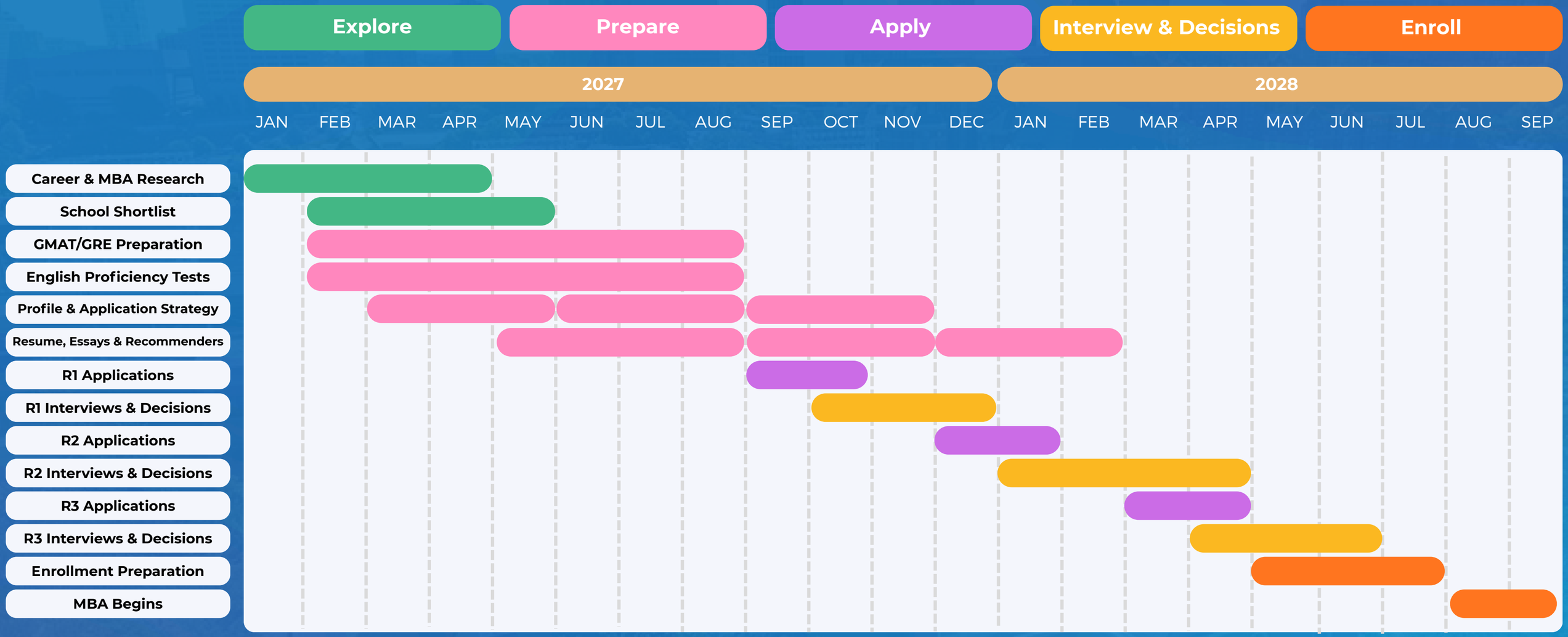
# THE MBA APPLICATION TIMELINE




*Illustrative timeline for applicants targeting 2028 MBA enrollment.*
*Application rounds and deadlines vary by school. Always refer to each program's official admissions website.*

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# WHAT TO PREPARE AT EACH STAGE

## 1. EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

- *Clarify your post-MBA career goals*
- *Research MBA programs and school fit*
- *Review your profile and identify gaps*
- *Take a GMAT/GRE diagnostic test*

## 2. BUILD YOUR FOUNDATION

- *Prepare for GMAT/GRE and required tests*
- *Refine your target school list*
- *Identify strengths, achievements, and impact*
- *Develop your application strategy*

## 3. DEVELOP YOUR APPLICATION

- *Create your MBA resume and essays*
- *Select and brief recommenders*
- *Prepare transcripts and supporting documents*
- *Review and refine your applications*

## 4. SUBMIT & PREPARE FOR NEXT STEPS

- *Submit applications in your chosen round*
- *Prepare for admissions interviews*
- *Monitor decisions and scholarship offers*
- *Complete enrollment requirements after admission*

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# WHICH MBA APPLICATION ROUND IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

## ROUND 1

### Sep - Oct 2027

**Best suited for applicants who:**
Have a clear MBA direction, competitive test scores, and sufficient time to prepare their application materials.

***Key consideration***

*Start early enough to develop strong essays and recommendations without rushing.*

## ROUND 2

### Dec 2027 - Jan 2028

**Best suited for applicants who:**
Need additional time to improve test scores, refine their school list, or strengthen their application story.

***Key consideration***

*Use the additional months strategically, rather than treating R2 as an automatic backup.*

## ROUND 3

### Mar - Apr 2028

**Best suited for applicants who:**
Have a nearly complete application and are targeting programs that still accept applications in a later round.

***Key consideration***

*Availability, scholarship timing, and visa preparation may be more constrained.*



## What Matters More Than Applying Early?

*Your readiness. A well-developed application aligned with your goals and target schools is more valuable than rushing to meet an earlier round.*

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# Your MBA Timeline Is Just the Beginning.

A strong MBA application takes more than knowing the deadlines. It takes the right strategy, a compelling story, and preparation that reflects your goals and strengths.

## BOOK A STRATEGIC CONSULTATION

Your personalized blueprint for MBA & Grad School success

### In this session, you will get:

- Profile Analysis - Discover your strengths, gaps, and ideal recommender strategy
- School Strategy - Get a tailored Dream–Reach–Safe school list with expert insights
- Application Game Plan - Define key themes, story pillars, and standout factors
- Next Steps - Walk away with timeline planning and actionable recommendations

*Prepare your application with the clarity, confidence, and direction you need to succeed.*


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