Located in Ottawa, the capital of Canada, the Telfer School of Management offers “a great place for learning with such a dynamic environment.” Students are drawn to the “triple accreditation” (AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS) and the fact that the school is “bilingual” meaning the “MBA [is] available in French.” The program has a “strong focus on global environment,” a “solid reputation relative to other schools in the area,” and a “low cost of tuition.” It’s “location in the national capital region” offers many “connections with local industry and the federal government.” Consequently, “a lot of government workers” attend the program. “Because of the triple accreditation the school has, we get a lot of international students,” one student explains. “This allows us to work and interact with many diverse cultures that we would normally not be exposed to. In a global marketplace, this is invaluable and should serve me well.”

The “dedicated professors” are “available and reliable” and a real “pillar of strength and wisdom.” The majority of the faculty are “well versed in their areas” and “showcase some of the brightest in their respective fields.” “There are some very knowledgeable professors at this school who go the extra mile to connect with students and,” one happy student reports. The administration is also “available and courteous,” making an overall “very well organized administrative support unit.”

The MBA at University of Ottawa is an intensive “one-year program,” which “means less time out of the workforce.” Despite the short program, the program “still incorporates a large practical component (consulting project and international trip).” The school places students in teams “for the duration of the program” which lets students “combine our strengths to overcome our weaknesses.” It is also worth noting that the University of Ottawa is “very good at supporting partners and acknowledging the toll of an MBA on families.” One student sums up their experience succinctly: “I just have two words: ‘NET AWESOME!’”

Career and Placement

Since the Telfer School of Management is “well connected to the local business community,” many MBA students find work in Canada’s capital. Seventeen percent of a recent graduating class found work in government. The average mean base salary for that class was a little over $77,500. Employers who most frequently hire Ottawa MBAs include Adobe Systems, Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Costco, Deloitte, L'Oreal, RBC Royal Bank, SwiftTrade Securities, TD Waterhouse Investment, and Xerox Canada.
**Student Life and Environment**

Since the student body at University of Ottawa is “such a unique blend of local, national and international students that it is very hard to pinpoint what my fellow students are ‘like’.” However, most students are “friendly, outgoing, and helpful,” and “the average age is late twenties, early thirties.” Students get along well, perhaps thanks to “the program’s approach to team work” which “facilitates this positive environment.”

As “[the university] is in the heart of downtown Ottawa, Canada’s capital city,” there is plenty to do both on campus and off. “Day to day, there is freedom to do what you want;” one student explains. “If you want to be very involved in the school, you can be. If you prefer to do your own thing, that’s fine as well.” As Canadians, “we celebrate winter (given the weather), and enjoy the summer.” “Due primarily to its intensive, twelve-month nature,” there may not be as much time for extracurricular activities as at other programs. As one student states, “The important thing to know going into this program, is that you are willing to give it your all for a full twelve months.”

**Admissions**

The University of Ottawa requires GMAT scores, personal statement, undergraduate transcripts, two letters of recommendation, at least three years of work experience, and an interview. Last year’s class had an average GPA of 3.0 and an average GMAT score of 625. As the program is bilingual, applicants can apply in either French or English but will need to establish proficiency in their desired language.