

University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management MS in Finance Partnership Program 2021-2022 Application Process

Thank you for your interest in our University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management's MS in Finance program! You may begin filling out our online application anytime, and do not need to complete every piece of the application in one sitting. You may save your progress, exit from the application, and return to make edits anytime before submitting the completed application.

Application Deadline for Fall 2022 MSF Program Entry

Preferred: March 15, 2022 – 11:59 PM Central Time (U.S.)

Please note that we can still accept later application submissions.

Prerequisites

- **Completion of Calculus and Statistics Courses**
 - Completion of at least one full-semester, college-level course in calculus, and at least one full-semester, college-level course in statistics is required for admission consideration.
 - Upload a course description or syllabus on the "Carlson MS Programs Requirements" section of the application for the courses that satisfy this requirement.
- **Completion of initial graduate coursework in master's program with a 3.5 GPA or higher** (on a 4-point scale)
 - Students with a GPA below 3.5 will be considered on a case-by-case basis with a recommendation from the Dean of the partner institution or their Designate.

Application Checklist

- **Personal Statement**
 - Please submit separate essay responses to the questions detailed below (approximately 2 pages maximum).
 - Why are you interested in studying at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota? What attracts you to the Carlson School's MSF program specifically? (approximately 200 words)
 - Briefly describe your short-term and long-term career goals. How will completing an MS in Finance program at this time help you toward achieving your goals? (approximately 300 words)
 - What do you feel makes you a strong candidate for the program? How will you contribute to the program overall? (approximately 250 words)
- **Unofficial Academic Transcripts**
 - Upload copies of academic transcripts from all institutions attended, plus English translations
 - You must include your first semester grades from your current master's program
- **Updated Resume**
 - Include your detailed education and employment history, including internships

- Feel free to include a section with relevant academic projects and details
- **Two Recommendations**
 - Please note that you do not need to ask for letters of recommendation from your recommenders. We partner with [GMAC for the Common Letter of Recommendation](#), so you simply need to provide contact information for your recommenders. They will automatically receive the form via email for completion.
 - The form does include an optional section to attach a letter of recommendation, if your recommender chooses to add that component. This step is not required.
- **English Language Testing Scores**
 - Must be taken within 2 years prior to Fall 2022

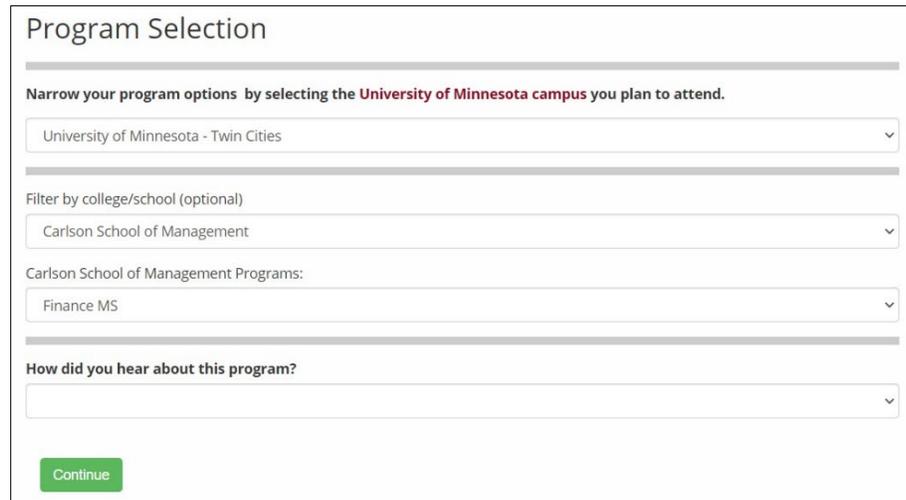
English Language Test	Minimum Required Total Score	Minimum Required Writing Score	Minimum Required Reading Score
TOEFL	95	21	19
IELTS	6.5	6.5	6.5
PTE	65	59	59
Duolingo DET	120	--	--

- **Video Essay**
 - Think of the video essay as if you were answering an interview question with a member of our admissions committee.
 - You will need to use a computer with camera and microphone capabilities. You will have the opportunity to test your technology before starting the video essay, and to complete a practice video essay.
 - You may test your technology and complete a practice video essay as many times as you wish to be comfortable with the format and technology. You will be able to review your practice video essay(s). They will not be saved beyond the testing phase, and will never be reviewed.
 - You may also practice responding to impromptu behavioral questions offline with a friend or colleague before completing the video essay.
 - You will be prompted to click “Ready” once you are prepared to submit an official video essay. You will be asked one impromptu question from a bank of behavioral questions selected by our admissions team.
 - Two minutes (120 seconds) will be provided to prepare and answer, and you will have two minutes (120 seconds) to record an answer. Recording will automatically stop after two minutes. You are not required to use the full two minutes. If you have time remaining after completing your response, you may end the recording by clicking the “Stop Recording” button.
 - You will have only one attempt to record your official video essay.
- **Interview**
 - Admission interviews are by invitation only. Interviews are conducted via Zoom, and are approximately 30 minutes in length, with a member of our interview team. The goal is to better understand a candidate’s academic and professional background, and reasons for applying to the program.
 - You should treat the interview like a job interview. Appropriate attire is business professional.
- **Application Fee** - \$95 for international applications

Note: GMAT/GRE Testing will be automatically waived upon following the below instructions.

Create Your UMN Account and Open your MSF Application

- Visit <https://choose.umn.edu/apply/> to create a University of Minnesota Graduate Application account, using your preferred email address.
- Click Start New Application.
- On the Program Selection Page, open your Carlson School of Management MS in Finance program application by making the following selections:
 - University of Minnesota Campus: **"University of Minnesota - Twin Cities"**
 - College/School: **"Carlson School of Management"**
 - Carlson School of Management Program: **"Finance MS"**



The screenshot shows the 'Program Selection' page. It features a title 'Program Selection' at the top. Below the title is a horizontal line. The main instruction reads: 'Narrow your program options by selecting the University of Minnesota campus you plan to attend.' There are three dropdown menus: the first is set to 'University of Minnesota - Twin Cities', the second is 'Filter by college/school (optional)' set to 'Carlson School of Management', and the third is 'Carlson School of Management Programs:' set to 'Finance MS'. Below these is a fourth dropdown menu labeled 'How did you hear about this program?'. At the bottom left of the form is a green 'Continue' button.

- After clicking Continue, links to the various application sections will appear in the menu on the left side of the screen.

Identify Yourself as an MSF Partnership Program Applicant

- From the application section menu on the left, click Academic History.
- Click Add Institution.
- To access the MSF Partner Program, you will need to:
 - Enter Shanghai University of Finance and Economics or Renmin University of China using the auto-suggest.
 - For Level of Study, select "Graduate"
 - For Degree, select "Degree Expected."

- Note that you will eventually need to submit your unofficial transcripts before submitting your completed application, but you may skip this for now and return later to upload your transcripts before your application deadline.

- Next, from the application section menu on the left, click Carlson Masters Programs Requirements.
 - Now that you have entered your current MSF partnership institution into your application, you will have the option on this page to confirm that you are a partnership applicant.
 - After you confirm on this page that you are a partnership applicant, the application will update to the special Fall 2022 MSF program entry, with GMAT/GRE testing waived.

Have questions? Please reach out to us at msf@umn.edu