
Breaking Barriers Terms & Conditions November 2020

University of San Diego School of Business is proud to offer the Breaking Barriers initiative, which will award ten (10) new students a cost-free GMAT online test preparation course, a fee waiver for the GMAT exam, an application fee waiver and a partial scholarship to support diversity and inclusion within our graduate business programs. Those who self-identify amongst the various categories of diversity including but not limited to: Black, Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC), low-income, income insecure households, first-generation students, gender, LGBTQ+ and other underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.

Participation and/or award receipt does not imply or guarantee admission into the participating program(s).

Eligibility and Application Requirements

- USD School of Business new master's degree applicant for Summer 2021, Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 start terms (Note that each program has their own specific start terms.)
- Submission of Breaking Barriers application and essay by January 5th, 2021 using the linked submission form
- Essay must be original work
- Only one application may be submitted by an applicant
- If applying for a dual degree, this package can only be applied to one participating school of business program
- Essay Topic: *Why are you applying for this package with USD? Highlight the impact an education at USD would have on your life, and how you yourself plan on making an impact in our community.* (Suggested word count 250-500)

Selection Process

- Applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by the USD Graduate Business Admissions Committee
- Recipients will be notified on or before January 12th, 2021

Awards- Timeline for each part of the award:

- Magoosh GMAT Test Prep Fee Voucher- awarded to recipient after notification of award and Terms & Conditions are acknowledged by award recipient
- GMAT Exam Fee Voucher-awarded to recipient once the award recipient confirms with the admissions representative that they are ready to register for the exam
- USD Application Fee Waiver- awarded to the recipient once the candidate is ready to submit a graduate business program application
- Scholarship Award- if and when a Breaking Barriers award recipient is admitted to a participating graduate business program, the applicant shall be notified of and shall be awarded scholarship at the time of admission
- Scholarship award amounts differ based on the program of admission due to different funding available
- Scholarships will range from \$1,000-\$10,000 per recipient
- Awards will be reflected on the recipients' student account upon matriculation to the program
- Scholarship awards are subject to the central university's [merit scholarship terms and conditions](#), and are to be accepted by the recipient if/when an offer of admission is extended and the recipient accepts the offer of admission

Maintaining Eligibility

- Upon admission to a graduate business program, the deferment of enrollment of up to one academic year will be considered on a case-by-case basis