



## Deferral

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**Nicholas:** Megaron, I was fully focused on attending the MBA until last month when I was promoted and accepted a challenging job opportunity. I am not sure I will attend an MBA next year. I was wondering which Top-American Schools allow deferral. I mean, is it wise to apply and ask for deferral upon admission?



**Megaron:** Schools aren't deferral-fans, and the reason for that is obvious. Usually when applicants ask for deferrals, what they are thinking is "I couldn't get my first-option school, I will give it another shot next year, but it would be wonderful to have a guarantee, huh?"



**Nicholas:** I see. But have you helped someone who was successful in his attempt?



**Megaron:** The few successful cases I witnessed were deferrals based on personal reasons. I recall a student who managed to get acceptance at HBS, but for professional reasons asked for deferral. HBS denied. He had to reapply and then gained a second acceptance. It is important to say that European B-Schools would be more deferral-friendly than American ones.



**Nicholas:** What is your advice, then?



**Megaron:** In general terms I advise on interrupting the application process; apply next year.

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