



# Texas MBA: Women

“The McCombs MBA program’s supportive, collegial environment empowers our women MBA students to realize their full potential. We are truly proud of their accomplishments.”

*Raji Srinivasan, Associate Professor, Marketing*



The McCombs School of Business has a tradition of strong women and a continued dedication to furthering the evolution of women in business. From a faculty rich in female scholars and a student population of women leaders to a community of successful alumni, the Texas MBA culture boasts boundless opportunities for professional and personal growth.

Year after year, McCombs women create initiatives, build organizations and plan events that drive the Texas MBA forward. They take every opportunity to create, lead and establish stronger ties to local and national business communities through student organizations and annual events like the Women in Business Leadership Conference.

*Texas MBA women team up to compete in the annual Venture Labs Investment Competition with their business plan for Mentionables, a high-quality, everyday undergarment line catering to the underserved plus-size women’s market.*



The University of Texas at Austin **McCombs School of Business**

## Opportunities to Lead

### TEXAS MBA WOMEN'S FORUM

Each fall McCombs hosts an admissions event specifically designed for prospective MBA women to learn how an MBA from McCombs can help you develop as a business leader, whether you are looking to advance your current career or make a career change. Spend two days learning about the Texas MBA program through presentations, class visits and networking opportunities with current students, faculty, staff and alumni.

[www.mcombs.utexas.edu/MBA/Full-Time/womensforum](http://www.mcombs.utexas.edu/MBA/Full-Time/womensforum)

### WOMEN IN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (WBLC)

Each year, McCombs women host the daylong Women in Business Leadership Conference, gathering students, alumni, faculty, staff and influential businesswomen to address issues and challenges that affect women in today's business environment. Annually, one remarkable business leader is recognized with the WBLC's Trailblazer Award. The conference also features a series of workshops and discussion panels throughout the day. Past panels include "Balancing Careers and Relationships," "Risky Business: Taking Risks in your Professional Life" and "Non-Traditional Corporate Careers: Managing Risk and Image."

### GRADUATE WOMEN IN BUSINESS (GWIB)

A chapter of the National Association of Women MBAs (NAWMBA), Graduate Women in Business (GWIB) hosts the annual Women in Business Leadership Conference, offers multiple professional development series, advises prospective students and sponsors several social activities. Through events with corporate sponsors and alumni, an executive speaker series featuring women executives, workshops and a mentoring program between students, the group provides an atmosphere conducive to the professional and personal development of its members. Year after year, GWIB officers and members are recognized as leaders in their class.

[www.mcombs.utexas.edu/students/gwib](http://www.mcombs.utexas.edu/students/gwib)

### FORTÉ FOUNDATION

McCombs is a founding member of the Forté Foundation—a national nonprofit organization designed to increase the number of women business owners and business leaders. Through a combination of financial assistance for top MBA programs, timely and topical research, network-development programming and mentoring opportunities, Forté strives to encourage, improve and sustain women's participation in the global economy as academic, corporate and entrepreneurial achievers. Each year, McCombs awards a number of women their premier Forté Fellowship award, a scholarship given to a select group of women with strong academic backgrounds and solid career experience who have displayed exemplary leadership and involvement. Our Forté Fellows are instrumental in outreach efforts to attract more talented women leaders to the Texas MBA program. The Forté Foundation hosts an exclusive annual conference for women attending Forté sponsor schools. The conference provides an opportunity to expand your network of purposeful women, attend skill-building workshops, learn from today's most influential women business leaders and meet with leading companies at a company expo.

[www.fortefoundation.org](http://www.fortefoundation.org)

## Local Resources

Graduate Women in Business

[www.mcombs.utexas.edu/students/gwib](http://www.mcombs.utexas.edu/students/gwib)

Association for Women in Communications - Austin Chapter

[www.awcaustin.org](http://www.awcaustin.org)

Young Women's Alliance

[www.youngwomensalliance.org](http://www.youngwomensalliance.org)

Rise Women Entrepreneurs

[www.riseglobal.org/austin/groups/austin-women-entrepreneurs](http://www.riseglobal.org/austin/groups/austin-women-entrepreneurs)

Women In Technology International - Austin Chapter

[www.witi.com/center/regionalchapter/austin](http://www.witi.com/center/regionalchapter/austin)

Womens' Chamber of Commerce of Texas

[www.womenschambertexas.com](http://www.womenschambertexas.com)

Austin Woman Magazine

[www.austinwomanmagazine.com](http://www.austinwomanmagazine.com)

## National Resources

Forte Foundation

[www.fortefoundation.org](http://www.fortefoundation.org)

Pink Magazine

[www.littlepinkbook.com](http://www.littlepinkbook.com)

American Association of University Women

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

American Business Women's Association

[www.abwa.org](http://www.abwa.org)

Business and Professional Women's Foundation

[www.bpwfoundation.org](http://www.bpwfoundation.org)

National Association for Female Executives

[www.nafe.com](http://www.nafe.com)

National Association of Women MBAs

[www.mbawomen.org](http://www.mbawomen.org)

"One of the many great things about McCombs is the network of people you are exposed to. From a small meet and greet with the CFO of Walmart put on by GWIB to partnering with local female leaders to expose undergraduates to the opportunities that come with an MBA with the Forte Foundation, I have developed a pretty amazing network."

— *Cristie Kidston, Forte Fellow, MBA '12, Senior Manager of Finance and Strategy for General Merchandise, Walmart*



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