

Essay Questions

The following essay questions will provide the Admissions Committee with more information about you and your reasons for applying to the Young Leaders' Program. These questions give you the opportunity to present yourself more fully to the committee and provide us with better insight about your candidacy.

Your essays must be typed. Please use A4-size paper. Limit your responses to the maximum number of words designated for each question. Use standard double-spaced lines. Please ensure that your responses to the Essay Questions are formatted for readability and typed in 12-point font. Your name should appear at the top of each separate sheet of paper. The number of the essay question should precede every essay. Staple the essays together.

1. You are who you are through your life experiences. Tell us about yourself, your upbringing, individuals who have had the greatest impact in your life, events that have influenced who you are. What has become most important to you personally? We want to know you as a person. Looking ahead, what are your future professional goals, your business dreams? What excites you? How has this led to your application to the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program at Hitotsubashi ICS? We want to know about the career path you have in mind.
(Maximum 1,000 words)
2. Successful leaders are able to learn from failure. Describe your biggest non-academic setback, disappointment, or regret to date. What did you learn from that experience? (Maximum 300 words)
3. The mission of the Young Leaders' Program in Business Administration is to develop leaders capable of initiating, implementing, and managing innovation. Describe a specific situation in which you led innovation or change in an organization. Explain the impact this experience had on the organization as well as on your own values/beliefs. (Maximum 300 words)
4. (OPTIONAL) Is there any other information that you believe would be helpful to the Admissions Committee in considering your candidacy? (Maximum 300 words)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

5. How did you become interested in the Young Leaders' Program in Business Administration at Hitotsubashi University? Please identify specific information sources including publications, the Internet, students, faculty, friends, etc. (This question is for informational purposes only, and your response will have no bearing on your candidacy.)