EXECUTIVE DIARY


‘There’s a dip worldwide in MBA applications’

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According to a recent survey by the Association of MBAs, there has been a dip in MBA applications, particularly in the USA and UK. According to you are the reasons for this decline?

Peter Timms: High tuition fees is the most obvious reason. MBA programs are expensive, and students are looking to save costs. The other reason is the current economic climate, driven by high unemployment and financial instability. In this context, students are looking to avoid debt and are more conservative in their financial decisions.

Andrew White: Another important factor is the rise of online MBA programs and the increased availability of distance learning options. This has made traditional MBA programs less attractive to some students.

Peter Timms: Another reason is the lack of diversity in MBA programs. Many students are looking for programs that offer a more diverse and global perspective.

Andrew White: Finally, the rise of alternative education models, such as microlearning and bootcamps, has made MBA programs less attractive to some students.

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As the job market becomes more competitive, how can MBA graduates stand out from the crowd and differentiate themselves from competitors?

Andrew White: MBA graduates can differentiate themselves by developing a strong personal brand. This includes developing a unique value proposition, building a personal network, and communicating their strengths and capabilities effectively. MBA graduates can also differentiate themselves by gaining experience in specific industries or roles, as well as by developing skills in areas that are in high demand.

Peter Timms: MBA graduates can also differentiate themselves by being entrepreneurial and creating their own opportunities. This includes starting a business or taking on an entrepreneurial role within a company.

Andrew White: Finally, MBA graduates can differentiate themselves by being adaptable and open to change. This includes being willing to learn new skills and take on new challenges.

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