

MBA Initiatives, Clubs & Groups

*This is a tentative and illustrative list of MBA initiatives, clubs and groups. Subject to change.

What type of student initiatives can I be involved in?

Initiatives are Student-led activities with professional or academic character, organized on or off campus. For better coordination, Initiatives are assigned a mentor from MBA Program, to facilitate the support that IESE offers.

Initiatives	
Data Sciences & AI	Social Impact Actions
Doing Good Doing Well (DGDW)	Sports & Spring Games
Diversity & Inclusion	Wellbeing and Mental Health
Family & Partners	Women in Business
Veterans	

Geo Initiatives	
African Business	Italian Business
Catalan Business	North American Business
Indian Business	Spanish Business

What type of professional clubs can I be involved in?

Professional Clubs are a group of students who seek to expand their knowledge and generate networking opportunities in a specific industry, function or geographic region. For better coordination, Clubs are assigned a mentor from CDC, to facilitate the support that IESE offers.

Sector Clubs	
Consulting Club	Healthcare Club
Consumer Goods, Retail & Luxury Club	Private Equity & Venture Capital Club
Energy Club	Sports, Media & Entertainment Club
Finance Club	Startup and Entrepreneurship Club
Fintech Club	Technology Club

Geo Clubs	
Asia Business Club	Greater China Business Club
Brazilian Business Club	Latin America Business Club
DACH Business Club	Mexican Business Club
Middle East & North Africa (MENA) Club	

Other Clubs	
Business Communication Club	Family Business Club
Responsible Business Club	

What type of student groups can I be involved in?

Groups of students organized around a cultural or social activity who seek to foster the personal development of IESE community members. These groups will be given access to Campus Groups for an optimal internal communication with MBA Program approval.

Students are free to organize off-campus activities with no need to obtain approval from MBA governing bodies. They should consider the impact of their actions on the larger IESE community, the policies in the MBA program handbook and the personal commitment to exemplify IESE values and behaviors at all times.

Student Groups	
Arts & Culture Group	Sailing Group
Board Games Group	Scuba Diving Group
Music Group	Ski & Snowboard Group
Photography Group	Swim Bike Run Group
Random Dinner Group	Climbing and Outdoors Group
Salsa Group	Surf and Paddle Group
Sports Group	Theater Group
Yoga & Meditation Group	

What student conferences are taking place on campus?

The organization of the MBA student conference aims to facilitate networking among students, alumni, and industry professionals; promote knowledge sharing on current business trends; enhance professional development through workshops and expert panels; and inspire attendees with success stories. Additionally, the conference seeks to foster diversity and inclusion, strengthen community ties, and provide students with practical experience in event planning and public speaking, all contributing to their development as future leaders.

MBA Clubs/Initiatives Conferences		
Conference / Event	Club - Initiatives	Month
Women in Business	Women in Business Club	January
TEDx	Business Communication Club	February / March
Global Energy Day	Energy Club	February / March
Family Business	Family Business Club	March
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	D&I Committee	March
Doing Good Doing Well	Responsible Business Club	March / April
Healthcare Day	Healthcare Club	February / March
Private Equity - Venture Capital	Venture Capital – Private Equity Club	April
Spring Games	Spring Games	April

I will be coming to Barcelona with my family. What type of support will my partner and children have?

Current IESE MBA partners and the MBA Program are on hand to help via the Families and Partners Initiative. The initiative ensures incoming families and partners have all that they need to help them settle in smoothly to Barcelona by organizing on and off campus events, workshops, sessions and get-togethers. They take care of all the essential details that crop up including providing support and counselling with the survival guide. You can follow us on [Instagram](#) or [contact us](#) via email.

The leaders of the current MBA partners speak English and Spanish, among other languages, and represent various nationalities. They are from diverse cultural, professional and social backgrounds, reflecting the truly international flavor of our IESE MBA students.

The Families and Partners Initiative also organize the following initiatives:

IESE Kids. Shares essential information on schools, pediatricians, dentists and activities for children in Barcelona. Organizes activities for parents and their children and assists in providing information about babysitting needs for IESE Business School events.

Social. Makes sure partners are up-to-speed with all official IESE events. Also organizes social events during Orientation Week at IESE and throughout the year to bring all partners together.

Cultural. Provides a concise calendar of choice cultural events around Barcelona (museum outings and local festivals). Sets up monthly activities for the partners such as Book Club and Cooking Club.

Communication. Continues to build our community through Instagram and the whatsapp group.

Buddy System. A program focused on answering questions for incoming partners by assigning a current partner to an incoming partner.

IESE Program for Partners

IESE is the only Business School to offer MBA Partners their own unique program. IESE is committed to the personal and professional development of our students, their families and partners. The Partner's Program is designed to cater specifically to the needs of an IESE MBA partner. It addresses potential issues partners may face during the process of adjusting to life in a new cultural and social environment. The Program offers academic sessions given by IESE professors (some of whom may also give classes to students) with aims to guide partners towards developing a set of skills that can help them to grow and benefit from their stay in Barcelona. This ranges from a career change, identifying new opportunities or building on current goals.

We organise a Partners orientation session which takes place during the student's orientation week where they will be introduced to the school, some members of the MBA Program team and later a tour of the school facilities. This is a great opportunity for all the incoming partners to meet each other and get to know the school

Throughout the year there will also be cultural visits and events on campus specifically for partners or where partners are able to join alongside students. For example, the MBA Club Fair, Social Action Fair, Global Leadership Sessions, Visit to Sagrada Familia, Day trip to Montserrat, Christmas activities on campus and much more. Partners are also invited to the many student-led conferences that take place on campus by various clubs such as the Women in Business Conference, Doing good, Doing well, Energy day and healthcare day.