News Articles on the Value of the GRE

January 21, 2022: Op-ed: Waiving test scores in graduate admissions process reduces equity

*The Daily Bruin*, the student-run newspaper of the University of California, Los Angeles, published an op-ed by one of the institution’s PhD students, Yon Soo Suh, in which she argues that waiving standardized test scores in admissions, particularly in the graduate space, reduces equity and puts international and underserved students at a disadvantage.

January 17, 2022: How student-centered graduate research drives diversity

*Higher Ed Dive* published an article by Steve Matson, professor of biology, former dean of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Graduate School and former graduate education advisor to ETS in which he shares his views about ensuring a more student-centered graduate experience, especially for those who come from underserved groups.

January 6, 2022: 3 key admissions trends to follow in 2022

*Poets&Quants* reported on results of the 2021 application trends survey published by the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) which indicates that the surge in demand for graduate business education is not a passing fad but has staying power into 2022. The three key trends outlined include: growth in international candidates; more women heading to business school; and skyrocketing GMAT scores and the rise of the GRE.

January 3, 2022: Eliminating the GRE® test in graduate admissions increases barriers for students

*Inside Higher Ed* published an article by ETS’s Alberto Acereda discussing the ways in which eliminating the GRE in graduate admissions removes a student’s choice in how they show up to admissions committees and the barriers it introduces as a result.

December 21, 2021: ‘An opportunity to build generational wealth’: A University of Arizona law grad on how the GRE changed her life

*Law.com* published an interview with Christina Rinnert, a prosecutor who represents Indigenous people, about how the GRE test impacted her life and has the potential to help others now that the ABA has approved of its full use for law school admissions. Rinnert
discusses how she leveraged the GRE test to pursue higher educational opportunities that previously would not have been options; the adversity she faced among peers when she was admitted to law school using a GRE score; and her opinions on the controversy around law programs accepting GRE scores.

December 7, 2021: The time is now for graduate programs to walk the walk on diversity.

*Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* published an op-ed by Michael Cunningham, associate provost for graduate studies and research and professor of psychology and Africana Studies at Tulane University, where he argues that increasing diversity requires sustainable changes to a school’s policy. Dr. Cunningham explains key initiatives implemented at Tulane University that are helping to increase diversity, including sensitivity to underrepresented students’ challenges; authenticity and representation in recruitment; and earlier engagement of undergraduates.

December 6, 2021: ABA gives law schools go-ahead to use GRE

*Inside Higher Ed* reported on the announcement by the American Bar Association’s (ABA) to endorse the use of the GRE in law school admissions in lieu of the LSAT. The article noted that the decision was a “major victory” for ETS, especially since 2016, when the University of Arizona law school started to accepting GRE scores in addition to LSAT scores from applicants. Arizona started to allow the GRE to be used after it studied whether the test was as effective as the LSAT at predicting student success. Arizona found that it was.

November 1, 2021: Has the standardized test gone by the wayside?

*Crain’s Chicago Business* reports that many business schools are recommending, if not requiring, MBA applicants take the GRE and GMAT again after dropping it amid the pandemic. The article mentions that Northwestern’s Kellogg School of management and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management are among major business schools that waived the requirement last year “but are insisting on it this year.”

November 1, 2021: UCLA’s Carlos Grijalva: Is there a benefit to GRE® scores?

*Higher Ed Dive* published an op-ed by GRE Strategic Advisor Carlos Grijalva in which he argues for the use of the GRE test in graduate holistic admissions to promote a fair and inclusive opportunity for all students. The opinion piece draws attention to GRE scores as an objective measure that help to level the playing field for prospective graduate students who, like Grijalva, may face adversities that range from being a first-generation graduate, to working during their studies, to receiving limited support in achieving their educational dreams.
October 26, 2021: Thinking of applying to grad schools? Here’s everything you should consider

*Technician*, the North Carolina State University student newspaper, published tips and resources for students who have applied to graduate school or will apply at some point in the future. Courtney Hughes, director of the University Fellowships Office, says, “while the GRE is not required of every single program, it is still the bar that many institutions use to consider admissions.”

September 17, 2021: GRE® General Test scores can help you get into the B-school of your choice

*Higher Education Review* reported on the ever-increasing global interest in graduate business degrees and the heightening expectations employers have of new hires to demonstrate an adaptable and analytical mindset. The article discusses how the GRE General Test is widely accepted at business schools around the globe, with a focus on schools in India.

September 7, 2021: When did supporting the GRE become being anti-diversity?

*Inside Higher Ed* published an op-ed by ETS's Alberto Acereda in which he argues that supporting more diversity and equity in graduate education does not mean one needs to oppose the GRE.

August 27, 2021: Deconstructing Harvard Business School’s largest MBA class ever

*Poets & Quants* reports 29% of the 1,010 recently admitted first-year Harvard MBA students, submitted a GRE score to gain admission compared to 12% in 2017. More important than the reported scores, however, is the record number of enrolled students with GRE scores, which according to Linda Abraham, founder of Accepted.com, showcases “the growing popularity and acceptance of the GRE among both applicants and school.”

June 21, 2021: Ignoring key data points can make or break holistic admissions

*Inside Higher Ed* published an op-ed by ETS's Alberto Acereda and GRE strategic advisors Terry Ackerman, John Augusto, Carlos Grijalva, Maureen Grasso and Steve Matson where they argue that the GRE test is a key data point in the holistic graduate admissions process.

May 27, 2021: GRE: Plan for the future

*BW Businessworld* published an interview with ETS's Alberto Acereda about studying abroad, changing in the GRE format and its growing acceptance by Indian universities.