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Topic: Chat with Admissions and Current Students

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Nancy Granada
Hi everyone and welcome to Tuck's chat event. We have several current students and members of the admissions team ready to answer your questions!

Amanda Cassidy
Hi everyone! I'm Amanda a T'19 at Tuck. I'm originally from Spain and was working at an early stage biotech company prior to coming to Tuck. This summer I will be doing consulting for biotech and pharma companies in Boston. Happy to answer any questions!

Vanessa Toussaint
Hi everyone - it’s a pleasure to meet you virtually! My name is Vanessa Toussaint and I am currently a first year (T'19) at Tuck. I grew up on Long Island, NY and lived in Manhattan for work. Prior to attending Tuck, I worked as a Marketing Manager and will be joining Google this summer! Please feel free to ask me questions about the admissions process and life at Tuck.

Hi Vanessa, I’m currently a marketing manager, but unsure if I want to continue in marketing. Are you studying marketing at Tuck? If so, what has the support/exposure been like?

Hi Nancy, Amanda, and Vanessa! Could you talk a bit more about support and opportunities for prospective students looking to move into tech roles? What are the most common roles for MBA students going into tech?

Hi. I am curious as to how to make the most of campus visits outside of information sessions and class visits. Is there a particular time when more events occur - such as diversity or women's events? Thank you.

Hi there! Thank you for taking the time to chat with us today! Could you please explain about the student life at Tuck, in regards to the location? Do students often leave on the weekends to visit Boston/NYC?

I'm Nancy, Amanda, and Vanessa! Great to virtually meet you. I'm interested in learning more about student life at Tuck - what's a fun tradition you've been a part of on campus?

Hi All! My name is Stephanie and I'm an assistant director of admissions. Thanks for joining us today! Looking forward to your questions!

Hi, I'm currently engaged and it's likely my partner will not be joining me in Hanover, given I attend. What is housing/community like for those in relationships but are attending campus alone?

Welcome everyone! My name is Pat Harrison. I am a Senior Associate Director of Admissions and head up women's recruiting. I am also Tuck's liaison to the Forte Foundation. We are so pleased that you are interested in learning more about Tuck!

Hi Rhianne - Tuck's first year curriculum is geared toward general management classes like accounting, finance, economics, and marketing to give you a foundation to make managerial decisions! We do have several marketing electives that I will be taking to help me strengthen my skillset. If you're unsure you want to continue in marketing, you will have the ability to explore new interests during the Fall.

I am currently maintaining professional accreditation and pursuing licensure in my profession, does anyone have perspective on maintaining professional certification while obtaining an additional professional degree?

Nancy Granada
Hi Wen. We are seeing increased interest in tech post-MBA. Students have many resources available to them including tech career treks

http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/career-advantage/industry-treks

(2) the Tuck Tech Club http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/club-spotlight-tuck-tech-club

Nancy Granada
Hi Wen - In addition, to Nancy's comment there are tons of opportunities to pursue a roles in tech. We have a very active Technology Club, which helps with career exploration, recruiting, and company visits. Our Center for Digital Strategies brings speakers frequently to discuss the latest trends in technology. You can check the center out here: http://digitalstrategies.tuck.dartmouth.edu/

and career coaches who specialize in the tech space

Vanessa Toussaint
Hi Liza! Students try to stay at Tuck during the weekends as much as possible. Our social chairs do an amazing job in scheduling events and activities during the weekends and nobody wants to miss out!

Does Tuck have a Retail Club? Does Tuck have strong ties to major retailers such as Amazon, Target, etc.

Thank you Amanda!

Good Afternoon! Thank you for taking the time to share your experiences. I am interested in Entrepreneurship as a post-MBA goal. What is the process of becoming an Entrepreneurship fellow at Tuck's center for Private Equity and Entrepreneurship? Is this something you apply during the admission process?
Stephanie Butler: HI Sharlene - During the school year (with a few exceptions) Tuck offers the opportunity for applicants (in the current admissions cycle) to attend a class, have lunch with current students, take a tour, and talk with an admissions officer. We also give all applicants the opportunity to interview while on campus, as long as it's within the posted deadlines. Our Women and Business Club also hosts on-campus coffee chats for women who are visiting. If you want to reach out to other clubs, there's definitely a possibility to meet up--but please do so in advance.

Thank you Nancy and Vanessa!

Stephanie Butler: HI Rhiannon - I am in a long distance relationship here at Tuck! I currently live in the dorms and there is a strong community of students who are attending Tuck without their partners present. There will be opportunities for your partner to meet with other remote Tuck partners (TP's) through events and virtual things like group chats to keep things connected.

Hi Seth--I'm not exactly sure what you mean? Would you be taking other courses/seminars concurrently?

Awesome - thank you Stephanie.

Vanessa Toussaint: following up with Sharlene's question. does Tuck offer students who're not currently in the application cycle to meet with students and tour the campus?

Hi everyone! I got to visit campus when I was looking at undergraduate programs and I'm curious how the culture of Tuck compares to the undergraduate experience Dartmouth College?

Hi Liza, Tuck has strong ties to major retailers including Amazon. We do have a retail club as well as a Marketing and Brand Management club, where there is likely some valuable crossover if you are interested in that career path


Hi Amanda and Vanessa! How would you describe the culture of the program and your class? Is it more collaborative or competitive?

Shubhangi, students apply to be fellows in each of the various Centers at the end of their first year at Tuck. The process is typically submitting a resume and cover letter and going through an interview.

Stephanie Butler: Hi Zheru - we do encourage visitors who aren't applying right then, but only during the spring term. Otherwise there's simply not enough capacity based on everyone who wants to interview.

Amanda Cassidy: Liza - Tuck does have a retail club and we do have connections with Amazon. Last year we had 16 tuckies interning there!

thanks Stephanie! is there a formal program or do prospective applicants reach out on their own?

Hello, thank you for hosting this chat, I was curious about what's Tuck's philosophy for helping students become better managers for future organizations?

Hi Amanda, can you talk a little bit about your transition into consulting and some decision points that you considered? I am keen on a similar career path and would love to hear your thoughts.

Amazing - thank you Nancy and Amanda!

Stephanie, there is continuing education but my primary question is wanting to understand how Tuck School of Business can compliment terminal professional work. I want to substantiate professionalism and secure the business development side of my education. Does Tuck embrace separate professional tracks?

Vanessa Toussaint: Hi Courtney - the culture of Tuck is definitely collaborative. A vast majority of the work in the core curriculum is completed in study groups of 5-6 people that require input from all team members. Outside of the classroom, all of our clubs and centers are open to all, regardless of background. This allows students to try new things and get to know new people in a safe environment.

Hi Zheru, sign ups for non applicant visitors in the spring is on the website. Look for slots that are visit without an interview.

awesome thank you Patricia!

Patricia Harrison: Thank you, Vanessa! Are these study groups assigned and part of a cohort model or do people choose their group members and mix them up for different classes?

Seth - I'm not completely sure this is what you're looking for, but we do not encourage students to continue working while they pursue their MBA. That said, without knowing the specific professional track you're referring to, I can't offer a complete response.

Hi Vanessa, what aspects of Tuck's career services did you find most helpful during your recruiting process with Google? Did the recruiters come directly to campus? Was their interview prep available through Tuck?

Stephanie Butler: Hi Soujanya! For my summer internship I considered either big corporations or consulting. Ended up deciding to do consulting since I felt that it'll allow me to work in a more diverse set of projects involving different companies and products. Also, consulting is a great environment to develop business skills and analytical tools.

Amanda Cassidy:
Patricia Harrison  Courtney, study groups are assigned for the first two terms. You will be placed in a group of typically 6 students, selected to have as diverse group as possible. You will do your work for all classes that term with your study group. 12:22 PM

Vanessa Toussaint  Hi Rui - Tick is extremely committed to helping students become wise leaders through courses and experiential learning. During the core, our leadership classes include Leading Individuals and Teams, Leading Organizations, and Personal Leadership. In each of these classes, we examine cases on managerial decision making and how to empower organizations to grow. On the experiential side, our TuckGo requirement enables you to gain experience globally. You can learn more about that here: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/academic-experience/required-curriculum/global-opportunities-requirement. Thanks, Amanda! That's helpful feedback. 12:24 PM

Vanessa Toussaint  Hello, I was wondering if there are career resources or a large network of students that stay in the Upper Valley? 12:24 PM

Vanessa Toussaint  Hello, thank you for hosting this virtual discussion about Tuck and all that the school has to offer. What major changes do you see on the horizon for the school if any? 12:24 PM

Amanda Cassidy  How many Forte Fellowships are typically awarded each year and what is your selection criteria? 12:24 PM

Amanda Cassidy  Hi Crystal! My favorite tradition at Tuck is Tuck talks. This event happens once every semester and it is an inspiring night of storytelling at which students, TP's, faculty, and staff share the experiences, relationships and/or passions that have shaped their perspective and given them purpose. Hi Amanda, I am currently in health/pharma consulting and looking to move into industry and I'm trying to balance growing my technical skill set and life science experience. How did you select the clubs and courses to dedicate your time to? 12:25 PM

Vanessa Toussaint  Hi! Are there any upcoming TIW events slated for this year after Women in Business Week? Also, for the current students, when did you visit the campus? How many fellowships does Tuck typically award via the Consortium? Hi all, and thanks for hosting this chat! How strong do you feel is the recruiting for west coast internships and jobs? 12:25 PM

Vanessa Toussaint  Hi Eunice - our Women's Initiative events wrap up for this year following Women in Business week, but we will have our Women in Business conference in October 2018. When I was a prospective student, I visited campus during the Fall term. Courtney, the number of Forte fellowships awarded varies each year. We look for women who have excelled in their careers and academics and who also show an engagement in activities or organizations that advance the mission of Forte. Thank you Amanda - Love the idea of everyone having unique experiences to share! 12:28 PM

Vanessa Toussaint  Thank you, Vanessa! Glad to learn about TuckGo. Hi! I'm Sarah. I'm currently working as an engineer in Iowa. For the current students, why did you decide to attend Tuck? Greetings! Thank you for taking the time to speak with us today. What are you most excited about for the future of Tuck over the next two years and beyond? 12:29 PM

Patricia Harrison  Nadia, the number of Consortium fellowships varies each year as well. For the admissions staff, what sort of person do you think most excels at Tuck? 12:29 PM

Vanessa Toussaint  Hi Shubhangi! I leveraged our CDO and Tech clubs heavily during my tech recruiting process for interview preparation. Google did visit campus this fall and we had the opportunity to connect with their recruiters, as well as several Tuck alumni. Thank you Vanessa! Are there opportunities for students to work part time on campus (i.e TAs) to help fund their education? 12:30 PM

Stephanie Butler  Hi Maeve - I wouldn't say a large network, but there are a decent number. Some stay after graduation, others make it their mission to get back to the UV! Bearal's Ventures in Hanover has some Tuckies--current students just visited and wrote a blog post; http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/real-world-investment-training-with-tucks-impact-investing-learning-program. How are merit scholarships determined? Does one's GMAT score play a part? 12:31 PM

Vanessa Toussaint  Hi Vanessa, my name is Tiffany Ellis. That is really helpful input. Can I ask you what your background is? The reason I ask if that I come from a finance background but am looking to do a career change. Did you do an internship prior to joining Google? 12:32 PM

Vanessa Toussaint  Hi Debbie - As an east cost native who will be heading to the west coast for my internship, I felt supported while looking for jobs in the Bay Area and Seattle. About 20% of students head to the West coast after Tuck, so there is a strong network you can leverage during recruiting and beyond. Thanks Vanessa! 12:33 PM
**Stephanie Butler**

Hi Rhannon - Sure, but there are a number of other factors included as well. We use discretion in awarding scholarships to incoming students who will significantly contribute to Tuck’s distinctly immersive learning community. We offer scholarships to enroll outstanding students who, absent funding, might not attend the Tuck School.

**Patricia Harrison**

Hi Sarah, the wonderful thing about the student body at Tuck is how diverse they are. Everyone brings different perspectives and shines for different reasons. The common thread I see though is an enthusiasm to engage with one’s classmates, share their experiences and learn from others. Students must be ready to jump in with both feet to contribute to the vibrant community at Tuck.

In reference to the Under Armour first year project, are there customizable research projects upon approval?

**Amanda Cassidy**

Hi Gabriela!! That is a great question. There are a lot of opportunities at Tuck to develop more skill in pharma/biotech! The Healthcare Club organizes a lot of events, company briefing and keep us updated on the latest events in the industry. At least once a month we have a speaker come to Tuck and we also do company visits. Additionally, we also have a fellowship that allows you to connect with faculty from the med school as well as physicians at the hospital and Tuck alum working in Pharma and biotech and you have the opportunity to work on a project of your choice. Through the HCI fellowship we also have the opportunity to take electives - for example this semester I will be taking Contemporary Issues in Biotech which I’m super excited about! Finally, you also have the opportunity of doing a dual degree MBA-MPH while at Tuck, if thats something that interests you.

Let me know if you have any additional questions!

Thank you, Patricia! That’s very helpful

**Vanessa Toussaint**

Hi Tiffany - I was an English major during undergrad and worked in Marketing prior to attending Tuck. I am a first year, so Google will be my first internship.

There is a sizable amount of career changers at Tuck and I think a background in finance will be a great springboard for any change you plan to pursue post-MBA. Is Tuck’s healthcare focus exclusively on pharma/biotech or is there also opportunity to explore and network for roles in service delivery?

**Patricia Harrison**

Hello everyone! I am interested in the process each of you all took to try to set yourself apart from the rest of the applicant pool, esp. in your essays? Are there any tools or advice that you found particularly helpful. Also, did you have anyone else review your application? And if so, who?

Seth, for the First Year Project, students may select from projects that have already been sourced, or they may self-source their own project if they identify a company they want to work with. In terms of research, students may create their own independent study projects.

**Vanessa Toussaint**

Hello Tuck team! I’m curious to know from the perspective of current students, the impact of Tuck’s First-Year Project and if this has been utilized to leverage any additional global experiences through Tuck (GIX, exchange programs, etc.).

Thank you Patricia, the company I have in mind is KPF in New York.

**Vanessa Toussaint**

Hi Lauren - For the application process, I recommend a great deal of reflection on your past experience, future plans, and how the Tuck MBA can help you achieve these goals. These are not easy questions to answer, so take some time to fully form your answers to these questions before starting your essays. I highly recommend having your essays reviewed by a peer or mentor who can assist with ensuring you are answering the question posed in the essay (it is very easy to deviate!)

**Patricia Harrison**

Hi Vanessa, amazing. That is really helpful. Did you have several options for internships? Or how did you go about that?

**Vanessa Toussaint**

Hi Shubhangi, we discourage students from trying to work part-time during their MBA. You simply will not have time given the demands of class work, recruiting and extracurricular activities. There are a few roles for second year students like admissions interviewers or class TAs that are paid, but those salaries are not significant.

**Vanessa Toussaint**

Hi Shubhangi - great question! Dogs are not allowed in the dorms, so off-campus housing would be the best option. You can learn more about these options here: [http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/life-at-tuck/housing-options](http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/life-at-tuck/housing-options)

Thank you, Vanessa

**Vanessa Toussaint**

Hello! My name is Haley Parrin and I’m a consultant at Optum (part of UnitedHealth Group). Though originally from Minnesota, I now live in North Carolina. I’m very interested in the Organizational Behavior elective courses offered. Is there a bidding system for selecting elective courses? If so, is it competitive to get into certain elective courses?
Hi there, my name is Amanda Wai, and I am currently working in Corporate Strategy at an IT company, and am based in Toronto. I'm interested in leveraging my analytical experience and marrying my interests in apparel/fashion/consumer product development into a general management role in New York City / surrounding post-MBA. I'd like to learn more about the Tuck alumni network in New York, and about the extent that recent grads have moved to the city.

To follow up with what Patricia described, I am most interested in the student experience at Tuck: could you please elaborate more about your experience with one another since you joined the program at Tuck, what makes it unique, and how you see they nourish overtime even after Tuck?

Amanda Cassidy

Hi Sarah! I decided to attend Tuck because when I first visited for the WIB conference I absolutely loved the campus and the collaborative and friendly community. I felt extremely supported by admissions as well as tuckies through the application process, and when it came time to make a decision I was a no-brainer for me. If you haven't visited, I would definitely encourage you to do so!

Vanessa Toussaint

Hi Tiffany - Yes, I did have options for my internship across technology and consulting. My decision came down to learning a new skillset and getting to live in a new city!

Stephanie Butler

Hi Lia - There are a few big things happening at Tuck right now (and in the nearish future!). One is that we're undergoing a curriculum review (which is something we do every so often to make sure we're offering the best MBA education) - great things are undoubtedly ahead! Tuck has an also slowly updating and improving many of our physical spaces. Both of these processes have taken student feedback into consideration, a true hallmark of Tuck. We're also constantly iterating to make the student (and applicant) experience better - more to come!

Vanessa, when interviewing for consulting internships, did it ever seem like you were at a disadvantage because you didn't have a consulting background? Tuck/Dartmouth? Did you find Tuck well connected to the tech industry? Also, given Tuck's location (ie, not in one of the major tech oriented cities)

Amanda Cassidy

Hi Haley! There is a bidding system for selecting electives and there are some that are usually in high demand. However, throughout the entirety of the MBA program you won't have any issues in taking all the classes you are interested in! Great, thanks Amanda!

Do MBA students have opportunities to audit courses outside of the required Tuck curriculum? I studied French in undergrad and would love to take more courses if possible!

Hi thanks for hosting the chat! How accessible are the faculty to students? e.g. do they have office hours, etc?

Amanda Cassidy

Hi Courtney! Tuck's healthcare focus is extremely broad and goes beyond traditional pharma and biotech. We have classmates who next year will be working at medical devices, health insurance and payer/provider companies. Amanda - I lived in NYC prior to Tuck and found the opportunities to connect with alumni last summer to be excellent! We had a few alumni events where I had the chance to speak with those in general management/strategy roles. In short, the alumni network is quite strong and you should have the ability to pursue an internship or FT opportunity there!

Vanessa Toussaint

Thanks, Amanda! I definitely plan on visiting this fall!

Hi Haley - With professor permission, technically yes. However, most students who are initially fired up about doing so find there is so much they want to do within the Tuck curriculum (and co-curricular activities) there's not time for additional courses.

Thanks Stephanie! For the current students, is it hard to balance the social life with academics? Does one suffer more than the other? From what I’ve learned there are some late night hockey games, but class very early in the morning. Is it often straight Tuck activities from sunrise to sunset?

Hi All, Does TUCK offer a TECH MBA program?

Vanessa Toussaint

Hi Alison - I’ve found faculty to be highly accessible. All professors hold office hours and you can schedule additional time to meet with them outside of this time if needed. I’ve even met with a professor on a Sunday (!) during exam period. This is one of my favorite aspects at Tuck - the faculty here is invested in helping you succeed.

Hi Stephanie, thank you for sharing! It’s exciting and unique that students have a voice in these projects.

Hi all! Hi all! I currently work in tech at Starbucks, and have a tech undergrad degree. What kinds of events/clubs/courses are available for students interested in a technology track or focus, specifically tech management or leadership? Also, is there a benefit to applying round 1 vs round 2?

Can you also describe the community and culture in one word?

Thanks @Vanessa. I would be interested in attending alumni events either in New York or Toronto this summer before applying in the fall. Is there a place where I would be able to find details of the events?
Stephanie Butler

Thanks
That's good to know - thank you Stephanie!
Thanks Vanessa. I'm so glad to hear that!

Hello! Thank you for answering our questions. I work in education and am looking to do a career change. Prior to working education, I was in sales in the automotive industry. As someone that wants to demonstrate in my application the ability to handle a rigorous quantitative program, are there courses you would recommend to take in preparation for applying for admissions? Currently taking statistics and financial accounting and will be taking microeconomics in the fall.

Hi Ngozi - No, Tuck only offers the full-time, two year MBA. We also don't require students to select a major - however, there is ample opportunity to focus on various areas (including tech) inside and outside of the classroom.

Patricia Harrison

Maave, effective time management is one of the biggest learnings for students. There is A LOT going on all the time, and students definitely have to learn to make choices. You can't do it all. That said, I am amazed at how much Tuck students pack into each day.

Hello. What university would you consider to be your most skilled rival and why?
What services do you offer prospective students that set you apart from your competitor and how does that translate into individual marketability for the future graduate?

Vanessa Toussaint

Hi Rhiannon - great question! The consulting firms that come to Tuck are looking for candidates across a variety of backgrounds. In my opinion, not having a consulting role on my resume did not put me at a disadvantage. There are numerous resources to help you prepare for consulting interviews - I would focus on learning how to case and talk about your past experience in a succinct and meaningful way!

Patricia Harrison

Silvia, those are precisely the classes I would recommend to take in order to show your quant ability and to prepare yourself to hit the ground running when you start an MBA. Finance is also helpful and having a good understanding of Excel.

Hi everyone! I was wondering if you could tell me about any clubs/organizations or initiatives at Tuck related to luxury retail. I would like to transition to this career area. I'm also interested in strategy.

Stephanie Butler

Hi Nicole - If you're ready to apply by the first deadline, then we would suggest doing so. Statistically there are more "seats" left in the class, so we're able to be more generous if the pool allows. That said, we admit several people in later rounds as well.

Thanks Stephanie

Vanessa Toussaint

Hi Tiffany - I find Tuck to be well connected to the tech industry! While we are not located in a major city, there are several large firms that come to campus to recruit (Google, Amazon, Microsoft, Wayfair, etc.). We have also organized treks to the Bay Area, NYC and Seattle to visit firms and connect with alumni.

Thank you Patricia.

Hello- I also wanted to know if Tuck offered a concentration in healthcare economics?

Amanda Cassidy

Hi Rui! Tuck is very tight-knit community. This location and the smaller class size allows us to get to know each other very well and pretty fast. Also, we have a very active social calendar and every weekend we do something together as a class. I'm pretty sure at this point I know over 90% of my classmates!

Hi NaTosha - We do have a student led Retail Club and I can think of a few alumni who work in luxury retail - at Tiffany's for example. Not necessarily luxury, but our on-campus store "TuckStuff" is completely student run. Great experience! (And some might even consider Patagonia luxury!)

Patricia Harrison

Amanda, we post a full list of our recruiting events on our website, so that is a great place to start. Also, I encourage you to create a profile on our website. That way we can send you emails when we are hosting events in your area.

Hi everyone, thank you for being available to answer questions. Can anyone speak to application process Consortium applicants can expect (i.e., any different dates/deadlines, supplemental material to submit)?

Vanessa Toussaint

Hi Nicole - we have a very active technology club and our Center for Digital Strategies brings speakers to campus regularly to discuss the latest trends in tech. I've found recruiting and networking with tech firms to be fully supported between these two areas.

Thanks, Amanda!!

Amanda Cassidy

Hi Malia! Yes, we have a class in global healthcare economics that you can take as an elective.

Thank you, Vanessa.

It was a pleasure speaking with you all today! Best of luck with your admissions process and we hope to see you for a campus visit in Hanover soon!
Thank you for your time in answering our questions. I know that finance/banking and consulting are the two major sectors in which recruiting starts right away. What are some other industries where companies visit the campus to recruit during the first semester? How soon should students expect to start preparing? Additionally, I've heard of the "24 hour Tuck rule"? Can you speak to a little bit more about that in relation to alumni as well as students? I'd love to know more about the tight-knit community.

Thank you Vanessa! The Center for Digital Strategies sounds very interesting - I'll look into learning more about that.

Hi everyone! @Pat- we met at the Boston kick off event, nice to (virtually) see you again! my question is around recruiting geography. I know people go move outside of the east coast after graduating from Tuck, but do consultancies specifically recruit for their Denver offices at Tuck?

It's been a pleasure talking to you all today! Wish you the best during the admissions process and hope to see you in Hanover soon :) @Patricia,

Hi Ngozi, The MBA you receive is a general MBA (you will not be graduating with a concentration). However, you can customize your academic studies with electives in your second year!

Hi is anyone a consortium fellow recipient. If so can you talk about the support at Tuck or opportunities that are available for those individuals?

Hi Jerica, please check the Consortium’s website for all of their application dates and requirements. Typically they have a deadline in mid-October and one in early January. Applicants in the first CGSM round are evaluated with the Tuck first round and receive admissions decisions in December. Second round CGSM applicants are evaluated with Tuck’s second round and find out admission in March.

Hi! Given Tuck’s small size, does it ever feel like everyone know each other's business and there's not enough personal space? Is it “cliquey”? Or does it feel like one large, happy family?

@Anika, thank you - I will keep an eye on the website for events in Toronto / New York.

Hi Tuck Team! Thanks for being here to answer our questions today. One of the things that I admire about Tuck is it’s great history - over 100 years of legacy is quite impressive! With such a history, I'm assuming that Tuck is looking for a particular kind of candidate. Would you be able to describe what you're looking for in a potential student?

@Pat thats great to hear! Do the digital arms of consultancies recruit at Tuck as well or is the focus primarily on general management consulting?

Hi everyone! My name is Haley and I'm a T'19 (first year Tuckie!). I am originally from the Boston area. Prior to Tuck, I worked at a boutique consulting firm that specialized in valuing intellectual property (e.g. patents, trademarks). This summer I am headed to Bain in Boston. Happy to answer any questions you might have!

Thanks Pat, Another question for you or anyone on the team: Where in the application would be a good place to explain the dynamics of my current employer? It is not a typical large company with many employees and many offices. For example in order to get a promotion someone would have to retire so getting "promoted" every two years is not common. Is explaining this even necessary?

Hello, I have a question for the Career Gap.

I have a great GPA score in my past student life, and a excellent work experience in Global 500 Company in China. But I have a 3 year gap, as I need to support my family.

I wonder what do you think about the candidate with career gap, and is there any way for me to compensate my application.

Thanks.

Hi all! I'm Kristin with Tuck Admissions. Happy to answer your questions!

Hey! I would love to learn about dual degree programs, specifically the MPP + MBA @Anika - While the focus is certainly on general management consulting, the digital arms of consultancies also recruit at Tuck. A few of our classmates are headed to digital arms of consultancies this summer.

Maeve, if there is anything you feel the admissions committee needs to know that isn't provided elsewhere, you can include it in the optional essay.

Hi everyone! My name is Nayab and I'm a T'19, first-year Tuckie as well! I grew up on Long Island and am also a Dartmouth graduate. After college, I spent three years in investment banking and then another 2 years as an entrepreneur in education-technology. This summer, I'll be living in Boston and consulting with BCG. I'm happy to answer any questions you have!
Thanks for your time! Would you say most students at Tuck are career switchers, or are looking to further their skill-set in their existing industry?

Hi Nayab! Why did you choose Tuck? Did you have any assumptions going into the program that have turned out differently than you expected, for better or worse?

Kristin Roth
@zhengyuan - Be sure to use the optional essay to explain your career gap so the readers understand. How it is viewed depends on what you did during your gap, the reasons for it, how you leveraged your time to the best of your ability, and, if you returned to work afterwards, where you’ve gone since. Did you spend your time caring for family, volunteering, taking classes, helping in the community, brushing up on skills? Explain so the reader isn’t left guessing the what and why.

Nayab Luqman
Hi Rhiannon! That’s a great question. Tuck is certainly a small school and because of that, we have a very tight-knit community. That being said, Tuckies find a variety of ways to expand their “bubble” and get involved off-campus. From playing tri-pod hockey to community service in the Upper Valley, there’s always something to do. The campus has a very collegiate feel and I’ve never felt that it’s been “cliquey” due to the size.

Haley Bruns
@Eunice - companies from a wide variety of industries come to campus during the first semester, including Tech, Consumer Goods (marketing & brand management), and Social Impact, among others. Companies that come on campus to recruit do start up pretty quickly within the first year. I found it was helpful to do a lot of personal reflection prior to arriving at Tuck to think about what I was looking to get out of my summer internship, so that I could hit the ground running. It was also helpful to keep up with deadlines provided by Tuck’s Career Development Office over the summer - including preppeing your resume into the Tuck format over the summer.

Patricia Harrison
NaToshia, no one online right now is a Consortium Fellow, but the school definitely supports our fellows, starting before you even begin classes. The Career Development Office will work with Consortium students to preppe their resumes and get ready for the CGSM Orientation Program in the summer.

Where do most students live? Do they cluster together in specific neighborhoods, or more spread out? And do they tend to rent houses with lots of roommates, or apartments?

Patricia Harrison
Jasmine, what would you like to know about the dual degree programs? We offer a joint MBA/MPP with the Harvard Kennedy School.

Haley Bruns
@Eunice - In terms of the “24 hour Tuck rule,” I definitely haven’t heard of any formalized rule for responding to emails within 24 hours, but have found that to be by and large very true! Tuck’s alumni network is small but mighty - alumni are super friendly, engaged, and always willing to help out a fellow Tuckie. Many return to campus as representatives of their companies, but those who don’t seem to always be willing to hop on the phone or answer emails from current students.

Thank you for spending time with us today to answer questions - I’m interested to know what are your current initiatives to encourage a more diverse student body. LGBT, Racial diversity, Women, etc.

Haley Bruns
@Alison - most students at Tuck are career switchers, although some are here to further develop skills and return to their same industry

Nayab Luqman
@Rhiannon - I certainly had expectations coming to Tuck since I spent my undergrad years in Hanover as well. The reasons I chose to come here are many: I love the small community, which I believe has led to a very close-knit and active alumni network. I enjoy all the outdoor activities the Upper Valley has to offer (skiing, hiking, tubing, cabins, camping etc). Tuck is an incredible academic curriculum that I believe sets us up very well for our next careers with both the hard and soft skills.

Kristin Roth
@samantha - There is no one perfect Tuck student. Our student body is diverse and brings a broad set of experiences and skills to the class and community. It’s important to consider your story, your contribution or impact in work, school, and your community, and where you’re headed. We educate wise leaders to better the world of business - how does that mesh with your goals, your skills and development areas? We offer a personal, connected, transformative experience - which means you'll know the people at Tuck and they'll know you, you'll be challenged in a supportive and rigorous environment, and you'll change.

@Patricia We spoke briefly at Boston Kickoff event and Tuck’s Weekend for Women in 2016. Can you touch briefly on the best things re-applicants can do to strengthen their candidacy?

Thanks Kristin, I really appreciate it. And I will prepare it. @Kristin

Hi Tuck Team, what types of resources does Tuck have for students interested in entrepreneurship?
Patricia Harrison

Sandra, diversity and inclusion is extremely important to us, and we are always working to foster it. Tuck is involved with organizations like Forte, ROMBA, the Consortium, MLT. Each year we host a Women in Business conference and a Diversity conference in the fall. There was a diversity exercise during orientation, all of the students have completed the IDI and discussed it, affinity groups have hosted events like Tuck Pride's "Ask Me Anything" night, or the Women in Business panel to share women's experiences with male students. We have an active Men as Allies group that just hosted the first ever multi-school conference. There is a diversity and inclusion position on the student board. That is a small sample of offerings. I know I am missing a lot.

Haley Bruns

@Annika - students live in a variety of places depending on their preferences. About 1/2 of first-year students live on campus in the dorms, while the remainder of students live off campus, although usually within walking distance or a 10-15 minute drive to campus. Many students with partners, pets, or families live in a neighborhood of university-owned graduate student housing called Sachem Village. Other popular areas to live off campus are groupings of houses in either downtown Hanover, or just across the river in Norwich, VT.

Kristin Roth

@Ellen - Pat's typing away at the moment, so I'll chime in. First, take a critical look at your application and identify the strengths and weaknesses you see. You'll probably have a good sense of factors on both sides of the equation. Second, if you're planning to reapply, ask for feedback. We would be happy to help you understand actionable items in your application to improve. Finally, act on that feedback.

Hi, I am Sweta, I am into innovation consulting and implementation. I am looking to do MBA and transition into product management.

@Annika - So that's a mixture of apartments and houses. Many students live with roommates or their partners/families, while others choose to live alone. There's a mix of all sorts of housing available.

Hi Patricia - thank you so much for the detail! I really appreciate it. I'm interested in pursuing a post-MBA career in a diversity-focused corporate role, so I'm trying to find schools that are actively pursuing less "traditional" MBA students and getting involved in those groups and initiatives on campus. During a school visit, would I be able to sit in on a meeting or meet with students involved in Tuck Pride or the Women in Business org?

@Kristin Thank you so much! How does one go about asking for feedback? Is there a specific channel through which someone can submit a request?

You can contact the main Admissions email to request feedback: tuck.admissions@tuck.dartmouth.edu. Feedback will be scheduled later this spring.

Hello, With regards to evaluating work experience, is the average years worked based on the time of application or time of enrollment? I will have about ~4 years by the time of enrollment, which seems like it's viewed slightly differently than 3 and below.

Patricia Harrison

Hi Sandra, I don't know that you can sit in on one of their meetings, but I encourage you to reach out directly to the student leaders of Tuck Pride and WIB to see if they are available to answer your questions. On most visit days, members of WIB will host a coffee chat with prospective students.

Thanks, Haley!

@haley thanks! I'm assuming the dorms aren't pet friendly? I have a cat, but if most first years live there I wouldn't want to miss out on meeting people on my floor and forming friends that way! I might see if my parents could take her for that year.

If you go to the club pages on the website, contact info for the co-chairs should be there.

Thanks, Patricia!

@maureen - Average years of work experience is based on where you are at matriculation. What we're really looking at is if you are ready for an MBA. Some people are ready after 2 years of work experience and some aren't ready after 10. So reflect on why you want an MBA at this point in your career.
@Andrea - consulting is one of the most popular career choices that Tuckies start recruiting for very early on in their first-year. As a result, Tuck tries to ensure that the core curriculum and recruiting events set you up well for interviews. That includes a rigorous course-load in the Fall (economics, accounting, leadership etc) and a variety of on-campus office hours and coffee chats with recruiters from more than a dozen consulting firms. Additionally, we have many firms from a variety of industries that are looking for internal strategy consultants as well. Our consulting club does an incredible job in preparing us for interviews and searching for related careers. Finally, if you are unsuccessful with consulting recruiting during your first-year, there are many other opportunities that will set you up well for second-year recruiting. Many of the same firms will return with full-time job postings.

Hi ladies. Thanks for answering our questions today! Are there many temporary employment opportunities at the university or within the city for Tuck partners? Thanks Kristin. What academic approach is most common in your program? Cases? Lectures? Experience courses?

Thank you Nayab.

@maureen - Many courses are case-based, but it's really a mix. TuckGO courses are great examples of experiential courses.

Hi Jenn, Tuck partners who want to work are able to find positions in the area. Many will find employment at Dartmouth or the area hospitals. Depending on what they have done in the past, they may have to be creative in the types of jobs they are open to. Some partners work remotely from Hanover, and some stay in the city where they are and commute to Hanover on the weekends.

Hi Tuck team! Thanks for coming to answer our questions today. I know one of the things that everyone speaks to when they speak about Tuck is the community. Does anyone have any examples of times where the student community or alumni community really came through?

Hi Allison, thanks for asking about entrepreneurship! Tuck has a great set of resources that serve both first- and second-year students. First, we have many classes in design thinking, innovation, building entrepreneurial ventures and PE/VC. These tend to be very "hands-on" and you get a chance to try building your own company. Next, we have the Center for Private Equity & Entrepreneurship that provides fellowships, funds for summer internships and student-led investment funds. Feel free to check out their website! Finally, there are many startups in the Hanover area that you can get involved with either as an independent study or as your first-year project (FYP).

Great. Thank you, Patricia!

Hi Nayab, can you talk a little bit about your transition from investment banking to consulting and what decision points you considered or made sense? Hi Tuck team, thanks so much for being here today! I'm writing from DC with an interest in operations and social impact. Do you have any advice for how non-traditional applicants should present their background and work history? Team, can you describe the kind of personality that Tuck looks for?

Hi Tuck team, thank you so much for your time. I lived in Boston for several years, and heard only great things about the Tuck and Dartmouth. I know the alumni network is quite strong in Boston. What other cities have strong Tuck networks?

Thanks Nayab! This is something I definitely want during my MBA Experience. I was doing some research and the weekend startup competitions look great!

@Linda - I've found that the Tuck community really is as tight-knit and ready to help as I had heard prior to coming to Tuck. It's a mixture of lots of little everyday things as well as the bigger things. For instance, our entire first-year class is on the same GroupMe (a group messaging app) and folks offer to help out with everything from rides to the grocery store to rides to Boston or NYC, to recommendations for restaurants abroad and sharing professional connections. A specific instance I heard about was this past term when a member of my study group's wife was sick and had to go to the hospital in the middle of the night, and his neighbor happily came over at 2am to babysit his children overnight and take them to school in the morning (and happily, everyone was just fine and home the next day :})

Wow! Thanks, Haley!
Nayab Luqman
@Sandra - thanks for asking about the crossover. As an undergrad, I did not really interact with Tuckies at all. However, Tuck and Dartmouth have made a very deliberate effort to change this over the last few years. I am a co-chair on DPIN, a club that leads networking, career exploration and mentoring initiatives between Tuck and the undergrads. Additionally, we have very regular social activities and professional networking opportunities with both the medical and engineering schools. Many of them will do dual-degree programs so we get a good amount of exposure to the other graduate schools. Whether they're in class or you'd like to meet them outside of class, you'll have the opportunity to do so.

Kristin Roth
@christine - Think about your contribution and impact, and be sure to illuminate that in the application process. Think about how you got to where you are today and how that leads to your educational and career goals. Be realistic about your knowledge/skill gaps and strengths. Finally, understand Tuck's mission, educating wise leaders to better the world of business, and what that means for you.

Patricia Harrison
Hi Effie, some of the larger concentrations of Tuck alums are found in NYC, the Bay Area, Seattle, Minneapolis, Washington, Houston, London, Tokyo, Seoul, etc. But what you really find is our alums are so engaged and enthusiastic that no matter where you are, if there is a Tuck alum there, there will be a strong network.

Thank you! I'm also wondering what you consider your program's most competitive advantages?

@Nayab - thanks! My partner is a student at Geisel currently, and I've been able to sit in on some of their Women in Medicine meetings. I think there's a lot to be learned and gained from the students there and I would imagine that it would be same for the engineering school. Especially since these are fields where it's important to be supportive of Women and POC.

Thanks everyone! @Pat- I scheduled a campus visit Monday, 4/16. I'm looking forward to seeing Tuck in person!

Hello! I'm currently in an administrative role with a real estate development firm and am interested in an MBA to take my career to the next level. My academic background is in the sciences; what kind of resources are available at Tuck for those pursuing a career in real estate?

Annika - I'm planning on visiting then as well!

Hi Soujanya - great question! I really enjoyed my time in banking. I learned a ton in just three years and as a liberal arts graduate, it did wonders to build up my finance and quant skills. However, after I was promoted, I felt that my job became a little too repetitive. It's a very transactional business and I wanted to expand my scope of experience. That's one of the reasons I'm so interested in consulting. It allows me to keep my options open as I'll be exposed to numerous industries and functions. Once I try it out this summer, I'll let you know if it works out as expected :)

Hi all! I noticed an earlier comment that mentioned that recruitment starts very early in the first semester. I am interested in brand management and was wondering what the formal recruitment process looks like at Tuck for a consumer good company?

Kristin Roth
@christine - Our location and personal scale are distinct advantages. They breed an immersive, personal experience in which students work in trust-based teams, allowing them to stretch and challenge themselves, take intellectual risks, and event fail. The learning from those kinds of experiences is crucial to the growth of empathy, judgment and confident humility, which are the hallmarks of wise leadership.

Nayab Luqman
Sandra, that sounds great! We have a lot of MD-MBA dual degree folks at Tuck and it has been a privilege to learn alongside them.

Maureen, there is no one particular personality we are looking for. There is room for everyone, and the diversity of our student body is something we look for in building a class. That said, the type of person who will thrive at Tuck is someone who is excited about engaging with classmates and actively participating in the classroom and extracurriculars at Tuck.

Hi Patricia, thanks so much for your response. It is great to hear that the network is so tight-knit, global and strong.

Thanks, Nayab! :) I'd love to follow-up on that and hear about your experience. Thanks Nayab! Will you be on campus on April 16? I'd love to meet you and chat more in person! What advice do you have about making the most out of an upcoming campus visit?
**Nayab Luqman**

@Elizabeth - I'm so glad you asked about real estate. The subject of my current first-year project (FY) is developing a 600-acre plot of land for a local ski resort. I have no experience in this field but I had the opportunity to meet Professor John Vogel who came out of retirement to help us navigate the project. Already, he has introduced us to several alumni in real estate development and personally advised us on potential recommendations. I have been amazed by the number of resources Tuck has through alumni, the incredible faculty and the classes we can take.

@sandra - I'll look out for you then!

@Abbey - recruiting for CPGs happens in a variety of ways at Tuck. The most "formal" version is the full on-campus recruiting that happens. All on-campus recruiting follows the same timeline, regardless of industry. Generally, September is when the companies first come to campus and describe the roles and opportunities, and then in October they might be back to campus for networking events. Students begin applying for internships in mid-November, and then interview prep begins in earnest before interviews take place on campus in January and February. In terms of CPG, companies held a range of networking/informal events throughout the fall, including store visits (and examining the set up of packaged goods and why the displays were created as such), mock interviews, and cocktail receptions or breakfast on campus. CPG companies also generally hold office hours, where students can meet company representatives in small groups or even 1-on-1 to ask more specific questions.

Hi All, two questions:

1) For strategy consulting firms MBB do they only recruit for east coast locations at Tuck?

@Sandra - will reply privately

@christine - We have a full program planned for you when you visit. You'll sit in on a class (if available), tour the school, have lunch with students and a Q&A session with Admissions staff. If you have time, you can check out the beautiful and quintessentially New England town of Hanover, NH.

2) How old are the majority of students on campus? I see the average age but wondering if that if that reflects the bulk of the student body or skewed because of one or two older students. I've heard that a number of students at Tuck are on the younger side of full time MBA programs. I will be 30 in fall 2019.

Great, thank you @Haley. That is extremely helpful.

@Courtney - MBB & other consulting firms recruit for all of their offices at Tuck. Many of my classmates are headed to west coast, midwest, southern, and international offices for these firms this summer.

Nayab, that sounds like a fun project! I’m glad to hear of the resources available without a formal program. Tuck sounds like a great school for interdisciplinary studying.

Thanks Haley!

Hi all, thanks for all these great questions! It has been a pleasure chatting with you. I wish you all the best in your MBA journey.

Thank you Nayab for providing detailed feedback!

Kristin Roth

@courtney - Our average age hovers around 28, so we have many students on both the older and younger side, as well as right around 28. As I said earlier, it's not your age that matters, it's your readiness to complete an MBA in our immersive environment. The personal and connected experience, as well as the strong emphasis on teamwork allow students to build relationships with a diverse group of people, which is key to learning to work across differences and understanding diverse perspectives - all part of building empathy and wise leadership.

Thanks all! I'm signing off now. We hope to see you at Tuck soon!

Hi Tuck folks! I have been trying to get out of a meeting for the last 10 minutes to join this - so excited to chat. I'm curious about the intersection of social impact, healthcare, and the local Hanover/surrounding rural NH communities. Are there opportunities to volunteer locally in either/both of these sectors and have Tuck students done that? There seems to be a big connection to the Tuck and Dartmouth community and I'm interested in how far that extends out to the Hanover community.

Becca Harvey

Hi everyone! My name is Becca and I'm a T'19, first-year student. I moved here with my husband from San Francisco, but grew up in Florida. Before Tuck, I worked in technology operations and a brief time in banking. I'm part of a lot of non-profit and social impact activities right now at Tuck, and I'm spending the summer in an internal strategy internship.

Hi Becca, what are some of the non-profit/social impact activities you are a part of? How did you get involved?
Hi Becca! Thanks for being here. I’m curious about your move with your husband from a large metropolitan area to a smaller town. My husband will also be moving with me to wherever I go to business school and the ease of him getting a job is a big factor in my decision and the schools I’m targeting. How did you find the transition?

Becca Harvey
@Mary There are a lot of opportunities! They actually start as early as pre-term and orientation. I choose to do my pre-term program with Tuck Builds, which is volunteering for a local non-profit (such as Habitat for Humanity). In orientation, there is a day where everyone consults for a community organization— I worked with the Children's Hospital at DHMC. Then in the fall an optional activity is Tuck Community Consulting, which is a 10 week long project— mine was with a local health clinic.

Becca Harvey
@Rhiannon Everything is advertised to the whole community, so you’re able to sign up for as much or as little as you want. Some people prefer to only participate in the single-day volunteer activities through Tuck Volunteers, whereas others prefer larger projects. Right now I’m doing a First Year Project with a New England food bank, because I wanted to incorporate social impact into that as well. The largest opportunity is probably the Revers Board Fellows in your second year, where you can sit as a non-voting board member on a local non-profit.

Hello! I am interested in social impact and I was wondering how the types of clubs that are available for that, how many students at Tuck pursue social impact, and the career services surrounding that career path.

Becca Harvey
@Becca That is awesome - I figured a school like Tuck would be very plugged into those. Great to hear!

Mary & Rhiannon - I also did Tuck Community Consulting this past fall, which was a great way to get involved with non-profits and with the community in the Upper Valley. My team and I worked with the Lebanon Opera House, a local non-profit theater, to help them with their human resource allocation project and deciding whether or not it was feasible to hire another employee. It was also a variety of one-off community service days organized by Tuck Serves, where I have spent mornings & afternoons at soup kitchens, thrift stores, etc. Lots of different ways to get involved with the community!

Becca Harvey
@Rebeccah In my particular situation, my husband was able to work from home and therefore didn’t have to worry about finding a job here in Hanover. However nearly all Tuck Partners are in a similar situation to you and your husband, and the TP community and the MBAPo works really hard to help people moving to the area. For example, at ASW this weekend we have events on careers in the upper valley as well as a networking session to find people in similar fields as incoming partners. It’s not as easy as in a large city, but personally we found the benefits of Hanover well worth it!

Hello! I’m particularly interested in your experience with the Global Insights program. Can you share some details on that?

Becca Harvey
@Rawan - Community Consulting is definitely one of the main clubs students use to get involved with social impact initiatives on campus (over 100 students participated this year). There are also clubs surrounding net impact, impact investing, sustainability, and volunteering that many students are involved with. Currently I’m also working on a First Year Project (FYP) with a non-profit, and there are many FYPs in the social impact space this year!

Also, I appreciate the information on Tuck Partners as I would be in a similar situation!

Thanks for making time to chat. For any students here today, I’d love to hear what your favorite/most transformative class has been so far. Impressive for such a small town that there are that many opportunities - very cool, Haley. Thanks for sharing your experiences!

Becca Harvey
@Rawan - on top of all those Haley mentioned, there is the Center for Business, Government and Society. They are a group of faculty and full-time staff at Tuck who put on events, bring in speakers and work with the Career Development Office to source internships and jobs.

Hello Tuck! I wanted to stop by to say hello and thanks for being here! :) Thank you, Krystal!

Hello!!

Becca Harvey
@Kendall - I did my GIX a few weeks ago in Israel, but they went all over! A lot of people loved South Africa, Ghana, China... GIX is spent traveling with a professor and learning about a key topic (mine was technology in Israel), but it's just one way to fulfill the TuckGo global requirement. Other people complete international First Year Projects, do a study abroad, or do international Onsite Consulting their second year.

I wanted to know what kind of support Tuck offers for those interested in analytics.

Becca Harvey
@Jennifer - is there a particular area of analytics you're interested in (like quantitative finance)?
Thank you Haley and Becca! I was hoping someone could explain a bit more about the Forte Fellowship since it is a partner. Specifically academically and professionally

Thank you, Becca! So it doesn't sound like one is really preferred over another Mostly digital for marketing and custom insights, not finance

Thanks Becca!

@Sharon - as first-year students, Becca and I are just wrapping up the core curriculum this semester and are in some of our first electives. The core is academically rigorous and designed to challenge students, so I've had a lot of transformative/favorite classes so far. One of my favorites was a class with just 4 sessions called Management Communication (or, in Tuck, "ManComm") - the class focused on our speech, presentation, and communication skills. It was amazing to see how much our class's presentation skills improved in just 4 weeks! Thanks, Haley!

@Jennifer - There's actually many, many classes on that. I'm in one right now called Marketing Research with a fantastic professor. There is another class this term about using quantitative methods for pricing. As part of the core, we take Decision Science, which is a modeling and optimization class, and then there are several follow-on classes that go into more depth. In the fall (I believe) there are a few classes in Big Data. Most of these classes are actually taught by professors in the marketing field, and a lot of our cases even just in core Statistics were about marketing.

Hi, I wanted to know if it is possible for prospective candidates to connect with students from specific clubs?

That's great!

What about internships in that?

Hi Rawan, Tuck is a founding member of the Forte Foundation and we remain actively engaged with the organization. Each year, we designate several of our scholarship recipients as Forte Fellows. Usually these are women who have excelled academically and/or professionally and who also demonstrate engagement in activities or organizations that work to advance the mission of Forte. Forte Fellows at Tuck volunteer to help with women's recruiting (they are the students on the chat today!), host social events and plan community volunteer activities, among other things.

Should I indicate that I am in Forte on my application, resume, or essay?

@Jennifer - Typically MBAs will recruit for internships that use the skills from marketing analytics, but are more about strategic decision making using it. So you'll see a lot of roles for product research or marketing manager, as opposed to a strict data crunching-only role. Hope I'm explaining that right.

@Lavanya: You can reach the club pages here and click on any student name to connect: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/life-at-tuck/clubs-and-activities

Thanks Amy

Rawan, you can include that information wherever you feel it is appropriate.

Question around career changes: I am in the process of interviewing at a few different companies in the sector I have been working for a few years. I have been a remote employee for the last year, and I need that in-person office structure again, plus there are tons of amazing opportunities out here in Denver. I plan on applying to MBA programs, however, later this year to start in 2019. Would it be better to address a career change 1 year out from the start of business school in an application or talk about it in-person during the interview?

Okay, thank you Patricia :) I have another question: Any people able to get internships in California? Do most people stay in the East Coast for their internships? Specifically, I am interested in Social Impact.

Hi, I was wondering if there is an application process to become a fellow at the different centers or do you just become involved and eventually invited to become a fellow. Also what are the benefits of becoming a fellow? Scholarship? Extra exclusive activities etc?

Rawan, lots of students find employment on the west coast. In the past couple of years it has been about 20% of the class. If you read up earlier in the chat, there were several questions answered about recruiting on the west coast.

@Rawan - In August, before term starts, many students visit San Francisco to visit companies and alumni as part of the school events. Then in October a lot of students organized their own mini-trek to California as well.

Hi Patricia, thank you! I will read up earlier in chat.

Hello and hi @Rawan! I am also interested social impact and will be looking to intern in Seattle. I believe that there are many connections and opportunities that I could initiate. Is there something that career services will do to engage new, self-created internship opportunities?

Hi Patricia! Thanks for taking the time to speak with us today. I am hoping to move to NYC after completing my MBA; I was hoping you (or another fellow Tuckie) could share what % of the class finds employment in NYC post-graduation?
Amy Mitson: You are wise to give thought to this as you will want to address that in your application and anyone looking at your resume for an interview would likely be interested in your professional transitions. We look forward to hearing about your career path!

Amy: Thank you! That makes sense to me. And what a compliment - I am trying to be thoughtful; thanks for noticing!

Becca Harvey: Each center does their fellowships a little differently. The Center for Digital Strategies has their fellows complete a research project, and they are heavily involved with visiting executives which is really awesome. The Revers Energy group actually has their fellows run the energy club as well. It sort of varies.

Becca Harvey: @Maeve - A lot of people end up getting jobs through a more "networked" approach, I think around 20-30%. Usually it's people who have a very specific interest or geographical search. There is actually someone in the Career Development Office specifically dedicated to helping these students. I went to her a lot for my internship search! However Seattle is actually a really common city for people to do their internships, so you might end up just going through the job postings at Tuck!

Hi Kristina, I don't know the exact percentage, but the largest concentration of Tuck alums is in NYC and every year a significant number of our students end up there.

Becca Harvey: @Kendal - A lot of people end up getting jobs through a more "networked" approach, I think around 20-30%. Usually it's people who have a very specific interest or geographical search. There is actually someone in the Career Development Office specifically dedicated to helping these students. I went to her a lot for my internship search! However Seattle is actually a really common city for people to do their internships, so you might end up just going through the job postings at Tuck!

Fantastic! Thanks for the clarification. I'd heard a large amount of Tuckies found employment in the Boston area post grad, but good to know that NYC's represented as well!

Becca Harvey: @Becca I want to learn finance and behavioral economics to work with human systems in the innovation of social impact solutions to strengthen local communities. I'm connected with a co-working space called the Impact Hub which has been a great resource that I'd like to continue to tap into. Additionally, I've been warned that my age (46) will make it such that I will have to do my own networking. I'm on it!

Hi everyone. My question is for the organization representatives. Being a single parent of a two year old, I would like to know if there is a supportive community for single parents, and if there is any child care facility on or around campus?

If a large part of the benefit of a top MBA program is the network and I am "aged out" of it being a resource for me to find an internship or jobs, can you speak to the remaining benefits of the network?

I went to Dartmouth undergrad and absolutely loved the close-knit, collaborative culture. How would you describe the student culture at Tuck?

Becca Harvey: @Kendal - I would strongly say there's no age limit for networking. The students' ages are a very wide range, and alumni obviously are in all stages of their careers. When you reach out to alum, no one asks or cares about how old you are, they just want to see what they can do to help.

Hello all. I'm an older applicant, 35 years old, with a unique background, Olympian track athlete. I'm just now retiring from the sport after 13 years. What should an applicant like myself focus on.

Becca Harvey: @Lashinda, that is amazing.

Thank you @Hiba!

Haley Bruns: Wow! @Lashinda, that's an amazing background!

Danielle: @Hiba - Tuck is definitely super collaborative and tight-knit. Many of our classmates were also Dartmouth undergrads and find that the tight-knit culture is very similar. Everyone here definitely loves being involved and helping each other out, and we have a very active & involved alumni network as well.

Thanks @Becca. I’m specifically curious about the employer network. Is it typical that MBA employer networks are seeking a particular intern profile, namely 20-something in age? That is the message I’ve been getting overall. I keep asking the question in case it is true for many schools’ networks but not all.

Hiba: We do have a supportive community at Tuck as well as resources in the greater Upper Valley community for child care. Many Tuck families live in the same neighborhood, Sachem Village, so you will have an instant community, if you chose to live there, of single and married students with families and pets.

Lashinda, I think I remember reading a blog post by an Olympian who’s a current student on Tuck’s website...

Amy Mitson: Let me see if I can find it.

Mary: @Mary Yes! I attended the executive program last year!

Lashinda, we actually have a 3 time gold medalist in the first year class, so you would not be alone. Focus on what makes you special and unique and how will contribute to the class. There are many transferrable skills from athletics to highlight such as leadership, resilience, hard work, etc. Be ready to talk about what you hope to get out of your MBA. Another program you might want to look into is Tuck’s Next Step. Details are on the website. It is a 2 week intensive program from Olympic athletes and military.
@Lashinda: Great to "see" you on this chat. We met briefly when you were here at Next Step!
Haha, that's so cool!

@Kendal - Recruiters can be alumni or not. Especially if you're looking in a smaller area or range, you'll likely be working more with non-alum recruiters. As with any job search, they are looking to see you have the skills and the passion for whatever job they want.

Very cool! @Amy
Thanks @Becca!

@Patricia I was apart of the inaugural Next Step class!
Lashinda, so glad to hear you enjoyed Next Step and that you are looking to apply for your MBA now!

@Patricia That is the main reason why I decided to take this journey serious.
hi Guys, I'm a 30+ applicant , does that matter and how does having a long work ex gap affect my chances of admissions. Do you know any one in your current year with work ex gaps apart from maternity reasons?
Hello! You may have answered this already, but I couldn't find it scrolling up.
What resources does Tuck offer specifically for women in business?

@Katy - Haley is actually the social and inclusive co-chair for Women in Business club!

Priyanka, age is not something that we look at during the admissions process. As for a work gap, I encourage you to explain the situation clearly, why you left the prior employer and what you did during the time you were not employed.

@Katy - we have a very active Women in Business (WIB) club on campus! WIB does a variety of events and initiatives, including workshops, social events, and the annual WIB Conference and Initiative for Women Symposiums, as well as co-hosted events with the Male Allies club

Thanks Becca. And thanks everyone for answering all of our questions. Have a great rest of the day
Haley - I was active in here earlier asking about diversity and inclusion at Tuck.
I'll be visiting on the 16th. Would you be free to meet up and talk more about WIB and other inclusion based work that you've been a part of?
thanks particia!

@Sandra - Yes I'm around on the 16th - I will send you a message offline
All - it was great chatting with you! Signing off - best of luck with your MBA journeys!

Thank you everyone for your questions! Have a good weekend!
Thank you all for joining us today! We hope you will continue to explore opportunities at Tuck. We will be hosting admissions events all over the world this summer and fall as well as hosting visits on campus. We hope to see you at one sometime soon!

Thank you!!