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Tuck Q&A: All of Your Questions
About Tuck Answered
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Application/Application Process

Mohammed Noor Pandit: I had a question regarding my goals. If my long term and short term goals are very different from my current work experience, how do I link the two?

Kristin Roth: The best way to is to explain to us your thought process. We won't know how they're linked until you tell us, so reflect on the path you are going to take, then explain to us why.

Lakshya: What are the attributes one should concentrate on more when writing the essays?

Kristin Roth: Read the question carefully and answer to the best of your ability. The attributes we're looking for are in the questions.

Yating Hu: Hello everyone, I have just submitted my application a week ago, and I want to know what characteristics make an applicant stand out. Also I want to know what is the biggest difference between Tuck and other business schools-in other words, why Tuck?

Kristin Roth: Applicants who excel in one or more areas, show excitement for and understanding of the Tuck program and community, and know how they will partner with the Tuck community to enhance their own experience and the experience of others stand out. Tuck's location, which breeds immersion and facilitates the development of wisdom, is unique. Our students learn how to work across differences, develop judgment, and take intellectual risks in our trust-based community.

Abhisikta Dasgupta: Hi, I am Abhisikta from India. What are the acceptance rate for applications in R1 & R2? I plan to apply in R2 this year, does that reduce my chances of getting in?

Kristin Roth: The acceptance rate varies year-by-year and round-by-round. We admit competitive applicants in every round.

David Valls: Hello. Regarding GRE. Is there any minimum or a cut off point for being eligible for the program?

Kristin Roth: We have no minimum cut-offs. Focus on doing the best you can.

Mohammed Noor Pandit: Thanks George! How much time did you spend on drafting essays and the application in general?

George Ward: I started a few months before the application deadline but I rewrote a large portion of my essays in about 5 hours after coming to visit campus. I would highly encourage coming to Hanover to get a sense of the community/campus before submitting!

David Valls: Hi Kristy, I know MBA applicants should have some kind of professional experience before applying to Tuck. I will be a recent grad this May but I have completed some professional experience along the way. Would that be considered?

Kristin Roth: Our students have an average of 5 years experience, and start from 3 years and up. It's important to have a frame of reference to apply to your learning in the MBA, as well as to contribute to the learning of your classmates.

Mark Sleiman: After attending the Diversity Conference, it inspired me to apply sooner than I expected. Is round 4 something to aim for with a strong application? Or better to hold off until early decision, especially coming as non-traditional student from gov. sector.

Kristin Roth: We admit strong applicants in every round, so I recommend you submit as soon as you feel you can submit a strong application. When is the right time for you may vary depending on your professional and personal circumstances.

vishal: I want to come back to India immediately after my MBA and work with a corporate finance team of a consumer product MNC such as Unilever or Loreal. Would my intention of coming back to India be looked at negatively?

Kristin Roth: You need to be able to explain why the MBA makes sense in the context of your goals and show you understand what an MBA can and can't do for you.

Hormazd Patel: Could you please talk about the difference in the various admissions rounds with respect to selectivity of students? Will applying in a later round, for instance, hamper an international student's chances of admission or receipt of financial aid?

Kristin Roth: Obviously for each round, the number of seats available in the class decreases and the size of the applicant pool increases. We admit strong applicants in every round, however competitiveness varies year-by-year.

Bryan Christian: The application asks how many months of full-time work experience applicants have. Much of my current career is made up of contracted work and part-time positions. Altogether, I'm working more than full-time. Should I include these months in my tally?

Kristin Roth: You can tally it up as best you can and include a brief explanation in the optional essay, so we understand how you arrived at the total you record.

Eisuke Murakami: Approximately how many percent of students from general contractor or construction sector enters Tuck each year?

Kristin Roth: A small percentage - I don't have the exact number.

Nikhil Jones: Hi, I worked in EMC in their Analytics division and later on in Accenture Strategy as an analyst. Currently, I'm working for technoserve (not for profit) as a consultant. What are the ways in which I can contribute to the Tuck community?

Kristin Roth: What are your talents, skills, and interests and how do they match Tuck? Think about what you bring professionally as well as personally. There is a wide variety of ways you can contribute. The important point is to learn about Tuck and how you can engage.

Eugene Gimose: Hello Tuckies, thank you for taking the time to speak to us. I am currently in the middle of writing my essays...what would you say distinguishes a good essay from a great essay?

Taylor Reckhow: Really know your story and do your homework about why you want to get an MBA and from this particular school.

Nikhil Jones: How do I find out ways in which I can add to the MBA class of Tuck?

Kristin Roth: Only you can really answer that question. We have a wide range of clubs and activities (under the MBA tab on our website) and students regularly find unique ways to bring their talents to Tuck. This is part of the research and reflection you need to do.

Career Development Office

Consulting

Vipul Singhal: This question is regarding post-MBA career options. Do consulting firms such as Mckinsey / BCG / Booz look at MBA graduates, with age 32 (at the time of passing out), negatively while recruiting from B-Schools?

Mathias Machado: No, they wouldn't. Your skills and abilities is what will set you apart. Not your age.

Lakshya Bora: What are the best ways to prepare for an internship in Consulting?

Mathias Machado: To get the internship, we have an expert coach who will help you prepare all the way. To prepare for the internship, the Tuck curriculum is one of the best (I interned in consulting and could compare).

Dena Rose: Hi George! I'm originally from Atlanta as well and am interested in strategy consulting following my MBA. What about Tuck's MBA program do you think makes it particularly good preparation for strategy consulting?

George Ward: Hi, Dena! I think the general management curriculum is great preparation for consulting interviews. I was a finance undergrad, so getting more depth in areas like marketing and operations was very helpful. Another aspect is that recruiters really focus on Tuck students while they are on campus. They aren't just taking a couple of hours off from client work or heading to a meeting across town. When they come to the Upper Valley, you have their full attention.

Mark Sleiman: What are some opportunities available at Tuck to transition into consulting coming from the government sector?

George Ward: Mark - One thing I can say about consulting is that they are very open to candidates from all types of backgrounds. Your candidacy might be particularly strong for the DC offices of the major firms, but if you want to be a generalist, you can.

Rodolfo Pozo: Hello to everyone and thank you for hosting the event! Tuck has around 95-99% employed after graduation rate. Can you tell me how do you achieve this? As a student how could I make sure to find a job in consulting after graduation? Thank you so much.

Mathias Machado: Combination of factors: We admit the right students, we have a strong curriculum, and a really good career office to get to 95-99%. We have a good coach in the office who will help you prepare for consulting.

Mohammed Noor Pandit: I plan to go into consulting as well. Did you do an internship in a consulting firm as well? How and when did you start preparing for the case interviews?

George Ward: Hi, Mohammed! I actually worked in a strategy role at Sony Music Entertainment, the world's second largest record label this summer. If you are planning to do an internship in consulting, I would look into the book "Case in Point" before school. Networking early also helps. First years usually start casing around now and continue to do so until interviews in January.

Emily Ngan: Hi Mathias, I am looking to join MBB after graduation from MBA. However I don't have experience in consulting- I have 5 years of experience in the industry. So how can I maximize my employability from the TUCK MBA program?

Mathias Machado: Hi Emily, most of our students who start a consulting career post-MBA are career switchers. We have an expert coach in our office who will help you tailor your application and prepare for your interviews.

Elyse Stines: Can you speak about the on-campus recruitment process for management consulting?

George Ward: Hi, Elyse. The OCR process starts very soon after you arrive on campus first year. Networking events and company briefings take place starting a couple of weeks after school starts. It's important that you get to know the recruiters/consultants in the office in which you are interested and start casing relatively soon. Tuckies are very helpful in the preparation process. I did about 20 cases with my classmates last year and an additional 10 with second years who were going to MBB firms

Marcus Grover: From a niche background in technology project management. My post-MBA goal is to move to management consulting to broaden my experience long-term. What are some of the best ways that Tuck prepares someone like me to make a similar shift?

Mathias Machado: Consulting companies look for smart generalists. They look less at previous experience, although project management, analysis, team leadership, initiative are all important aspects.

Amanda Singer: Hi George. I have chosen to take the GRE. Do you know if this will be an issue for recruiters, especially in the management consulting industry?

George Ward: Hi, Amanda! I am not sure how management consulting firms view the GMAT vs. the GRE. It is possible to apply to those firms with GRE rather than GMAT... I would just make sure to share your percentiles, because recruiters might be less familiar with it.

Emily Ngan: Hi George, my mid-term career goal is to join MBB after graduation from MBA. However I don't have experience in consulting- I have 5 years of experience in the industry. So how can I maximize the employability from TUCK MBA program?

George Ward: Hi Emily! I worked in private equity before Tuck and for a record label this summer before getting my Bain offer. They look for people with all types of backgrounds. Those who have been successful are certainly not only from consulting backgrounds. The most important thing is to get involved in the recruiting process early... start casing and meeting people at the firms as soon as you can. The extent to which you are prepared for the interviews and that the firms already know you is more important.

Emily Ngan: Thanks George, I heard that usually student with no consultant background will work as associate after MBA, is it true?

George Ward: I am going in with the same job as all of my friends, regardless of their background. Those who are going back to the same companies after a sponsorship might have a faster road to promotion, but I'm not sure about that.

Mohammed Noor Pandit: Thanks George again. I'm highly interested in a career in Sports Consulting. Was wondering whether Tuck provides opportunities for a career in Sports Consulting or not? I know MBB do offer sports advisory services.

George Ward: The Career Development Office is great at finding connections for any opportunity you might be interested in, but something as specific as sports consulting will put some burden on you to be proactive.

Energy

Arunkumar Ravichandran: With the recent changes in the Energy Industry and the initiatives in the field of Energy at Tuck, is it fair to expect more energy focused curriculum and class profiles at Tuck in the coming years?

Mathias Machado: Yes, I would say so. I don't have specifics to share, but there is certainly more focus on energy with the initiative a few years ago (now center) and new classes in the curriculum.

Arunkumar Ravichandran: What kind of options does Tuck give to its students who want to get into energy consulting post MBA? Is there a culture of recruitment on these lines prevalent at Tuck?

Taylor Reckhow: Tuck has a Dartmouth Energy Collaborative as well as the Revers Energy Initiative. There are plenty of resources available and many students interested in energy.

Arunkumar Ravichandran: What does Tuck offer in the field of Energy Management that other schools do not offer?

Taylor Reckhow: Hi Arunkumar! I am not really sure what other schools offer in terms of Energy Management, so can't address that necessarily. A lot of Tuckies get involved in energy, whether through Net Impact or consulting or other career choices.

Arunkumar Ravichandran: What are some of the post MBA career opportunities in the field of Energy Management at Tuck?

Taylor Reckhow: There are many, so it depends on where your interests lie. Energy is a huge space and you can be involved at utilities, in consulting, or even investing. The CDO can work with you on your interests.

Entrepreneurship

Christopher Giuffreda: Hello, I was wondering if any of you all had experience with entrepreneurship while at Tuck? The club resources, speakers, and potential to form a business while at Tuck would all be interesting to me. Thanks!

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hi Christopher - Tuck has a Center for Private Equity & Entrepreneurship and an Entrepreneurship club. They promote speakers, hold events with start-ups, setup mixers, idea generation sessions, etc. Also, Tuck offers an entrepreneurship route for the First Year Project that works in conjunction with a winter elective. I think there were 10 or so last year.

Rohit Singh: Thanks for arranging this session! What resources does the school offer to help students launch ventures?

Mathias Machado: check out DEN and the Center for PE and e-ship. Grants (monetary awards) after competitions to invest in a startup, e-ship classes, FYP to develop your business, etc. There are opportunities if this is what you want to do (launch a venture).

Lavanya Lal: Hi, thanks for hosting this chat. How does Tuck support students who want to pursue social entrepreneurship post MBA?

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hi Lavanya - this support would most likely come from the Entrepreneurship Club and Net Impact Club. You can also work with the MBA office to structure your FYP around that interest and spend the spring quarter working on the idea.

Vipul Singhal: I agree this is a more specific question to someone who has come to Tuck from an entrepreneurial background, and I was looking forward to someone from panel, who can share the experience of someone from their batch who has come from entrepreneurial background.

Mathias Machado: Yes, I can think of students. Some continued as entrepreneurs and others went to work at a company. I don't think coming in as an entrepreneur in that sense sets you apart. Everybody has a different background and will look for different things in a program after identifying what they want to do long-term, short-term, identifying the gaps and making sure the program (or even master's degree) can fill those gaps. Here at Tuck you can develop your own venture or go into different industries/post-MBA roles. It's really up to you what you want to do. But make sure this programs can help you fill those gaps you're looking to fill. Otherwise there might be no need to get an MBA. Hope this helps.

Vipul Singhal: My question was specifically as an entrepreneur what are the elements that can help me choose Tuck, and while at Tuck what are the skills that I can look forward to hone?

Mathias Machado: Hope my previous answer helps. You'll be able to take advantage and hone your skills regardless of your background (whether you are an entrepreneur or not). It really depends on what you want to get out of the experience.

General Career Search

Anupam Kulkarni: Hello, what role does Tuck's Career Development Office play in helping to find your dream job?

Mathias Machado: We help you identify what it is that you're good at and what you'd love to do. We give you tools for that and to understand different industries. We support you in your networking efforts, help you prepare your story, your approach to networking, help you identify people in the space. We help you prepare for your applications. Review your resume, help you tailor your cover letter. We help you prepare for interviews and help you through the negotiation process, post offer.

Luiz Lourenco: Thanks for the opportunity to chat. I know it may be early to tell, but how does the outcome of the election impact foreign students seeking placement in the US post-MBA, in your view?

Mathias Machado: It is too early to tell and I haven't an informed opinion on this. Nothing for now makes me believe, though, there would be a big impact.

Jason Hutt: Hi George. Part of your narrative is coming from Atlanta to Tuck and now returning to a job at a global company, back in Atlanta. Can you talk a bit about the process of getting the job you wanted, in the location you wanted?

George Ward: Sure, Jason. I was actually relatively location-agnostic coming into Tuck, so going back to Atlanta wasn't a huge deal to me, but when looking at such large, multi-location firms, the Atlanta recruiting teams seemed interested in the fact that I was from the area. I think the most important part of driving your career search is being intentional and knowing what the most important things are to you and working towards those things early. If you want to work for a large consulting firm, you can push your office choice early and meet the right people. Some industries might require more flexibility in terms of geography (CPG in the Midwest, Finance in NYC, etc.).

andres campos: Hi, do the recruiting events at Tuck have a specially close relationship with any specific industry or nearby city?

Mathias Machado: Not really. Obviously NYC and Boston, because of the vicinity it's easier for recruiters to come up here. But companies from San Fran, Seattle, and Minneapolis also come on-campus. Because of the high employment % in fin serv., consulting, tech, CPG, that helps.

Patrick Crocker: I am originally from Texas and would like to return after an MBA (but I'm open to other locations too). Tuck placement stats indicate that lots of graduates stay in the Northeast - is this by choice, or do employers from the Northeast recruit more heavily?

Lauren Morse: That's tough because we are situated in the Northeast we do have many recruiters from this area, however students who want to go to a certain area also have plenty of success recruiting.

Josh Lindsay: Hi Mathias, when you talk with employers, what are the most looking for in Tuck graduates?

Mathias Machado: They come to Tuck because Tuckies are smart, humble, collaborative, down to earth, hands-on.

Toby Okonkwo: Mathias, bouncing off of Rodolfo's question, the small percentage of the students who don't have offers 3 months out, what would you say is the most common factor? Really audacious and/or unrealistic goals? Or something else?

Mathias Machado: In my experience either a narrowly defined job search focus (which is fine, but takes longer to achieve goals) or ineffective job search (unrealistic goals, motivation, preparedness, etc.).

Toby Okonkwo: I was always curious why a small fraction of the class, even with the same resources available are not as successful. I assume they all get offers, just not before 3 months after graduation.

Mathias Machado: I've never seen a 50-year old alum who hasn't received an offer post Tuck ;)

lucas silva: Mathias, my main goal is to become a leader in an aerospace company. How can the CDO help me pursue this plan?

Mathias Machado: We would sit down with you and determine what needs to happen to get you to that long-term goal and then work out a strategy that will get you the internship and post-MBA job to set you on the right path. No matter your long-term goal.

Vanessa Chong: Is it only IB and consulting firms that interview on campus? What about roles in general management / rotational programs?

Mathias Machado: No. Across industries, we have companies recruiting on-campus during the same timeline: Manufacturing, Industrials, Health Care, Technology, Consumer Goods, Marketing, Education, Social Impact, Media (and I'm sure I'm forgetting industries).

Josh Lindsay: Hi Mathias, thank you for your time. For those looking for a career change, how often do you see people landing jobs/internships in a new industries without any prior experience in that industry?

Mathias Machado: In short: Most students are switchers. Don't worry about it, unless it's waaaay off.

andres campos: Hi Mathias! Would an applicant with one specific career growth experience be favored over an applicant with a more diverse experience in two countries, or the other way around?

Mathias Machado: in short: no. :)

Keller Durkin: Mathias, does the CDO have much experience working with older MBA students, e.g. 40? (Military veteran)

Mathias Machado: No. Not much experience. There are few students >40. But we do sit down with them to understand their goals and how we can support to achieve them.

Healthcare

Adam Choe: Hi Mathias, my background is in healthcare (medical device industry) would you say that there is a strong network within Tuck in that sector?

Mathias Machado: Yes, the Tuck network is strong in any industry. More students are moving into the HC space, so the volume is also growing. Medtronic, Siemens, Thermo Fisher are some companies that come to mind.

Patrick Crocker: Mathias - I'm interested in transitioning to the healthcare sector (delivery or device areas) and wanted to know how much of an impact a dual degree might have on placement. Would an MHA in addition to an MBA really add much value?

Mathias Machado: I am not the expert on this, sorry. You should check with Suzie Rubin, exec ed director of the hc initiative. Her contact info can be found on-line. I'm sure she'll be happy to connect with you.

Private Equity/Investment Management

Emirhan Ozkan: Hello, I see that there are a few panelists from buy side backgrounds. So, my question is not directed to a specific person. I'm interested in investment management post MBA. How hard is it to get a mutual fund/hedge fund job/internship as an international?

Arushi Kumar: Emirhan, it is as hard to get into investment management from Tuck for internationals as it is from any school. I'm recruiting for consulting but I hope this helps :)

John Wynkoop: Thanks for hosting the chat today. Could you spend a little time discussing some of the private equity offerings at Tuck? I see from the website that you are planning to launch student managed funds.

Taylor Reckhow: PE is fairly heavily an off-campus job search as it relates to recruiting. Tuck does have some First-Year Projects (FYP) related to the managed funds through which you can gain some additional experience. Another great outlet is the Center for PE.

Fan Wang: Hi Sashi, this is Daniel from Beijing. I see you work in Finance and are looking into private equity, I also work in the Finance industry right now and am looking for investment banking post-MBA, how do you feel about TUCK's advantages in sending students into IB or PE?

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hi Daniel. Tuck has a Center for Private Equity and Entrepreneurship that provides a lot of connections and leads (mainly Tuck alumni). Most of the recruiting happens in the spring term with a lot of networking in the fall/winter.

Yasiruddin Mohamed: I find there is great influx and efflux of candidates into Tuck motivated towards private equity. Can you clarify more on this? I'm based in operations and this makes feel a bit of an outlier.

Taylor Reckhow: I am actually moving from a PE ops role into a general management position. There really is a huge variety in the class in terms of the types of careers people want to pursue--some pursue banking, PE, consulting, general management, etc.

Austin Murphy: George - As someone who was in PE prior to going to Tuck, can you comment on the availability of post-MBA PE options? I know you chose a different path, but I'm curious to understand if Tuck's network provides ample opportunities to stay in the industry.

George Ward: Hi, Austin. I think it's very important regardless of where you went to school to have PE experience before your MBA if you want to do it post-MBA. Not many people get in without it. I am in our PE/VC course right now and the quality of the speakers (mostly alumni who would be happy to speak with you outside of class about opportunities) has been excellent. The PE job search is very self-directed, but those who are patient and really go after it have been successful. I was coming to Tuck to change careers, so I didn't look into it myself.

Cheol Ho (Scott) Choi: Hi Mathias, how does Tuck support students who have an interest in working in boutique advisory firms, such as Rothschilds and Houlihan Lokey, not running OCR at Tuck? Thanks.

Mathias Machado: For any students that target an off-campus search, we coach them on how to approach the search: finding companies, contacts, understanding the process, etc. We brainstorm resources, support in crafting outreach material, their stories, etc.

Cheol Ho (Scott) Choi: Understood. So I can assume that there have been some cases where students successfully obtained an offer, either internship or full-time, from boutique advisory firms w/o leveraging OCR and Tuck connection?

Mathias Machado: No. Don't assume that. Students definitely received offers from non-traditional employers and off-campus. It's a tailored job search and we support. But I can't say that there were offers in boutique advisory. Maybe those companies don't even recruit MBAs.

Cheol Ho (Scott) Choi: Ok noted. My main target firms are running OCR but was wondering how the Tuck's CDO support off-campus search so that I could cast a wider net. Seems like it provides a tailored approach for each student which is quite promising. Thanks again for your time.

Mathias Machado: Yes. The tailored approach is done by the student. We support by helping the student navigate that path.

Anthony Villamagna: This question is primarily for Sashi; I've looked a bit into the Tuck Social Venture Fund, and I would be very interested in working with the group there. However, as a TFA person myself without any investing experience, would I have the opportunity to?

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hi Anthony - absolutely! You would join the club in the first year in an apprentice type fashion. You will pick up the necessary skills working directly with second years and going through the first-year curriculum.

mike.uong1: Hi all, I'm currently an investment banker in NY and want to work in PE post MBA. However, I heard it's very difficult to get a post MBA job in PE without prior experience. Is it true and is it different in regions like Singapore/South East Asia? Thanks.

Mathias Machado: Yes, that seems to be true. I don't cover the space so don't take what I say for granted. But it seems that even people with PE experience might not succeed in getting into PE post MBA. IB experience is a plus, though.

Agasthya Thalakala: Hi Taylor, thanks for doing this. As someone who's interested in the private equity domain. How hard is it to land a job in this domain? Also, does progress towards the CFA & FRM charters help in any way?

Taylor Reckhow: PE is a very competitive industry, regardless of which school you choose to attend.

Social Impact

Trishna Patel: Hello. I wanted to get a better idea about what kind of programs Tuck has around social impact. I read on a blog somewhere that "nobody does social impact like Tuck" but could not find much specifics.

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hi Trishna - I am a former Teach for America Corps Member, and I can say that Tuck does a fantastic job with social impact. One of the pre-term programs is to work with Habitat for Humanity and the Net Impact club is also very active. Several of the companies that come on campus host social impact activities to compliment recruiting efforts as well.

Bryan Christian: I've read online about the number of clubs and the ways that Tuck students give back to the Tuck community in a variety of leadership roles within the school. What are some of the ways that Tuck students have been involved in giving back to the broader community?

Lauren Morse: We start our community service in Orientation with a day of service, many clubs also have a volunteer component, and we also have Centers that work with our local community!

Vanessa Chong: Hi all, thanks for hosting the Q&A today. Can you talk more about the types of roles Tuckies take for a career in social impact post MBA?

Mathias Machado: I'm the only career person in today, but don't cover the social impact space. Sorry. I don't have a good answer for that. It's a small space for us here at Tuck. We are here to help, though. You should connect with Lizzie Napier in our office (info online).

Technology

Manbir Natt: How is Tuck's recruiting in tech sector on west coast and recruiting for overseas companies?

Mathias Machado: For overseas, that's a tailored job search if it's with companies that don't have a big MBA recruiting intake. We support the students through all the steps (as long as the student comes in and meets with us). For west coast, Amazon, MSFT, Google, VMware, EMC, Adobe, Intel, Genentech, and I'm probably missing companies, come to Tuck to recruit. Students organize treks, CDO organizes treks. There are plenty of opportunities compared to other East Coast schools.

Clubs

Lakshya Bora: How student-led groups work in the Tuck? What are the most remarkable insights one can earn as part of these groups?

Taylor Reckhow: Essentially all of our groups are student-run. The second year students generally have leadership roles and as we get closer to the winter/spring terms these will be taken over by first-year students.

Lakshya Bora: How are the various clubs at Tuck helping student hone their skills and prepare them for interviews?

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hi Lakshya - Each industry club and the second years are the first line in learning about the firms. For example, the consulting club provides case books, including one-on-one prep, and contacts at respective firms. They also arrange a trek to visit firms.

Alex Rattner: Sashi and Taylor, What is Tripod Hockey?

Taylor Reckhow: Tripod Hockey is basically hockey for people that aren't very good. The stick is your third leg and helps you balance :) Great way to meet other students and partners and play against each other!

Hormazd Patel: Hello Lauren. Could you please let us know how one pursues taking up student administration/club leadership roles they might be interested in when at Tuck?

Lauren Morse: We have a Student Board that is elected by the student body. Also, most clubs vote on their leaders in the spring, so you have opportunities for both of these.

Rohit Singh: What are some courses/professors/clubs/events that shouldn't be missed?

Taylor Reckhow: It really depends on your interests. Diwali was a fantastic celebration as was the international day at the beginning of the year. A lot of people at least give tripod hockey a shot even if they aren't hockey all-stars.

Natalie Fang: Hello! On average, how many clubs are students involved with given everything that is going on with studies and recruiting?

Taylor Reckhow: Hi Natalie! The involvement in clubs really varies. You can attend one-off events, or participate more actively. We also have a lot of clubs that directly help you with recruiting (I'm in the marketing and tech clubs).

Lauren Morse: It depends on each student and what you have capacity for. Some students only participate in a handful of clubs and others more. Also can depend on what you are recruiting for (if anything).

Alex Rattner: Hi Sashi, what are some of the highlights and benefits of being a member of the Entrepreneurship Club?

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hi Alex - The benefits of joining the entrepreneurship club include specific networking with students of similar interest (entrepreneurship is not done in a vacuum). There is also mixers with the engineering and med school, idea generation sessions, treks to visit start-ups and VC's. You also get inside access to start-up conferences held throughout the year.

Kostiantyn: Is there any Fintech-related initiatives ongoing at Tuck?

Mathias Machado: I believe students recently created a club. Common Bond recruits on campus.

lucas silva: Hi! Thanks for doing this! I would like to know how open Tuck is about the LGBTQ+ issues. Is Tuck pride able to promote meaningful discussions regarding these issues on campus?

Lauren Morse: VERY open! Tuck Pride is a very active club and helps facilitate discussions as well as plan social events. We pride ourselves in being an open, honest and trustworthy community.

Curriculum/Faculty

Toby Okonkwo: Hi Taylor, I can see from your bio that you enjoy getting to know your classmates and the faculty. That is one of the reasons I'm looking into programs, such as Tuck, that have smaller student bodies. I was wondering if you could expand a bit on other...

Taylor Reckhow: We do a lot of lunches with the faculty, and there is a great open door policy here. Faculty is always available for students and we spend a lot of time outside of the classroom with both faculty and students.

Issam: Hi, could you please elaborate on Tuck's teaching methods? Do you get a significant amount of real-world exposure and practical experience?

Taylor Reckhow: Tuck has a combination of more lecture-based classes as well as case-based classes. There is also a requirement to participate in a First Year Project, providing practical experience.

Nachiketa Mohanty: Hello! What is the scope of curriculum at Tuck for someone aiming for a career in strategy consulting?

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hi Nachiketa - Tuck has a general management curriculum focused on preparing students for a wide variety of roles/functions. Specific strategy consulting preparation is done through the Consulting club and 2nd year students (case prep/fit questions).

Nachiketa Mohanty: I have heard from MBA grads from US schools that the Tuck curriculum can be highly customized. If so, is there enough scope for someone aiming for a career in strategy consulting post-MBA?

George Ward: Hi, Nachiketa. Tuck is an excellent place to study a generalist curriculum in preparation for a career in consulting. I am taking specialized classes in marketing, economics, negotiations, and strategic leadership next term.

Eisuke Murakami: Hello Taylor, are there specific activities that offer you to get to know faculties, other than usual classes?

Taylor Reckhow: There are opportunities to have lunch with some of the faculty, and some even schedule hikes with students on the weekends. The faculty are also always available for office hours.

Amanda Singer: Do many applicants have an interest in the media/entertainment industry? Does Tuck have any classes tailored to the industry?

George Ward: Hi, Amanda. I'm not sure how many applicants have interest, but I worked at Sony Music this summer and had a great experience. We also had a T'17 at Sony Playstation. There aren't any media-specific classes to my knowledge, but several courses have cases on media topics. One that sticks out to me are Digital Strategy in Turbulent Environments (think streaming services).

Yating Hu: Hi George, I want to know how do you feel about the courses? Is the course load heavy for students? Why did you choose Tuck rather than another business school? Thanks a lot!

George Ward: I have found the coursework to be manageable. Time management is the real issue. There is always a balancing act between academics, recruiting, social life, etc. that proves difficult, but that is great training for your career after graduation. Also most of my professors have been excellent, and they all know my name and make themselves available outside of office hours. Some even host dinners at their houses for students. I've been very happy with the quality of the faculty.

Lakshya Bora: What are your most enjoyable classes till now? How does the collaborative environment play a role in the class?

Arushi Kumar: Some of my most favorite classes so far have been Leading Individuals and Teams with Prof Adam Kleimbaum, Analysis for General Managers by Prof Sydney Finkelstein and Decision Science. I enjoyed the class participation and debating issues in a collegial environment. Also, it is fun to study these as a part of study groups and get perspectives from a diverse set of people.

Lin Duan: I'm also a female engineer and I want to pursue further education for a more global mindset to go into strategic consulting for biotech companies (currently I'm in a startup biotech), can you comment on how Tuck has helped you, as a woman engineer...

Arushi Kumar: Hi Lin, great question. Tuck has helped me in expanding my skillset beyond technical skills. I have just been here for 3 months but I find myself conversing and understanding business problems and even those Economist articles so much better. I am recruiting for Consulting with a focus on Strategy and there's no dearth of opportunities to make transitions to any field. As a woman, there are a lot of opportunities to network with companies at women only events. The WIB conference also provides a great platform to have more conversations about pressing issues.

Jeffrey Yu: I was wondering about the opportunity to take courses at other schools within Dartmouth College. For example if I had some random desire to fill an open slot with an Art History course, or some course at The Dartmouth Institute (public health).

Lauren Morse: You can audit some undergrad classes, however usually you can't take the classes for credit. Auditing is up to each professor, so they decide if they want to accept auditing.

Eugene Gimose: I am also looking to pivot into investment banking....what are some great classes that you guys have taken in preparation for summer internships?

Taylor Reckhow: Beyond the core classes of capital markets, accounting, and corporate finance, there are a lot of courses around M&A, private equity, etc. that can be taken post-core classes.

Diversity/The Consortium

Maria F Cuadra: For Tuck, what does it mean to have a commitment to diversity? How is diversity included in the professional development of students?

Lauren Morse: On the personal dev. side- we offer numerous workshops and training for students so you will be equipped with the tools you need as leaders.

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hi Maria - I'm a member of the Consortium and echo Lauren's comment. There is specific diversity professional development through OP that all Tuck Consortium students attend. Most on-campus recruiting firms also host specific diversity chats/dinners.

Andrew Eggum: Did you have an internship lined up before you started, via the Consortium OP? Can you describe your experience this summer with them?

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hi Andrew - I did not specifically seek out an internship during OP because of my interest in PE. However, many Tuck Consortium students did, and they have a runway for acceptance. Also, many firms use OP as a first round and setup second rounds in Fall.

Financial Aid

Mohammed Noor Pandit: What is the probability or criteria for international students receiving loans?

Kristy Snow: Tuck offers a no co-signer loan to international students. The maximum amount is tuition plus fees. The maximum amount students are eligible for is based on a needs analysis performed by the Financial Aid Office.

Abhisikta Dasgupta: Hi Kristy, I also wanted to know if the college helps international students with getting loans and do you need US co-signors for getting a loan? Also, are there any scholarships available for international students?

Kristy Snow: We do offer a no-cosigner loan for international students. The maximum amount is tuition plus fees. The maximum amount a student is eligible to borrow is based on a needs analysis performed by the Financial Aid Office.

Himanshu Singh: Hi, if the maximum amount of a loan for international students is tuition plus fees then what are the ways of financing living expenses at Tuck?

Kristy Snow: Himanshu, we encourage students to contribute to the cost of education. Additionally, we would suggest that you begin researching outside funding and scholarship resources at this point.

Andrew Eggum: Hi Kristy - I am planning on applying through the Consortium, which (ideally) would cover tuition and necessary fees. Are there opportunities to get student aid for other costs, e.g. housing and other costs of living? Thanks in advance.

Kristy Snow: Hi Andrew! Yes, students who apply through the Consortium are also eligible to apply for financial aid in the form of loans. Students can borrow up to the full cost of education less other aid. If you are applying for other scholarships, please be sure that the other scholarship can be applied to cover costs other than tuition.

Toby Okonkwo: Hi Kristy, I have visited the financial aid section of the websites, and have looked into the fellowships listed. I was just curious as to whether there are any other scholarships or fellowships that are not listed. Thanks!

Kristy Snow: Hi Toby, You can also review the Outside Resources pdf on our page for other scholarships not associated specifically with Tuck.

Sesan Ojelade: Hello Kristy, I'm from Nigeria and I would like to know about financial aid for international students and also how to get an application fee waiver.

Kristy Snow: Hi Sesan, we offer a no-cosigner loan for international students. The maximum amount is tuition plus fees. The maximum amount a student is eligible to borrow is based on a needs analysis performed by our office. In response to your question about an application fee waiver, you would need to email the Admission's Office.

General Tuck/Tuck Experience

Jason Hutt: Thanks for providing this panel. What was your biggest reason for choosing Tuck over other schools?

Taylor Reckhow: My biggest reason for choosing Tuck was the community we have here. Being a small school away from major cities really puts everyone in the same boat and you spend a lot more time with your classmates than I felt I may at other programs.

Sashi Mylavarapu: I agree with Taylor. Although small in class size by comparison to others, the depth of friendships I've already built has blown me away.

Himanshu Singh: I have a question on how life at Tuck is. I know about the cohort structure and the highly collaborative culture but it would be really nice to know it from a current/past student's experience, how it is to be at Tuck?

Arushi Kumar: It is indeed a great feeling to be at Tuck. The spirit of community continues to amaze me every day and it extends way beyond the classroom. Do you have something specific that you want to know about?

Mathias Machado: Hi Himanshu, I graduated seven years ago and now work at Tuck. Life here is great and that's why I decided to stay in the area after graduating and ultimately come back to work at Tuck. It's a small community feel and I have interacted with most students.

Josh Lindsay: What is the single most important thing you are hoping to gain from your time at Tuck?

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hi Josh - For me, it is far and away to build a robust network of peers with whom I have strong relationships. Tuck's hallmark is the tight, "Hanover Bonds" you build, and I'm excited by how much I've already gotten to know my peers.

Haley Fuller: What has been most surprising about your experience at Tuck so far?

Taylor Reckhow: Most surprising to me has really been how fast everything moves. At any MBA program recruiting starts up pretty fast, so think about what you want to do in advance of attending.

Mohammed Noor Pandit: What's your favorite and least favorite thing about Tuck?

Arushi Kumar: My favorite thing about Tuck is definitely being in a college-town like Hanover. Just by virtue of being in Hanover, we spend so much time with classmates and get to know them so much better. My least favorite thing about Tuck is the cold.

Lakshya Bora: What are the immediate challenges student faces after reaching the campus? How does the Tuck community help new students to learn various things to prepare oneself ready from Day 1 in the campus?

Arushi Kumar: As an international, who lives on-campus, I actually found the transition very smooth. I had the support of the South-Asian Business Association in running me down through all the logistics, even getting a new SIM Card. As far as class is concerned, the Orientation week is really good to prepare you for what's coming ahead.

Gaurav V: Hi Arushi, could you tell me what distinguished Tuck especially for you, and what are the things you are most enjoying about the school/program?

Arushi Kumar: Hi Gaurav, I chose Tuck because of the community culture and tight knit community and my career goals. I wanted to be in a collaborative environment. And, also I want to work in Consulting and the placement track record, alumni base and opportunities are very promising. Not to mention the General Management focus of the curriculum.

Abhinav Krishna: Hi Arushi, could you tell me why you chose Tuck over other B-schools in the US?

Arushi Kumar: I chose Tuck because of the community culture and tight knit community and my career goals. I wanted to be in a collaborative environment. And, also I want to work in Consulting and the placement track record, alumni base and opportunities are very promising. Not to mention the General Management focus of the curriculum.

Eugene Gimose: Thanks Taylor, what are some reasons that you chose Tuck?

Taylor Reckhow: Eugene, I definitely chose Tuck because of its location and community. I wanted to be in a small town where my classmates were always nearby, and the community here at Tuck is stronger because of that.

Emma North: Hi Mathias, as an international applicant from the UK how did you find the experience at Tuck vs. expectations for a European school. Thanks!

Mathias Machado: I loved it here (and I did get into INSEAD, too). One thing you should consider is where you want to start your career post-Tuck. Strength of networks and options do vary.

Hanover

Anupam Kulkarni: Hello, thank you for hosting this! How is life Hanover? How do you spend your Friday nights and weekends?

Arushi Kumar: Life in Hanover is great! Almost every weekend there are a ton of social and outdoor activities planned. It could be hikes, canoeing, cultural events or just a movie screening and talk. The size of the town only makes it easier to know people a lot better and hang out at the same places!

victor borba: Hello, I wonder how is the life in Hanover and nearby? I ask because my wife is coming with me, and the location is therefore important.

Lauren Morse: Victor- Hanover is a small, rural town but the TPs (Partners) love life here. There is lots to do and many folks are surprised how much they enjoy a break from the city.

Isabel Hines: You have mentioned the tight-knit community of Tuck as an advantage of being remotely located in Hanover. Do you feel there are any disadvantages of Tuck's remote location? If so, how does Tuck overcome these?

Lauren Morse: It's harder for Execs to get to Hanover, so when they come they stay for usually the whole day/night. This means opportunities for small group dinners/ lunches and more direct access to the Execs.

Patrick Crocker: I'm from Texas, so I'm interested to know how you adjusted to northeastern winters...what was the biggest shock for you?

George Ward: Last year was a "mild winter", or so I'm told. You really do get used to it though. Everything up here runs like clockwork from a road maintenance / etc. perspective, so it doesn't really interrupt your life, and if you have the right clothing, it isn't all that bad. It is worth putting up with a couple months of cold for how great the Fall and late-Spring months are. Also, if you're a skier, we have great mountains within an hour, so there is definitely a silver lining to all of that snow.

Lakshya Bora: How is your experience as a Tuck student in Hanover? What are the interesting things you will suggest anyone to do once you are in Hanover?

Taylor Reckhow: Hi Lakshya! Definitely take advantage of being in the outdoors. Hanover is a beautiful place, and you have a great opportunity to explore it. Hanover is a great town!

Yasiruddin Mohamed: Since Hanover is far, how do students working on start-up projects try to manage the travel?

Taylor Reckhow: People are always coming and going to Boston on weekends, but most people do stay local and work remotely.

Housing/Cars

Amanda Singer: How are the living arrangements on campus for 1st year students?

Taylor Reckhow: Hi Amanda! You have several options as a first year: 1) live on-campus in one of the dorms (applications based on lottery) 2) find an apartment or house either solo or with others (MBAPO can help with this) or 3) Sachem (Dartmouth-owned, many families/pets).

Jason Hutt: I'm very attracted to the isolation and intimacy of the Tuck learning community, but curious how much time, if any, students spend away from Hanover throughout the year, and if you keep housing during the summer?

Lauren Morse: Most students do keep houses over the summer. Some sublet them to summer program participants.

Jeffrey Yu: Hello, I have a more logistics-based question. For folks that have cars, is there on-campus parking for Tuck students, and are there difficulties finding parking. I noticed from my student-initiated interview on a weekday that there weren't too many spots.

Taylor Reckhow: There is plenty of parking if you bring your car. I live in the dorms and have a car, with no problem parking it.

Interviews/Campus Visits

Manbir Natt: How does the student initiated interview work? Can I do a campus visit first and then come back for interview the second time?

Kristin Roth: We can add you to do a lunch, tour and Q&A session for most days we have visits available, however interview slots are limited, so it can be challenging to add a second visit. It is most common that applicants visit and interview on the same day.

Hiroki Fukushima: Hi. Thank you for hosting! I am an international applicant and I am a little bit afraid that I would miss the opportunity to visit/on-campus interview. I would like to know how flexible interview date I can choose from are.

Kristin Roth: Each application deadline has its own deadline for applicant-initiated interviews which can be found on our website. If you cannot schedule an on-campus interview by that date, you submit your application and wait to see if you're invited to interview.

Jason Hutt: What is the best preparation for the interview?

Kristin Roth: Think carefully about your goals, why you want an MBA, and how the Tuck program will help you achieve your goals. Also know your background and be able to talk about it meaningfully. Practice talking about yourself!

Mohammed Noor Pandit: How did the campus visit change your perception of Tuck? Coming over from Pakistan in such short time (2 months till deadline) would be a bit tough.

George Ward: Completely understood! That would be quite a long trip. I think you are doing the right things by participating in chats like these. I just felt at home when I came to visit. I wish I could provide a more logical answer, but it's true!

Yashovardhan Agarwal: Hello Kristen, since I live in India, how can I qualify for an overseas interview? What is Tuck's international interview procedure?

Kristin Roth: If you can't visit campus, submit your application. We will read it through and determine if you'll be invited to interview. If invited, you can interview in person in Hanover or via Skype.

Karl Delatour: Hello all. Thank you for hosting this chat. My question is regarding the applicant initiated-interview. Are re-applicants who have already interviewed in the previous admission cycle encouraged to do so again?

Kristin Roth: If you feel you have something substantive to add to your story, you can schedule another interview. It's your decision.

Kellie Grigg: Hello, I have a question about visiting the campus before submitting my application. Does that factor into the application? I heard that the schools will check to see if you have come to visit before applying.

Kristin Roth: We do keep track of who visits, but we also recognize that not everyone can. Visiting can show your strong interest in Tuck as well as inform you better about how Tuck fits what you're looking for in an MBA community.

Abhishek Bhakuni: Hi Arushi. Could you share your interview experience for Tuck? What advice would you give to prepare for the same?

Arushi Kumar: Hi Abhishek, I think you should do your homework about Tuck and make sure that you know that Hanover is really where you want to be. And of course, know your story!

Keller Durkin: For those of us that were unable to get to Hanover, when (if desired) would we have that interview.

Kristin Roth: An invitation can come at any point after application submission up until the decision date.

Femi G: When will classes end this term? The answer would help me know how long I have to schedule campus visit - I live in another country. Thanks.

Sarah Hein: First year classes will be over mid-December. And no classes on Fridays!

Lin Duan: When we come for an interview, what are the most important attributes Tuck looks for?

Kristin Roth: We look for how well you can articulate your story, why you want an MBA at Tuck, and what you bring to the community. The best way to prepare is to know your story and practice telling it.

Military

Keller Durkin: Hello, Kristin. Can you discuss how military veterans fit into the Tuck community?

Kristin Roth: Military veterans provide an important balance to the classroom and study group. You've experienced leadership, teamwork, and work under pressure in a unique way. Because of our close-knit immersive community, you know all your classmates and can add to and learn from your classmates' experiences.

Patrick Crocker: As a military applicant, I'm interested to know if there are common challenges that you see military applicants or accepted students face. What could I do to better prepare to meet these challenges before I apply?

Kristin Roth: Know why you want an MBA beyond transitioning to civilian life. What will an MBA give you that you lack? Where do you want to go? Be able to tell that story on paper and in person. Plus, study for the GMAT/GRE and brush up on your quant skills. Also, learn to talk about "I" as well as "we." We want to know what you've done in the context of working in groups. That's a bit of a pivot from what you're taught in the military.

Keller Durkin: Hello, Lauren. Can you discuss how military veterans fit into the Tuck community?

Lauren Morse: Vets are a huge part of our campus. The AFAA club is very active. Next week for example we are hosting a panel around their military experience to help celebrate Veterans Day! They are also a close "community" within Tuck!

Networking/Alumni Network

Haley Fuller: Hi George, I've heard that Tuck has an amazing and highly involved alumni network. Did you use it at all during your time at Tuck so far?

George Ward: Hi Haley! The Tuck alumni at my post-MBA employer were instrumental in getting me prepared for my interviews and answering any questions I had about the firm. When I start next summer, I will already have a group of close colleagues because of Tuck.

Himanshu Singh: What kind of networking opportunities are provided at Tuck? Does one also get to network with automotive/manufacturing firms?

Mathias Machado: On-campus events, off-campus interview forums, career treks, facilitated opportunities with industry executives (alums and not). Yes on automotive/manuf. Now, only 2% of the class goes into manuf. so opportunities are lower than say tech.

Kellyn VP: As a student, through which activities have you been able to grow your network with Tuck alumni?

Sashi Mylavarapu: They have mainly been from alums coming back for on-campus recruiting networking sessions and coffee chats. Tuck has a large presence at some companies and will bring 20+ alums at one time. The alumni database is also very easy to access and setup calls.

Off-Campus Events

Emily Ngan: Hi Kristin/colleague from the admission office. Are you going to hold any more MBA event in Asia soon?

Kristin Roth: We just finished our usual recruiting trip to Asia, however look for further events, including coffees with students and/or alumni throughout the year on our events page.

Toby Okonkwo: Hi, I'm not applying till next year, and I was wondering when I should start looking at the online schedule to find events in my area for next year's recruiting drive?

Kristin Roth: We update the events page continuously, and you should see events for the following application year starting in the early summer.

Research Centers & Initiatives

Shekhar Kumar: Hello, good afternoon everyone. Tuck has multiple research centers and research initiatives. Could you elaborate on roles students can play at these centers?

Sashi Mylavarapu: As for anything at Tuck, you can play pretty much any role depending on your time commitment. Normally, because time is constrained, students focus on one or, at most, two initiatives to ensure they can achieve their intended goals.

Shekhar Kumar: Hi Lauren, Tuck has multiple research centers and research initiatives. Could you elaborate on roles students can play at these centers?

Lauren Morse: All Centers have student fellows that work closely with the Centers. It's up to each student to get involved as little or as much as they want with the Centers.

Amartya Awasthi: Hello everyone. Thank you for hosting this chat. Looking to know if Tuck has initiatives to prepare students in Sustainability learning and the connections/network in this sector.

Taylor Reckhow: Hi Amartya, we have the Dartmouth Energy Collaborative that I previously mentioned, but also there is a Net Impact club here at Tuck. Net Impact as well as the Center for Business & Society have various work around sustainability.

Tuck Connections

Devin O'Malley: Hi Lauren- this is probably better directed toward Kristin, but as a prospective student with a non-traditional background, who could I reach out to to be put in touch with a current student or alum with a similar background as mine?

Lauren Morse: Hi Devin- My suggestion would be to reach out via Tuck Connections. I bet you will find someone on there with the same background as you!

Gaurav V: Hi there, if I wish to talk with a current student at Tuck with a similar background, or with one of the panelists here offline, can I approach them and how?

Sarah Hein: Hi Gaurav, search Tuck Connections on our website. Fill out the form and we will match you!

TuckGo/First-Year Project

Austin Murphy: Can a few of you comment on your TuckGo experience? My undergrad had a similar requirement, and I'd love to hear about what you all did. Seems to be a great range from my talks with former students!

Lauren Morse: The TuckGo requirement can be completed through multiple experiences- Exchange Term, On Site, FYP. It's great because you can tailor it to what interests you.

George Ward: Hey Austin - I went on a Global Immersion Experience to China last year and was able to visit the headquarters of Baidu and several other major companies as well as learn a great deal about their economic development over the last few decades. It was great.

Jeffrey Yu: Hello, I was wondering if anyone knows what percentage of Tuck students do go abroad for a term at another school? Also, is it recommended - as I assume it could possibly interfere with recruiting, and does lessen the amount of time on campus at Tuck.

Lauren Morse: We send out about 30 students in the Fall and Winter terms. It could interfere with recruiting, or help if you are thinking about recruiting in another country.

Haley Fuller: Can you give an example of a first-year project that you or a friend might have worked on and what that experiences was like? Thanks!

George Ward: Hi, Haley. I worked on a project last year for a client who is in the process of rolling up the pecan farming industry. Our project was centered on the way in which they could raise their next round(s) of capital to facilitate that growth. It was a very interesting project, because the client already had a term sheet from a PE fund, but we recommended that they start over and go a different direction because of how aggressive the terms were. We had to work hard to identify alternatives.

Tuck Partners

Kumaresh Pandian: Hello, I'm a prospective student applying for Fall 2017. I'm married and my wife will be moving with me. Hence I would like to learn about the spouse support system at Tuck.

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hi Kumaresh - I'm not married but have a long-term girlfriend. Significant others are known as Tuck Partners (TP's) and are involved in almost every social activity. Most couples live in Sachem village and form strong bonds with other couples.

Kumaresh Pandian: Thank you for organizing the Q&A. I'm married and my wife will be moving with me. Hence I would like to learn about the spouse support system at Tuck.

Lauren Morse: Our Partner network is very strong and very helpful. They do weekly activities including book clubs, dinners, etc. Many people say that being a Partner is better than being a student!

Sashi Mylavarapu: I agree with Lauren. My girlfriend has attended almost every social event on campus so far and is an integral part of my experience. Many of my peers know her as well as they know me.