

## Live Q&A Transcript

# Tuck Business School at Dartmouth

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Presenter: Kristin Roth – Associate Director of Admissions.

Tuck Website:

<http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/>

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**Topic set by Narenn on Thu Mar 17 2016 21:30:22 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)**

21:30 Narenn **Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club Tuck (Dartmouth) Q&A session today and a BIG welcome to Kristin Roth, Associate Director of Admissions at Tuck.**

21:31 Narenn **This is our last chat session of the season with Tuck's admission team. We conducted 4 chat sessions with Tuck this year. We are thankful to all admission directors for taking out their busy schedules to participate in our chat.**

21:31 Narenn **Let me also thank Nancy Granada, Senior Associate Director, Marketing and Communications for Admissions at Tuck, and Sarah Hein, Marketing Coordinator at Tuck, for providing all the help and making these sessions happen.**

21:31 Narenn **Today Kristin will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at Tuck.**

21:31 Narenn **There are around 25 chat participants and more are expected to join in couple of minutes, so it is humble request to all participants to adhere to the following rules during the chat.**

21:31 Narenn **1. Ask the questions one by one. Before posting your question, make sure the earlier question is answered.**

21:31 Narenn **2. Do not ask profile specific questions e.g. What are my chances etc.**

21:31 Narenn **3. Keep the question typed in advance and paste them in chat box when earlier question is answered.**

21:32 Narenn **This session is open for Q&A. Please start asking your questions one by one**

21:32 Tuck-Kristin **Hello everyone! Thank you, GMAT Club and Narenn, for inviting us and all the participants for joining us. I look forward to answering your questions.**

21:33	Paul25	How does Tuck help its alumni to venture into energy and sustainability related entrepreneurship in emerging markets; any "special advantage" that Tuck has over other business schools in this regard?
21:34	Tuck-Kristin	<b>Tuck's strong alumni network, personalized attention from the Career Development Office, Center for Business and Revers Energy Initiative are all great advantages for students interested in energy and sustainability.</b>
21:35	rk1990	How does Tuck help support students in non-traditional paths, such as non-profit consulting?
21:35	Tuck-Kristin	<b>Sorry - the name of the Center for Business and Society got cut off. I also wanted to share the url for the Revers Energy Initiative: <a href="http://revers.tuck.dartmouth.edu/">http://revers.tuck.dartmouth.edu/</a></b>
21:38	Tuck-Kristin	<b>Again, the Career Development Office (CDO) is a great resource. You'll have a career coach who will work with you directly and focus on your goals. In addition, the Center for Business and Society (<a href="http://businessandsociety.tuck.dartmouth.edu/">http://businessandsociety.tuck.dartmouth.edu/</a>) is an excellent resource.</b>
21:37	Bill	I am planning on attending the Military visit day on April 18th. How many veterans does Tuck have per class (on average)?
21:37	Paul25	Thank you Kristin.
21:38	Tuck-Kristin	<b>Bill, so glad you'll be joining us on the 18th! The numbers vary every year, but I'll give you a rough sense of where we've been the past few years. We have about 15 US military veterans in our second-year class and slightly more in our first-year class. You can see more about the Armed Forces Alumni Association at the club page: <a href="http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/life-at-tuck/clubs-and-activities">http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/life-at-tuck/clubs-and-activities</a></b>
21:39	rk1990	thank you. But given that nontraditional paths don't have as clearly defined a path, how do you help students network and get their foot in the door?
21:39	Tuck-Kristin	<b>RK - Our alumni network is incredibly strong and always willing to connect with students. Our CDO has over 900 active recruiting relationships. The coaches you work with have worked in the industries they coach. So you have multiple resources.</b>
21:40	Narenn	<b>Newly Joined Members: Welcome to the Q&amp;A session with Tuck Admission Director – Kristin Roth. If you have any questions about Tuck applications, you are free to ask them to Kristin. Thank you!</b>
21:40	Narenn	<b>Moderator Note: We will be saving a condensed version of the chat for the record and reference. Everyone in attendance will have a chance to ask their own questions. If for any reason you want us to exclude your username from chat transcript, please let me know.</b>
21:40	Akshay	A question regarding the waitlist at Tuck: some candidates who opted to stay on the waitlist received a reply email that their spot was confirmed. I did not get any such email upon submitting my confirmation. I was wondering how best to find out that my interest has been noted.
21:41	Tuck-Kristin	<b>Regarding the waitlist, if you did not receive a confirmation, please email the waitlist email</b>

again and copy the main Tuck admissions email. Also, check your spam! Perhaps it ended up there. But you should have a confirmation.

21:42 rk1990 In addition, I had a question regarding the admission process - I was denied w/o interview, but in my rejection letter, I was encouraged to re-apply and take feedback from the adcom. I'm curious - If my application had potential, I'm wondering why I wasn't offered an interview. I couldn't avail of the applicant-initiated interview since I'm an international

21:43 Tuck-Kristin **RK - it will depend on your feedback. I would suggest you take advantage of the feedback opportunity in the late spring/early summer.**

21:44 Bill Kristin, I am also interested in the dual degree MBA/MPP at the Kennedy School. How do students facilitate this? Do they live in Hanover for 2 years and then move to Boston for a year? Trying to determine the logistics of such a feat!

21:44 Tuck-Kristin **We have multiple students who do a dual degree and you have a few options on how you want to follow your studies. One option is to start at the other program for the first year (deferring your Tuck start), then start at Tuck in the second year of what will be a 3-year program. You would split the third year between the other program and Tuck.**

21:46 Akshay Thanks Kristin

21:46 breezy88 How best can one plan for a campus visit? I am hoping to visit during the second week in April.

21:48 Tuck-Kristin **You can schedule your visit online! Go to <http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/visit-interview>**

21:48 Matt Hi Kristin, thanks again for taking the time to answer our questions! I also am visiting Tuck (April 19th) for a Visit Day. Is there anything in particular you would suggest to do in order to get the most out of the experience? In addition, if someone is a Dartmouth alumnus and already familiar with Hanover is there anything in particular you would suggest?

21:50 Tuck-Kristin **Matt, welcome back to Hanover! One thing that's important for everyone, especially Dartmouth grads, to remember is that we know you have an affinity for your undergrad experience. During your visit, focus on the additional benefits of the Tuck experience. It will be very different and you'll want to understand specifically why Tuck is right for you.**

21:54 Tuck-Kristin **Everyone who visits should do some research in advance. I would encourage you to think about activities, clubs, conferences you might be interested in. When you visit, you'll have lunch with students, a student-led tour, and a Q&A with an Admissions Officer. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to ask in-depth questions, particularly of our students.**

21:52 Narenn **Newly Joined Members: Welcome to the Q&A session with Tuck Admission Director – Kristin Roth. If you have any questions about Tuck applications, you are free to ask them to Kristin. Thank you!**

21:52 Matt Thanks Kristin! I might add I actually am a Dartmouth Graduate School of Arts & Science grad. Would

		that change your response any?
21:54	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>Matt - it doesn't really change my response, except to take out the "undergrad experience" comment. I find that people who know a little about the Hanover area and Dartmouth forget to focus on why Tuck is right for them, because they frequently have fallen in love with the Upper Valley and/or Dartmouth as a whole. Be sure to address why Tuck specifically.</b>
21:54	<b>Matt</b>	Thank you Kristin, that's valuable advice!
21:55	<b>Paul25</b>	What is Tuck's biggest priority or focus area as of now?
21:55	<b>breezy88</b>	Does Tuck have initiatives planned in the next year or two that will enhance the MBA experience?
21:57	<b>breezy88</b>	And are those initiatives a response to students'/employers' feedback or simply the school trying to improve the experience?
21:58	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>Paul and Breezy's questions are similar so I'll try to tackle both together. We have a new dean, Matt Slaughter, who has incredible passion and energy for his role. The core values of Tuck remain the same - the deep relationships and collaborative community provides a safe space to learn, challenge yourself and occasionally fail. In addition, (continued...)</b>
22:00	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>The Dean has articulated very clearly the Tuck mission: the Tuck community educates wise business leaders to better the world.</b>
22:02	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>Still continuing with Paul and Breezy's ? - Specific initiatives are still in the works, and a great example of one implemented just this year is the Tuck Global Opportunities (TuckGO) program. Every student will have an immersive experience while at Tuck outside their home country/region they're already familiar with.</b>
22:01	<b>Paul25</b>	Amazing. Tuck continues to be a very special and human place.
21:58	<b>rk1990</b>	Thanks for your response Kristen. The reason I'm asking about the feedback is because I was denied w/o interview yet requested to re-apply and get feedback. I would've loved to interview to demonstrate fit
22:00	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	
22:02	<b>PS</b>	Kristin - What is the approximate split of intake across the 4 rounds. Just trying to understand if applying in the Jan round can be not very conducive for an Indian applicant. I applied in the Jan round, was invited to interview but then was finally declined an admission. Also, how does Tuck view reapplication?
22:02	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>Admissions offers per round vary every year. We look very favorably upon reapplicants, especially those who have taken advantage of the opportunity to get feedback and then acted upon that feedback. It shows persistence and genuine interest in Tuck.</b>
22:03	<b>Narenn</b>	How diversity influence on candidate choice? Does any nationality have advantage of others?

22:04	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>There is no advantage for one nationality or another. We look for a very diverse class in many senses of the word: background, experience, nationality, etc. Strong applications will shine, regardless of where you come from.</b>
22:05	<b>PS</b>	That's very helpful Kristin. Thanks
22:06	<b>Matt</b>	Speaking of TuckGO, have students this year leaned towards one of the four options more than another? Any initial feedback on how TuckGO has influenced cohesiveness of the Tuck experience (positive or negatively). Thanks
22:09	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>Many of the elements of the TuckGO program have been in place for a while, so the change has been more evolutionary than revolutionary. Because many of the options have students traveling and working together in teams, with a faculty member or professional advisor, students tend to build close ties to each other and their professor/advisor.</b>
22:06	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>Much of the travel takes place during breaks as well, so you don't miss a lot of time at Tuck. The exception to that would be an exchange program, when you would likely be away for an entire term. But because our first-year students build such strong ties with each other, by the second-year, those ties last over time and distance.</b>
22:09	<b>Akshay</b>	Kristin- I just emailed my waitlist confirmation mail again and got an acknowledgement from the admissions team. Thanks for the advise.
22:10	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>Akshay - Terrific! Glad it worked!</b>
22:10	<b>Narenn</b>	Objective information such as GPA and GMAT scores provide easy comparative material from one applicant to another. What are some concrete elements that separate applicants in the more subjective essay and letters of recommendation?
22:12	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>Great question. With essays, the key is to answer our question and be specific. If we ask for a leadership example, give us one example, not a high-level view of your leadership. If we ask for why Tuck is the right place for you, show you've done your research by linking with Tuck-specific things that differentiate us for you. (continued...)</b>
22:14	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>There's nothing worse than reading an essay and knowing I could take out "Tuck" and substitute in another school's name and the essay would still make sense. You miss a great opportunity to show your fit for a program and school if you can do that.</b>
22:15	<b>Paul25</b>	Few years ago, Tuck launched the Center for Global Business and Government. How has been the response to that initiative? Are we looking at some more new initiatives in the near future?
22:18	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>The CGBG (as it is known) has done some great work, as all our centers do, in bringing in executives and speakers, conducting research, and enriching the MBA experience. Just a few days ago, the Slaughter &amp; Rees Report commented on the presidential candidates' stances on free trade. Leading thought areas like this are a hallmark of our research centers.</b>
22:18	<b>Tuck-Kristin</b>	<b>In addition, students value the opportunities to interact with the CGBG and other centers as</b>

		<b>fellows, among other opportunities.</b>
	rishi	Most schools advise international candidates to apply in the earlier rounds. Does that mean I'm at a disadvantage if I choose to apply in the April round because I am an international applicant?
22:20	Tuck-Kristin	<b>We welcome and admit international students in every round. Strong applications will always shine, as I said earlier. So if you feel you are ready and interested, I would encourage you to apply!</b>
22:24	rishi	Thanks Kristin!
22:25	Narenn	<b>Ok. Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today. Thank you very much, Kristin, for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions. Hope you enjoyed the chatting with our community members.</b>
22:27	Narenn	<b>We will publish a condensed transcript of this chat in Tuck forum in few days. Keep eye on this thread... <a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/tuck-dartmouth-class-of-2018-calling-allapplicants-198179.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/tuck-dartmouth-class-of-2018-calling-allapplicants-198179.html</a></b>
22:28	Narenn	<b>If for any reason you want us to exclude your username from chat transcript, please let me know.</b>
22:28	Narenn	<b>Thanks again to Kristin and all participants. Good luck to all who are waiting for the interview invitations. Have a great day!!</b>

## GMAT Club's MBA Resources

Business school Rankings	<a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/all-2015-mba-rankings-99812.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/all-2015-mba-rankings-99812.html</a>
Admission Deadlines	<a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/all-mba-deadlines-for-157075.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/all-mba-deadlines-for-157075.html</a>
BSchool Live Chats Schedule	<a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html</a>
Applicant Status Tracker – Real Time Updates	<a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/applicant-tracker-feed-real-time-updates-124871.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/applicant-tracker-feed-real-time-updates-124871.html</a>
Executive MBA Discussions	<a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/executive-mba-programs-345/">http://gmatclub.com/forum/executive-mba-programs-345/</a>
Part-Time MBA Discussions	<a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/part-time-mba-programs-102/">http://gmatclub.com/forum/part-time-mba-programs-102/</a>
Real and Verified BSchool Reviews	<a href="http://gmatclub.com/reviews/business_schools/?fl=menu">http://gmatclub.com/reviews/business_schools/?fl=menu</a>
Compilation of Special Scholarships	<a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/fellowships-scholarships-213768.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/fellowships-scholarships-213768.html</a>
Analysis - Impact of GMAT on your admission chances	<a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/admission-rate-213025.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/admission-rate-213025.html</a>
Best Admission Consulting Companies	<a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/best-admissions-consulting-companies-2016-season-205934.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/best-admissions-consulting-companies-2016-season-205934.html</a>
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