



GMAT Club Chat with Tuck (Dartmouth) Admissions Team

Patricia Harrison – Sr. Associate Director of Admissions

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Web Resources:

- Tuck Website: <http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/>
- Tuck Class of 2018 (Full Time MBA) Discussion: <http://gmatclub.com/forum/tuck-dartmouth-class-of-2018-calling-all-applicants-198179.html>
- Ask Tuck Admissions: <http://gmatclub.com/forum/ask-tuck-at-darmouth-admissions-173789.html>

		HAPPENING NOW: Live Chat with Patricia Harrison - Senior Associate Director of Admissions at Tuck (Dartmouth) Ask yo questions regarding Tuck application to Patricia.
		Topic set by Narenn on Wed Jan 20 2016 22:20:47 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
22:30	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Hi everyone! I am excited to speak with you today!
22:30	Narenn	Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club Tuck (Dartmouth) Q&A session today and a BIG welcome to Patricia Harrison, Senior Associate Director of Admissions at Tuck.
22:30	Narenn	Today Patricia will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at Tuck.
22:30	Narenn	There are around 30 chat participants and more are expected to join in couple of minutes. It is humble request to all participants to adhere to the following rules during the session.
22:30	Narenn	1. Ask the questions one by one. Before posting your question, make sure the earlier question is answered.
22:30	Narenn	2. Do not ask profile specific questions e.g. What are my chances etc.
22:30	Narenn	3. Keep the question typed in advance and paste them in chat box when earlier question is answered.
22:30	Narenn	Before we begin the session, I would request Patricia to give us your short introduction
22:32	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Thank you! I have been with Tuck admissions for around 12 years now. In my role, I recruit students, review applications, interview applicants, supervise our student interviewers and head women's recruiting.
22:33	GabrielFernandes	I checked on school website that teamwork and leadership are important behaviors regarded by Tuck. How these attributes evaluated by school during the application process?



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22:34	Pat-TuckAdmissions	We are able to assess your leadership and teamwork based on the roles you have held at work and in your community/extracurricular involvement, as well as from your answers to the essays and in the interview.
22:35	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Perhaps it would be helpful to give you an overview of how we evaluate candidates
22:36	Pat-TuckAdmissions	We use a very holistic process and look at academics, work experience, leadership, involvement, interpersonal skills and diversity of experiences. No one factor is more important than another.
22:36	mib_3znr26	Do the essay questions change from year to year? When will the application for the class of 2019 be available?
22:37	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Our essay questions have remained relatively the same over the past few years. I do not know what we will be asking next year. I would expect the new application to go live sometime this summer.
22:37	AWilletts	Patricia, first off I would like to thank you for taking the time to do this chat today. My first questions is, even though Tuck does not have a specific major in marketing and adheres to a general management approach, what type of focus is put on marketing at Tuck and what response have you noticed from marketing focused students that go to Tuck?
22:39	Pat-TuckAdmissions	We have a lot of marketing electives in the program, and students will be able to get quite a bit of exposure in the industry. Students can also do independent study to tailor the curriculum even more specifically if they like. Students interested in marketing careers do well in job placement. One of our career counselors came from a CPG background.
22:40	Pat-TuckAdmissions	You also have some marketing industry experts like Kevin Keller.
22:40	AWilletts	Thank you
22:38	mib_5c29vw	Patricia, thank you for taking the time to do this chat today. How many applicants does Tuck typically waitlist every year? Could you share the number for the number of applicants on the waitlist this year? Also, what is the acceptance rate off of the waitlist? Thanks!
22:40	Pat-	The number of applicants on the waitlist varies every year. I do not know how many we have



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	TuckAdmissions	on the waitlist from our Early Action round. The number admitted from the waitlist varies every year and depends on how much space we have available in the late spring/summer. It is very tied to how many admitted students enroll.
22:40	GabrielFernandes	How diversity influence on candidate choice? Does any nationality have advantage of others?
22:41	Pat-TuckAdmissions	We are looking for a diverse student body in terms of work experience, educational background, gender, ethnicity, nationality, etc. Having a wide variety of perspectives in the classroom provides a richer learning environment.
22:42	mib_5c29vw	Thanks, Patricia. I was just trying to understand what the chances look like for waitlisted students.
22:42	tunmise	Hi Patricia, thanks for taking the time out to chat with us. After submission of an application, lets say in R2, are there still aspects of the the application that can be updated after? for example, the GMAT score? and if so, how does that affect the application?
22:43	Pat-TuckAdmissions	If you have a new GMAT score, promotion, or other change in your profile, please send us the update. We will do everything we can to make sure it is included in our evaluation.
22:43	DanielleVogel	As applicants, what can we do with our applications to make life in the admissions office easier for staff?
22:45	Pat-TuckAdmissions	I am thrilled to hear you want to make our life easier! Thank you! Things like double spacing your answers, sticking with the word limits, answering all of the questions are easy ones.
22:46	Pat-TuckAdmissions	It is also really helpful if you are sure to address things we might have a question about, like a job gap or unusual career moves.
22:43	Onin	Hi Patricia, thanks for your time. Do you consider the applicant-initiated interviews a significant indicator of interest to the program? Does it reflect negatively on an applicant if he/she is unable to go to an applicant initiated interview if he/she lives in the US/ in the East Coast?
22:47	Pat-TuckAdmissions	We recognize that not everyone is able to make it to campus to interview, and that is why we still invite applicants to interview if they haven't initiated one in advance.
22:48	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Applicants can show their interest in Tuck in other ways too. Such as attending events hosted around the world, connecting with students and alums, doing their research on the web, etc.



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22:44	Hilary	What is the suggested length of the resume?
22:47	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Resumes should be one page.
22:47	Brennan	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?
22:48	Pat-TuckAdmissions	It's hard to give concrete examples of the subjective elements that separate applicants because those are going to be different for every applicant. We want to see people who are self aware, who have a good sense of their future plans and how an MBA from Tuck fits into them.
22:51	Pat-TuckAdmissions	We like to see people who have made an impact at work, school and/or their community. We are looking for people who are excited about Tuck and looking forward to engaging with the community, getting involved, learning from others and sharing their own experiences.
22:48	Onin	Thank you
22:49	baharris90	Hi Patricia, how many veterans on average are in a typical MBA class? Do you see many challenges with veterans transitioning from the military to the business world through an MBA program like Tuck? Are there any special recommendations you would make to a veteran looking to apply to Tuck's MBA program?
22:50	Pat-TuckAdmissions	We tend to have around 15 veterans per class. We find that our veteran students do extremely well at Tuck, and the supportive close-knit community really helps with the transition to civilian life. Tuck is very supportive through the Yellow Ribbon program, and an active veterans club. We also host a Veterans visit day each spring.
22:50	Brennan	Thank you
22:51	mib_619061	What is the deadline for interviews by invitation?
22:54	Pat-TuckAdmissions	We do not have an invitational interview deadline. Invites can go out at any time up to the decision date.
22:52	MBB	current MBB looking to go into a start-up, what types of resources (faculty, centers, etc.) does tuck have as it relates to entrepreneurship?



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22:56	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Tuck's Entrepreneurship Initiative and the Dartmouth Entrepreneurial Network provide lots of resources for students including electives, mentorship, speakers series, a business incubator. Students can get an early start on starting a business during the First Year Project which can be either a consulting project for an existing company, or an e'ship project.
22:56	MBB	appreciate the response, Patricia
22:53	Hilary	What is the grading policy like? Is there a grade non-disclosure policy?
22:54	Pat-TuckAdmissions	We have a non-disclosure policy. Grading is honors, pass, low-pass and fail. We do not calculate GPA or rank.
22:54	EricNeydorff	Hi Patricia - I plan to pursue a Healthcare pathway and was wondering if and how the Tuck program partners with the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center?
22:58	Pat-TuckAdmissions	If you are looking at healthcare, please explore Tuck's Healthcare Initiative. Tuck partners with DHMC, as well as the medical school, the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and the engineering school.
22:59	Pat-TuckAdmissions	In the past, students have done first year projects and independent study with the hospital.
22:54	Hilary	Does Tuck's location make it difficult for on-campus recruiting or getting to interviews?
22:54	Pat-TuckAdmissions	The location does not negatively impact recruiting. Our placement stats clearly show that Tuck students are in demand and recruiters make the effort to get up here.
23:01	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Once they are here, they are a captive audience. They stay longer on campus and don't have other distractions while they are in town. So a trip to Hanover will also include taking small groups of students to lunch or dinner, networking over office hours. You get much more personal access to recruiters and execs when they come up.
23:02	Pat-TuckAdmissions	We also facilitate opportunities for students to network with recruiters off-campus with treks for particular industries or to particular locations.
22:56	mib_jxbvzr	Hi Patricia - As someone who is going to be interviewing on-campus in a couple of days...any advice for the campus interview?



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22:56	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Be yourself. It is not meant to be a high pressure interview. We want to have a conversation to learn more about you and vice-versa. Be sure to prepare by thinking about the kinds of questions you are likely going to get and have an answer with an illustrative anecdote ready for each.
22:56	rakshithbabu	Hi, I'm a non-us applicant and couldn't find a interview slot in India. Will tuck invite for Skype interview?
23:04	Pat-TuckAdmissions	We do not offer applicant-initiated interviews in any locations other than on-campus. If you are not able to come to Hanover, we switch to an invitational policy. Invitational interviews are on campus, with a remote admissions representative or via Skype.
23:00	EricNeydorff	Thank you Patricia, much appreciated!
23:01	GabrielFernandes	Does round of application affect chances of success? Is it better apply for the school on first round than last one?
23:06	Pat-TuckAdmissions	You should apply when you are ready and have the strongest application possible. Rushing to get it in an earlier round won't help if it isn't the best you can put forward. That said, once you are good to go, the earlier the better. I have 280 seats available in October, and each round I have fewer available to offer.
23:07	Pat-TuckAdmissions	We do not have a set number of offers to make in each round. We are looking for the strongest applicants and if we see them early, we are going to admit them then. The last round tends to be the most competitive, but if you are a strong applicant, you are still able to get in.
23:04	AWilletts	Patricia, what would you say you have observed in your time at Tuck as the number one thing that sets the type of student at Tuck apart that draws them into the smaller tight-knit atmosphere versus say a Harvard or Kellogg size program?
23:12	Pat-TuckAdmissions	I think what sets Tuck apart is the supportive community. That community is the result of a lot of factors: the small student body where you will get to know everyone in your class; the residential program where everyone lives on campus or very nearby, meaning people are together all day and into the evening.
23:04	E495948	Hi Patricia - Thanks for your time. Having heard about Revers Energy Initiative from current students, I wanted to know if there are any plans to introduce more Energy related elective



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23:04	E495948	*rate success of this initiative?
23:04	HyojunKim	Hi Patricia - If I visit the school and have an interview on Feb, can it be considered with my application submitted on Jan. round?
23:06	Pat-TuckAdmissions	If you are a January round applicant, the deadline to complete an applicant-initiated interview is January 29.
23:09	HyojunKim	OK thank you
23:10	dentobizz	Hi Patricia,do we need to use the optional essay to explain the reason/motivation for applying in round 3 and could you please share some insight on the acceptance rate for the the last round applicants?
23:15	Pat-TuckAdmissions	If you want to provide an optional essay on why you have applied in the April round, that can sometimes be helpful. I don't have an acceptance rate to share because it differs every year.
23:10	Chatterji	Hi Patricia, I have read quite a few good things about the TuckGO program. However, I found the experience specific to business/geography. Do the students get a chance to learn in and interact with the various cultures, essentially more than one, while studying at Tuck?
23:17	Pat-TuckAdmissions	You absolutely get the opportunity to interact with a variety of cultures. The student body is 1/3 international, and the living and learning environment at Tuck facilitates the opportunity to really get to know your fellow classmates from around the world quite well.
23:17	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Classes include international cases and topics. There are multiple opportunities for travel. You are not limited to just one GO experience.
23:12	Hilary	Do most graduates end up in a certain area/region, or is there a wide geographic dispersion post-graduation?
23:20	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Our graduates are not limited to a particular geographic area. A large number do go to New York and Boston, but we sent 20% or more to the west coast last year and others go elsewhere in the US and the world.



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23:12	ploriginal	Hi Patricia, if i have some updated information for my application (e.g. promotion, job change etc.). should we notify the admissions? and how will that information be added to the application?
23:21	Pat-TuckAdmissions	You can send updates to your candidacy to the admissions email account, and we will include them in your file.
23:13	arjuns247	Hi Patricia - are the applicant initiated interviews weighed or evaluated differently than the invitational interviews?
23:21	Pat-TuckAdmissions	applicant-initiated and invitational interviews are evaluated equally
23:13	rakshithbabu	What is the timeline for remote interviews?
23:22	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Invitational interviews can be offered any time up to the date of decision release. There is no set timeline.
23:15	mwburris	Patricia - Thanks for chatting with us. I am waitlisted for an interview next week. Should I go to New Hampshire regardless of whether I am notified that I am scheduled?
23:22	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Please do not come up to campus if you are only on the waitlist for an interview. We have a limited number of people we can accommodate each day.
23:16	imanroy	Hi Patricia... it is wellknown that Tuck attracts a lot of Indian applicants with engineering backgrounds and IT professionals... what are the differentiating elements Tuck is looking for in such a cliched profile?
23:24	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Applicants are much more than just their job title. Several applicants may have similar jobs but the experiences in them and other life experiences are different. Every applicant should talk about what makes them unique, what they will contribute to Tuck.
23:23	Narenn	Okay... we can take new questions. NOTE that we will run this chat for another 5 minutes only, so if you have any questions left, ask them immediately. Thank you!
23:23	GabrielFernandes	Patricia, you told about strong profile. Could you say in few words what makes a strong candidate for Tuck?
23:23	rocky1988	Since I am not aware of the courses offered at Tuck. I just want to ask whether do tuck has any courses specifically for the mechanical engineering background students



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23:27	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Not sure what you mean when you ask about classes for mechanical engineering students. If you go online, you can see our electives. Students are also able to take classes at the engineering school.
23:23	E495948	Sorry Narenn and Patricia...I think my earlier Q on Revers Initiative got missed.
23:24	Narenn	No worries E495948. Repost your question
23:25	E495948	Having heard about Revers Energy Initiative from current students, I wanted to know if there are any plans to introduce more Energy related elective curriculum at Tuck? I currently understand Pr. Erin Mansur is heading the Energy Economics elective, but can we expect more electives in coming years? Also, how would you rate success of this initiative?
23:26	Pat-TuckAdmissions	I don't know specifics, but energy is a growing area at Tuck, and I would imagine that the curriculum will continue to grow. Students also have the opportunity to do independent study, so can create their own classes on particular areas of interest in energy.
23:26	mib_cv9neb	Although there is no minimum, what would be a desired TOEFL score? Thank you.
23:26	Pat-TuckAdmissions	I don't have a target score to give you.
23:27	Narenn	Okay.. we will end this chat with GabrielFernandes's this question "Patricia, you told about strong profile. Could you say in few words what makes a strong candidate for Tuck?"
23:28	rocky1988	Thanks a lot, One more question do a guy having experience in energy sector and applying for the same course in your college, do he/she have an edge on other applicants of different backgrounds.
23:28	Pat-TuckAdmissions	A strong candidate is different for every student. People shine for different reasons and strengths in one area(s) can balance out weaknesses in another.
23:29	Pat-TuckAdmissions	As I mentioned above, we want people who are self-aware, know where they are going. We are looking for people who are going to be team oriented, and looking to learn from their classmates and share their own experiences.
23:29	Narenn	Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today. Thank you very much, Patricia, for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions. Hope you enjoyed the chat.
23:30	Narenn	Next chat session with Tuck is on March 17. To view complete Live Q&A schedule visit this



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		thread... http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-b-school-adcoms-2015-season-174827.html
23:30	Narenn	We will publish a condensed transcript of this chat in Tuck forum in few days. http://gmatclub.com/forum/tuck-dartmouth-class-of-2018-calling-all-applicants-198179.html
23:30	Pat-TuckAdmissions	Thank you everyone! Please visit our website to learn more about the school and come visit if you are able!
23:30	Narenn	Participate in MBA Admission Help Desk today at 8 PM Pacific Time to chat with admission experts on general application questions. http://gmatclub.com/forum/mba-application-help-desk-209339.html
23:30	Narenn	Discover various education loan options provided by ProdigyFinance. Participate in live chat with Prodigy Finance’s Students Relation Manager tomorrow at 8 AM Pacific Time http://gmatclub.com/forum/live-q-a-with-prodigy-finance-211782.html
23:30	Narenn	Thanks again to Patricia and all participants. Have a great day!!

1) Upcoming Tuck (Dartmouth) Chat sessions:

- March 17

2) 2015 Live Q&A Session Schedule: <http://gmatclub.com/forum/announcement-mba-info-sessions-on-gmatclub-174827.html>

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