



GMAT Club Chat with Tuck (Dartmouth) Admissions Team

Kristin Roth - 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>

22:24		Happening Now: Live Q&A with Tuck Admission Director - Kristin Roth. Get answers to all your questions regarding Tuck app in this session.
		Topic set by Narenn on Thu Nov 12 2015 22:24:46 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
22:29	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.
22:30	Narenn	Today Kristin will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at Tuck.
22:30	Narenn	There are around 15 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 chat so that our guest can answer most of our questions
22:30	Tuck_Kristin	Thank you and hello everyone! Looking forward to taking your questions!
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 Kristin to give us your short introduction
22:32	Tuck_Kristin	A little bit about me: I've worked at Dartmouth since 1997 and Tuck since 2007. My background is in student life, career services, and admissions, as well as corporate human resources experience with GE. Personally, I love Tuck for the same reasons our students and alumni do: the incredible people and community.
22:32	HaddyPainkiller	Is it compulsory to give interview on campus for tuck?



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22:34	Tuck_Kristin	We got a jump start on an interview question. Tuck allows applicants to self-initiate an interview if you are able to visit us here in Hanover. If you cannot visit before the self-initiated interview deadline for your application round, you need to wait for an interview invitation.
22:35	shakib143	How is Tuck different from other top b schools?
22:35	Tuck_Kristin	How the top b-schools are the same: great education and resources at each of the schools. How Tuck is different from our peers: our incredible community and location which allows you to immerse yourself in your MBA experience and develop deep ties with students, faculty, and alumni, as well as incredible access to recruiters and visiting executives.
22:35	MoreOrLess	Is there a specific last date by when all interview invites are sent out for a given round? For instance, have all interview invites been sent out for the Early Action round this year?
22:36	Tuck_Kristin	There is no specific date for interview invitations. For example, invitations for Early Action may come well into December.
22:36	HaddyPainkiller	It is well known that Tuck emphasizes a lot on "Cultural Fit". Can you please elaborate the term "Cultural Fit" and how to demonstrate one?
22:37	Tuck_Kristin	Every school is concerned about fit. Tuck in particular has a very personal scale and we want to know that people want to be here and understand our culture of involvement, engagement and collaboration. You don't just join Tuck for two years; you join for life.
22:37	Anonymous	Hello. I was wondering what the process for scholarships is like, and how would you recommend we "negotiate" in the event, Tuck is our first choice, but perhaps another school offered a scholarship that made the choice very tough.
22:37	Tuck_Kristin	Everyone is considered for scholarships with their application. There is no separate form. Scholarships are based on need and merit. I can't give you recommendations on negotiations, as we work hard to give the best scholarship offer we can.
22:38	SREELEKHA123	If we have multiple GMAT scores will that have a negative impact on the application? How will Tuck evaluate multiple GMAT scores?
22:40	Tuck_Kristin	Most of our applicants have multiple standardized test scores.
22:40	Narenn	Newly Joined Members: We are chatting with Kristin Roth, Associate Director of Admissions



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at Tuck. If you have any questions about Tuck application, you are free to ask them to Kristin. But before posting your question, please make sure earlier questions are answered. Thank you!

22:40 **Narenn** **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.**

22:42 **Anonymous** How much do you evaluate GPA vs school. For example, a student studying at MIT or Berkeley may have a much harder curve and general curriculum than one who is studying at a less rigorous program.

22:42 **Tuck_Kristin** **We look at the entire application holistically, including academics, taking into account rigor of the program, major, outside forces (work, extracurriculars, personal circumstances, etc.).**

22:42 **abhinav** Hi Kristin. This is **Abhinav** from India. Could you please share some insights about the experiential learning opportunities available at Tuck?

22:43 **Tuck_Kristin** **There are many experiential opportunities at Tuck: First-Year Project and Onsite Global Consulting are great examples of classes. Students also can be fellows in our research centers, which offer varying opportunities for hands-on experience, can participate in the Tuck Student Consulting Services, or help lead a club or conference.**

22:43 **amyceres** 42% of T'17 are women. Is this because of the applicant pool or something related to the admission's decisions?

22:43 **Tuck_Kristin** **Like all the top schools, Tuck cares deeply about diversity in our school, including raising the number of women in business. I don't have the data to compare % of women in the pool to % of women in the class.**

22:44 **Lucas88** Hi, two questions related to the TOEFL. i) If I've been working in the U.S. for 5 years but graduated from a Latin American university, do I still need to take the TOEFL? ii) Can I send my TOEFL score after submitting my application?

22:46 **Tuck_Kristin** **The TOEFL requirement is waived for applicants who have recently lived for at least three years in an English-speaking country or who received a degree from an institution outside the U.S. where instruction is in English.**

22:46 **Anonymous** Do you have any information on the amount of female vs. male applicants?



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22:46	shakib143	Can you elaborate on taking up fellowship in research centers? What is the procedure and which areas of focus are available?
22:47	Tuck_Kristin	You can learn a great deal more about our research centers online at: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/faculty/research-centers-and-initiatives. Each center runs the fellowship program slightly differently.
22:48	HaddyPainkiller	The Indian Applicant pool is very competitive. Can you specify a minimum GMAT score expected from Indians?
22:48	Tuck_Kristin	We have no minimum score for GMAT and all applicants are considered holistically and compared to the broader pool.
22:49	sharmaanurag	Is the recently popular space of analytics considered within IT by Adcom?
22:49	Tuck_Kristin	Regarding analytics, are you asking for the purpose of how to classify it on the application? I would say take your best guess and if you need to explain, you can in the optional essay with a quick bullet point.
22:50	Anonymous	Do you consider more out-of-the-box things to be diversity? Perhaps, owning a pet, being married, identifying as LGBT
22:50	Tuck_Kristin	Diversity comes in different shapes and sizes - that's why it's diversity! We track the data that all schools track. In addition, we want to know what makes you unique. That can be work experience, region of origin, LGBTQ, the school you went to - tell us who you are and why you're a fit for Tuck and why we're a fit for you.
22:50	debbiem	Is corporate credit profile experience something that you guys consider?
22:52	Tuck_Kristin	@debbiem: can you clarify your question?
22:52	ShaleenChikara	Hi Kristin. I am a young entrepreneur from India. Since I my work-ex is not very typical of the students at Tuck, does that put me at a disadvantage wrt admission and if chosen, later in the class?
22:52	Tuck_Kristin	Diverse work experience adds to the class, whether it's entrepreneurship, a unique industry, or interesting role. Tell us about the impact you've had and the significance of your work. Our students come from and go into a wide variety of industry spaces and roles.



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22:53	chinoo411	@Narenn, where do I see the list of already asked questions in this chat?
22:54	Narenn	There is no way to see the discussion happened before your joining. Ask your question and we will let you know if it has been asked already and Kristin's reply to it
22:55	chinoo411	Have all interview invites been sent for EA round?
22:55	Narenn	chinoo411, Here's Kristin's reply to that question - "There is no specific date for interview invitations. For example, invitations for Early Action may come well into December."
22:55	mib_g0wvsu	Hi Kristin, I am a doctor from India. I took my GMAT on 27th oct and scored 720 with 51 quant and 36 verbal. Which point do I need to highlight in my application?
22:56	Tuck_Kristin	We will see your entire GMAT score and will be interested in the whole result. Highlight your strengths in a variety of areas - professional, academic, teamwork, leadership, etc.
22:56	Gisher	Hi Kristin, I'm a bit confused about educational loans. Is it true that loan request should be submitted before the deadline of the round you're applying to?
22:56	Tuck_Kristin	Loan applications are separate from scholarships. Loan applications are due after you receive your admissions decision.
22:58	Gisher	Thanks, Kristin! Here's where I got my info: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/finance-your-degree/financial-aid-applications
22:58	abhinav	Thanks for elaborating, Kristin. Could you throw some light on the networking treks which students undertake during the program to interact with industry professionals/alums?
22:58	Tuck_Kristin	The Career Development Office leads treks every year to Boston, Silicon Valley and NYC. Students love the opportunity to explore industries and potential employers, plus connect with alumni in those spaces. You can learn more at: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/career-advantage/industry-treks
22:59	chinoo411	If I retake GMAT now, would the new score be considered?
23:00	Tuck_Kristin	We guarantee we will consider whatever you submitted on the application deadline. Any information you submit after the deadline, we will do our utmost to include in your application review. I recommend keeping us updated, but know you should submit your application when you believe it's at its strongest.



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23:00	ShaleenChikara	Thanks for clarifying that Kristin. Considering Tuck's wonderful location, how easy or difficult is it to get out and about maybe a hike
23:02	Tuck_Kristin	The Appalachian Trail runs directly through Hanover. Hiking is very easy around here! Lots of opportunities for other outdoor activities as well, from rowing on the Connecticut river, to golf on Dartmouth's golf course, to cross country and downhill skiing and, of course, ice hockey.
23:02	Anonymous	If one is admitted, and awarded a scholarship, will they be notified the day they receive their decision?
23:04	Tuck_Kristin	If awarded a Tuck scholarship, admitted students will learn of the award amount via hard copy letter.
23:05	Anonymous	When can one expect that letter? (A day after the admission deadline, week month etc)
23:07	Tuck_Kristin	Letters are mailed after the decision date and delivery will depend on where you live. It could be 2 days or a week or more. If you are admitted and there is a pressing need to know earlier, you can always contact the Admissions Office.
23:07	kvazar	Hi Kristin! I've investigated Tuck pretty closely. to the extent of speaking will a lot of alums and current students, but I never visited any official event due to lack of such in my region and currently I can't visit campus. Will that negatively affect my chances? What can I do to show my appreciation of the school and great interest? (I have already applied)
23:08	Tuck_Kristin	Not everyone can make our events, however, there are lots of opportunities to do your research on Tuck and show your interest. A great way to start is to connect with our students and alumni. You can do that through Tuck Connections: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/tuck-connections
23:08	mib_g0wvsu	Is there any event in India in the upcoming month?
23:09	Tuck_Kristin	All events are posted on our events page, which is updated regularly. We're busy reading applications and interviewing applicants now, so events are slowing down slightly. But keep posted for more activity as students head home for December break!
23:09	Narenn	Moderator Note: We will continue for another 15 minutes only. If you have any questions for Kristin, ask them immediately



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23:10	SahilBhatia	Hi Kristin , how does Tuck Admissions Team see online courses such as the ones available on coursera.com ,etc.
23:11	Tuck_Kristin	Any courses that can show you are furthering your skills, particularly quantitative skills for those who don't have a quant background, are very helpful for the Admissions Committee to see.
23:11	Narenn	Kristin: How is Tuck adapting or changing its curriculum to suit the change in the job market in the recent years? What changes are on the horizon? How have employers reacted to these changes in Tuck's curriculum or program?
23:11	Tuck_Kristin	The implementation of the Global Opportunities program is a great example of Tuck's responsiveness to the needs of employers. Our students leave Tuck to work as leaders in organizations and businesses with global impact and it's important that students understand the cultures, countries and markets in which they'll be operating.
23:11	mib_g0wvsu	Okay, Thanks once again 😊
23:12	Dienekes	Hi Kristin, quick question - can we reach out to Tuck Connections multiple times to connect to multiple students/alumni?
23:12	Tuck_Kristin	You can reach out multiple times, however, we would encourage you to utilize as many resources as possible, including the Tuck 360 blog and websites of relevant organizations within Tuck for more information.
23:13	Anonymous	Thanks Kristin! Very helpful
23:13	Narenn	One more question: What is one thing about Tuck that prospective students will NOT get to know from online resources like the college website or chat rooms?
23:15	Tuck_Kristin	It's harder to assess fit online. It takes getting to know us personally, through events, reaching out to students and alumni, and visiting campus.
23:17	souravjhalani	What is the general GMAT cut off score for tuck
23:18	Tuck_Kristin	We do not have a cut-off score. Our average GMAT is roughly a 717.
23:18	helloschool	Hi Kristin, May I ask how many admissions/offers will you send out for EA round this year? Thanks.



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23:20	Tuck_Kristin	It varies every year, as we assess how many applications are received and the strength of the pool. We don't have a specific number. It is important to note that strong applicants are admitted in every round.
23:21	abhinav	Kristin, what is that one unique thing about Tuck which you are very proud off?
23:21	Tuck_Kristin	I am extremely proud of the people at Tuck: students, staff, faculty, and alumni. We come together to create a collaborative challenging learning and work environment and I feel challenged to be my best self every day.
23:22	Guest25515	Can we access old submitted applications (as a sample) for reference to get a feel about flow of ideas expected/submitted in an application
23:23	kvazar	Dear Kristin, is there a point in retaking GMAT from 750 to higher? Considering I know I can do better, will there be any significant advantage of having 780 over 750?
23:23	Tuck_Kristin	It is entirely your decision whether or not to retake the GMAT. I would advise you strongly consider where your time would be best spent, knowing that it is a holistic process. If it were just a numbers game, we wouldn't ask for essays or an interview.
23:25	kvazar	Just to clarify, my question is more about scholarship, will 780 over 750 noticeably increase my chances of receiving it or not.
23:25	Tuck_Kristin	Scholarships are based on need and merit. Merit is measured in many ways, not just your GMAT, GRE, or GPA.
23:26	MoreOrLess	Can applicants who are not invited to interview or who do interview but are not given an offer get feedback on their application from the admissions committee?
23:27	Tuck_Kristin	If you are planning to reapply, you may request feedback from Tuck. Feedback will not be given until the spring at the earliest.
23:27	Tuck_Kristin	Thank you, everyone, for your active, engaging questions! I hope you learned more about Tuck and our process. Best of luck to you all!
23:27	Narenn	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.



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23:27	Narenn	Next chat session with Tuck is on December 10. To view complete Live Q&A schedule visit this thread...
23:28	Narenn	We will publish a condensed transcript of this chat in Cornell forum in few days. Keep an eye on this thread... http://gmatclub.com/forum/tuck-dartmouth-class-of-2018-calling-all-applicants-198179.html
23:28	MoreOrLess	Thanks Kristin!
23:28	Tuck_Kristin	Happy to be here! Thanks Narenn!
23:28	Narenn	If for any reason you want us to exclude your username from chat transcript, please let me know.
23:28	kvazar	Thanks Kristin!
23:28	Narenn	Thanks again to Kristin and all participants. Good luck to all who are waiting for the interview invitations.
23:28	Narenn	Have a great day!!

1) Upcoming Tuck (Dartmouth) Chat sessions:

- December 10
- January 20
- 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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All School Stats	http://bit.ly/1MPOguZ	Current Student Blogs	http://bit.ly/1NPG4rD
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