



# GMAT Club Chat with Tuck (Dartmouth) Admissions Team

Amy Mitson – Senior Associate Director of MBA 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>

21:05		Welcome to the Live Q&A with Amy Mitson - Sr. Associate Director of Admissions at Tuck.
		Topic set by Narenn on Tue Aug 18 2015 21:03:53 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)
21:29	Narenn	Hello Everyone, Thank you for joining GMAT Club Tuck (Dartmouth) Q&A session today and a big welcome to Senior Associate Director of MBA Admissions at Tuck – Amy Mitson.
21:29	Ergen	Welcome everyone
21:29	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Thank you! Good morning, good afternoon, or good evening! Looking forward to the next hour with everyone!
21:29	Narenn	Today Amy will answer your questions regarding applications, essays, interviews, and life at Tuck.
21:30	Narenn	There are around 30 chat participants and more are expected to join in next couple of minutes, so it is humble request to all participants to adhere to the following rules during chat so that Amy can answer most of our questions....
21:30	Narenn	1) Ask the questions one by one. Before posting your question, make sure Amy has answered the earlier question.
21:30	Narenn	2) Do not ask profile specific questions e.g. What are my chances etc.
21:30	Narenn	3) Keep the question typed in advance and paste them in chat box when earlier question is answered.
21:30	Narenn	Before we begin the session, I would request Amy to give us a short introduction of your roles and responsibilities at Tuck
21:33	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	I have been at Tuck for many years, previously in student services and now admissions. I am a member of the admissions committee; I read applications, interview, and host events around the world. I love tuck and I am happy to share the Tuck experience with you as well as answer any questions that are keeping you up at night about the application process
21:33	Narenn	Thanks!! Dear Participants, this chat is now open for Q&A. Please ask your questions to Amy.
21:33	usr123	Hi Amy, my first question is about Tuck's location. Does being situated in remote location give some disadvantage?



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21:34	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	While travel will take a bit longer because of our location outside the city, I see the ADVANTAGE in our location.
21:36	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Because we are outside the city, when alumni recruiters and executives come to tuck they are with us for a whole day of events, not just one quick hour and then they head to another office or school
21:36	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Students have a heightened level of access to anyone who enters our halls because people spend time on campus
21:36	ankurgupta03	Hi Amy, can you please talk about the opportunities in the Education domain after graduation from Tuck?
21:37	Asw12	Hello Amy, I have a question regarding the career prospects of international students at Tuck, especially with the lottery system in H1B. Has this impacted the placements of the current students and how do you see it in future?
21:38	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	We have 100% placement for our students when it comes to summer internships and a 96% placement rate for full time offers within 3 months of graduation. This is not the first time we have seen visas limited, and unfortunately, I cannot predict what the future holds. That being said, the career development team will be a strong partner for anyone who is challenged by visa issues or hiring companies.
21:38	UDit	Hi Amy, my question is related to the letters of recommendation. If we don't have direct supervisors (e.g. in consulting firms), can we ask people with whom we have worked closely?
21:40	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Regarding letters of recommendation, while we like to see a supervisor we know this is not always possible. Choosing someone who is senior to you and who has worked with you closely is acceptable, even if they are not your immediate supervisor. You can always use a bullet point in the optional essay to explain.
21:41	Amol04	Hi Amy, For letters of recommendation, can we choose one from my direct supervisor and another from somebody who has been my mentor in extra-curricular activities?
21:42	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Another question regarding letters of rec: as mentioned, focus first on a direct supervisor and then for the second, a more senior colleague or former employer could add a nice perspective. You also mention a mentor or someone from extracurricular activities. be careful there. Think about what they can add and how their experience of your work will add.
21:42	Vishwa25	Although no really agrees to the argument that there is a minimum GMAT (let's just say 730) when you're coming from a competitive pool such as India, I have not known many Indian applicants (maybe one female in 2013 with 710) in last three years making it to Tuck with scores of below 730. Is this a coincidence? I personally am not a fan of taking tests.



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21:43	Vishwa25	Does it make me an average applicant because if I don't possess the much known IIT degree or a 730+ score?
21:43	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	@Vishwa25: We see a range of candidate GMAT and GRE scores (we have accepted the GRE for the last several years) and you are compared to all applicants, not just those from your geographic area. The average for the entering class is around 718 so the closer you are to this number the more competitive you will be on the GMAT measure. I think your sample size is limited and I have seen scores of admitted candidates below 730 many times.
21:45	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	@all: Please remember the admissions process is holistic. No matter what your experience, industry, etc, we are looking at the total picture of your experiences to understand your candidacy.
21:45	SergeyDudko	Hello Amy. I have registered to the interview. My status is "waitlist". I live far away from Tuck – in Moscow. Hence, due to visa requirements and costly tickets, I won't be able to change interview date. What can you suggest? What are my chances to be accepted to the interview? Thank you.
21:46	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	@Sergey: Thank you for your interest in Tuck and for registering for a visit/interview. There are many variables regarding coming off the WL for an interview slot. Since you are traveling a great distance you may want to check in with us regarding this and we can take a specific look at your visit. You are welcome to contact me through tuck.admissions@.....
21:47	usr123	Amy- while you are at it, could you please elaborate as how would the "career development team be a strong partner for someone who is challenged by Visa issues"?
21:47	caleb708	Hi Amy, what is one thing about Tuck that prospective students will NOT get to know from online resources like the college website or chat rooms?
21:49	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	@caleb: The fit for you. All of the top schools look and sound amazing and will offer candidates the best of every opportunity. When you read our website, listen to us on panels, etc you start to see what we have to offer, but understanding your fit for a school comes only with further research. Coming to campus, attending a reception, connecting with alumni, etc. These are some of the ways you can start to "get to know" a school and if it is a fit for you.
21:50	caleb708	Thanks Amy - I attended a mock class couple of days ago with Prof. Praveen Kopalle, met some alums at the event and am also visiting the campus for an interview on September 29th. Really want to figure out if Tuck is the right fit for me.
21:50	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	@caleb: Aswesome! Hope you enjoyed seeing one of our top faculties in action!
21:51	ankurgupta03	Hi Amy, can you give some advice for the re applicants?
21:52	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	@ankurgupta: The first step for any reapplicant is to get FEEDBACK. Do not reapply if you



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		have not connected with us to understand why you were not successful the first time around. You can send an email to us and ask for this feedback. Also, take a look at your past application. Review it with new eyes and experience. Answer for yourself what could have been stronger or said better.
21:53	ankurgupta03	Thanks a lot Amy. I have received the feedback and fortunately had enough time to work on that
21:53	WinterSolstice	Hi Amy, could you speak a bit about the dual degree options Tuck offers? What does the application process for that look like? For example if I am a first year student at SAIS, am I still eligible to apply for the Tuck MBA program, or does the student have to apply to both simultaneously?
		@WinterSolstice: The full list of joint degree programs are on our website. You may technically enter into a dual degree program as long as you have not completed one of the degrees. Many candidates apply to each school at the same time, receive independent admissions decisions, and then connect with each school to plan their three years.
21:54	Mo2men	Hi Amy, If I can't travel to do on-campus interview, what are other options available? Do you conduct interviews in other cities other than Hanover, especially for international students?
21:54	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	@Mo2men: You can see more info about committee initiated interviews here: <a href="https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/how-to-visit-tuck">https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/how-to-visit-tuck</a>
21:55	kheown	Hello Amy, thank you for your time. If we schedule an applicant-initiated interview, do we have to submit the application before the interview date?
21:56	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	@kheown: It is most important to keep the deadlines in mind throughout the application process. You are welcome to interview before or after the app is submitted. The interview is "blind" meaning the interviewer will not have read / does not need your app to complete the interview!
21:56	TerryB	Could you speak about Tuck's opportunities regarding nonprofit career paths?
21:58	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	@TerryB: many students come to Tuck to experience nonprofit. You can gain this exposure starting in the classroom at Tuck, in the community around Dartmouth which is called the Upper Valley, and also out in the world. The Center for Business and Society has worked with many students heading into nonprofit careers.
21:59	Aimba123	Hi Amy, I just wanted to know what the teaching method is i.e. case-study method or a different one? Because a lot of firms are very specific about their hiring process and the kind of academic rigor candidates come with
21:59	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	The teaching method is through cases, lectures, and experiential learning. You will see more



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		cases in the first year as a result of the core curriculum and much more variation in the second year as a result of project work, independent studies, etc.
22:00	SergeyDudko	Amy, I have one more question. What is the average share of students from CIS in Tuck MBA? Is it an overloaded group and applicants should have a very high GMAT score in order to be admitted?
22:00	Vishwa25	Can I put in a skill based CV instead of the traditional progression based in my application? Is there any preference?
22:01	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	@Vishwa25: our preference is for a one page resume. This is the format that MBA recruiters will want to see, too!
22:01	Ergen	Can we send more than required essays?
22:03	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	@Ergen: I do not recommend sending in essays that we did not ask for. There is an optional essay in the Tuck application which may suffice.
22:04	Anchitd	Hi Amy! Thank you for joining us at this platform. I would like to know what changes do you anticipate for Tuck under leadership of Dean Slaughter.
22:06	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	We are all very excited to be working with Dean Slaughter. He has already challenged us as leaders and staff members at Tuck to question the way we do things, have critical debates about our process, and to work thoughtfully and differently. He challenges all prospective applicants to join us, challenge themselves, and better the world. Just the beginning!
22:07	anchitd	Thanks for the reply. Everything seems to be a challenge for Tuck right from admissions.
22:08	kheown	Do we have to report official test scores with the application? Or can we self-report and then send the official scores if we are admitted?
22:09	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Official scores are required for a complete application.
22:10	Aimba123	Is it true that candidates from the same region so the probability of a candidate from India with a lower gmat or overall 'fit' won't be able to make it while a candidate with similar profile but from a different region (say bhutan) will have a higher chance of getting in?
22:11	usr123	adding to @Aimba123 's question, is it possible for you to share with us class profile only for Indian candidates? i.e. not for the entire class but just the Indian applicants?
22:11	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	You are thinking too much, @Aimba123. The MBA application process is very selfish in ways. Do not think about what anybody else is doing or where they are from and their test scores. Spend more time thinking about why YOU want an MBA and what skills and contributions YOU will bring.



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22:11	Aimba123	True.I was hoping to hear that.Thanks for the reply!
22:12	Harley1980	Wow. This is amazing answer - about selfishness - thanks for this one Amy.
22:12	kapoormanas1	Hi Amy. Talking a bit about the culture at Tuck, could you mention what are the kinds of community linked initiatives that students may have a chance to be a part of, while at Tuck?
22:13	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Regarding community initiatives at Tuck, there are many. Numerous clubs come under the umbrella of the resources and opportunities available through the Center for Business and Society.
22:13	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Tuck Volunteers work with community organizations, you can sit on the board of a local non profit, the Tuck Student Consulting Services club does pro bono consulting, the Tuck Finance Club and Women in Business clubs take opportunities to mentor Dartmouth undergrads...just the tip of the iceberg!
22:14	Abhilash	Hi Amy, Is there any disadvantage in applying in later rounds- being an international candidate.
22:14	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Regarding when to apply, the earlier you apply the more seats are available in the class and the more scholarship dollars are still available. Also, applying in an early round might be a good thing personally as you might need more time to transition personally to Hanover.
22:15	Prateek	Hi Amy, can you elaborate more on the preference for, if any, global experience? And what else counts as global experience apart from having actually worked abroad?
22:16	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Regarding Global Experience: An applicant with some international experience will have a depth of perspective to add to the classroom and life at Tuck. If you have yet to experience life outside your home country we will provide you with numerous opportunities to grow.
22:16	colpa67	What is the average gmat score at tuck?
22:16	Narenn	colpa67: You can get that information from recent class profile of Tuck. It's posted here - <a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/tuck-dartmouth-class-of-2018-calling-all-applicants-198179.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/tuck-dartmouth-class-of-2018-calling-all-applicants-198179.html</a>
22:17	usr123	Amy, since the school accepts both GMAT and GRE how does the school compare two candidates who have given different test? Does the school have an order of preference for GMAT and GRE?
22:19	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Regarding GMAT vs GRE: First, applicants show a strong preference for the GMAT. I cannot directly compare someone who has taken a GMAT to someone with a GRE. The tests are not exactly the same. I will compare you on the overall strength of your verbal and quant proficiency.
22:20	kapoormanas1	Thanks for the response Amy. Could you also talk about opportunities/events in Hanover, not



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		necessarily a part of Tuck?
22:20	Aimba123	If due to personal reasons/family moving, someone has to take a few months off. Is that considered looked down upon in this competitive race?
22:24	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	You have room in the application to explain work gaps. We appreciate this detail and it will help us to understand what you have done with your time. If you have a work gap and do not explain, that is a mistake...who knows what we could make up!
22:24	tomlui2010	How important are community activities for Tuck, considering that a candidate can also demonstrate his/her leadership skills using the activities at work.
22:27	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Activities outside of work are not required, but they will occasionally give us insight into your work life balance and varied interests. Extracurricular that are work related are nice to see.
22:28	Vishwa25	Thank you for the conducting the chat. I hope we can we connect over email with follow up questions.
22:28	Abhilash	Thanks for the informative session. Helps understand the DNA of Tuck better
22:29	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	You can connect with Tuck through <a href="mailto:Tuck.Admissions@tuck.Dartmouth.edu">Tuck.Admissions@tuck.Dartmouth.edu</a> , keep up with the Tuck360 blog, and attend our events all over the world. Best of luck and nice chatting with you!
22:30	Ergen	Thanks everyone for participating in this chat today. Thank you very much, Amy, for spending time with us and answering applicants' questions. Hope you enjoyed chatting with GMAT Clubbers.
22:30	Abhilash	Thanks Amy 😊
22:30	Amol04	Thank you! 😊
22:30	Ergen	We know that we could not answer everyone's question due to timing constraint. The next chat session with Tuck is on November 12. To view complete Live Q&A schedule visit this thread... <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>
22:30	Aimba123	Thank you! Extremely insightful session!
22:31	Ergen	We will publish a condensed transcript of this chat in Tuck forum in few days. Keep an eye on this thread... <a href="http://gmatclub.com/forum/tuck-dartmouth-class-of-2018-calling-all-applicants-198179.html">http://gmatclub.com/forum/tuck-dartmouth-class-of-2018-calling-all-applicants-198179.html</a>
22:31	Amy_Tuck_Admissions	Happy to spend this time with everyone!
22:31	Ergen	😊



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### 1) Upcoming Tuck (Dartmouth) Chat sessions:

- November 12
- 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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#### GMAT Club's MBA Resources

All MBA Rankings	<a href="http://bit.ly/1FaDIT3">http://bit.ly/1FaDIT3</a>	Application Experiences of Applicants	<a href="http://bit.ly/1lecA6z">http://bit.ly/1lecA6z</a>
All MBA Deadlines	<a href="http://bit.ly/19RSTSX">http://bit.ly/19RSTSX</a>	MBA Applicant Blogs	<a href="http://bit.ly/1Hx5LJE">http://bit.ly/1Hx5LJE</a>
All School Stats	<a href="http://bit.ly/1MPOguZ">http://bit.ly/1MPOguZ</a>	Current Student Blogs	<a href="http://bit.ly/1NPG4rD">http://bit.ly/1NPG4rD</a>
Live Chats with B-School Adcoms	<a href="http://bit.ly/1NJ7v4w">http://bit.ly/1NJ7v4w</a>	All school discussions	<a href="http://bit.ly/1K0N43a">http://bit.ly/1K0N43a</a>
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