Admitted Students Weekend

amy ceres: I have a question about the ASW in April. Can someone advise on how to arrange my travel schedule so I don't miss any major events? Thank you!
Stephanie B. - Admissions: Hi Amy. Though the official ASW schedule is TBD, it's generally the same year after year; Friday afternoon through an optional brunch Sunday morning (or grab and go breakfast). In recent years, they have also included an optional "Cabin Night" on Thursday. Travel options and details will be forthcoming, as soon as possible. Does this help? Looking forward to having you!

Sashi Mylavarapu: Hello! When will the schedule for Admitted Students Weekend be released? I want to bring my SO/family to see campus but not sure if that is the most appropriate time. Thanks!
Stephanie B. - Admissions: Hi Sashi. The official schedule, with event details etc. is still in the works. That said, it will follow the same general format as years past. Officially, ASW begins Friday afternoon and ends with a brunch or grab-and-go breakfast on Sunday (both optional). I would highly encourage your SO to come for ASW. The Tuck Partner Club will host several events specifically for TPs and many student events you can attend together. Children and other family members, however, would best visit at another time (unless individual arrangements are made).

Pre-Term Programs

Abbey Glover: Hello! I've been reading up about pre-MBA internships and noticed the Company-Led Summer Programs section on the Pre-Term Programs page. Are these more like industry boot camps, lasting for a couple days? As an intended-career switcher, I'm looking for ways to get exposure to the industries and business functions I think I might be interested in prior to arriving on campus this fall. Any advice on good ways to do this would be great!
MathiasM_T'09 (Career): Hi Abbey,
Some of those listed there are boot camps that will help career switchers. Others include some work-related activity. You should check them all out and apply to those that fit your interests. The career office also organizes boot camps later in the summer, intended for career switchers to learn more about certain industries.

Jake: To follow up on Abbey’s pre-MBA company sponsored programs/boot camps: When will the info about these be posted on the admit website? How competitive are these programs/do they require extensive applications or interviews? I’m specifically interested in the consulting ones. Thank you
MathiasM_T'09 (Career): Hi Jake, as we hear about these programs we post them on the admitted student website. Usually in spring and early summer. The programs usually target diversity and some have a rigorous application process.
Stephanie Yera: Follow-up to Abbey's Q: Do you recommend that we reach out to the Career Office individually during the summer to learn more about these boot camps or will we be receiving general info after enrollment?

MathiasM_T'09 (Career): Re: whether enrolled students could receive advice from the CDO even before they got to Tuck. Absolutely yes. We do this formally over the summer and also with some enrolled students in late spring as first year students get summer internships.

Jonathan Wang: I’m interested in the pre-term Outdoor Trip, can students bring partners on this trip? Thanks!
SunealC T'17: Hi Jonathan, the Alaska, Nicaragua, and Peru trips will allow partners this year on a space available basis. Outward Bound and other pre-term trips unfortunately don’t have the capacity for both students and partners.

Courtney Wehling: Suneal, Vijay, and Billy - Did you attend any pre-term programs and do you recommend one over the other?
Billy: Hi Courtney - I HIGHLY recommend getting involved in a pre-term program. I did TuckBuilds last summer, and it was an amazing experience on many different levels. First, it's an easy way to get to know a few of your classmates very well over a short period of time. Second, you get to make an impact in the community before schools even starts. My team worked on building a house for a young woman who had lost her home and worked full time while somehow managing to raise two kids. Projects like these really provide you with a positive perspective before school begins. Third, you get to meet some professors before Fall A starts. There are social events every night after you finish working on your project during the day. Two of our events were held at professors' homes. It was just nice to see and interact with them outside of the classroom. As for other pre-term programs, I've heard amazing things. I couldn't confidently recommend one program over another.

Financial Aid (Loans, Scholarships, and Sponsorships)

Max: I’m in the process of securing financial aid. What should I expect after submitting my FAFSA? Also, is there any advice re: dealing with existing undergrad loans?
Diane B - Financial Aid: Max -- We will begin communicating financial aid loan eligibility along with other important/helpful information in mid-March. Undergraduate loans can be deferred after matriculation. It is generally an automatic process though we tell folks to keep loans current through October.

Pratyusha: Hi. I'm a bit curious about whether it would be possible to secure a loan that covers the full cost of attendance. Could you please comment on this?
Diane B - Financial Aid: Pratyusha -- Firstly, that would depend on your ability to borrow. A U.S. citizen with good credit should be able to cover the full cost of attendance through loans (though we strongly encourage students to save rather than borrow everything!). International students without a U.S. cosigner are typically able to borrow the cost of tuition and mandatory fees. Beyond that they would need a U.S. cosigner.

Karthik: A follow up to Pratyusha's question. Do Indians working in the US on a work visa qualify as US cosigners?
Diane B - Financial Aid: Karthik -- for educational loan purposes, U.S. cosigners must be U.S. citizens for Permanent Residents (green card holders) of the U.S. Work visas do not qualify.
Robin Hwang: Regarding to the financial aid process, I hold dual citizenship (US & Korea). I've worked in Korea so I do not have federal income tax info. Do I still under U.S citizen’s criteria?

Diane B - Financial Aid: Robin - Yes. You will follow the criteria and instructions for U.S. citizens. I believe the FAFSA provides instruction on where to convert the financial information where it is relevant. If you are having trouble once you begin, please call our office and we can help.

Tatiana: Thanks for hosting the session! Do you have a loan program to international students with no US cosigners? How does it work?! Does the standardized cost of attendance for loans change when you have husband and kids?!

Diane B - Financial Aid: Tatiana - We do have a couple of loan programs for international students that do not require a co-signer. The Discover Custom Loan program is available and the interest rate is variable, currently 6.87%. I expect it will rise slightly. The maximum is equivalent to the cost of tuition and mandatory fees which is $69,400 this academic year. Those with the most demonstrated financial need may also qualify for $10,000 of the Tuck 5% loan which has a fixed 5% rate. Once you apply for financial aid we will confirm your eligibility. If you do have established credit in the U.S., they will check your creditworthiness though you do not have to have credit in the U.S. The cost of attendance is based only on the student and cannot be increased to cover dependents. We tell students to expect to bring a minimum of $7,500 of their personal funds to account for each dependent's costs.

Geraldo: Following on Tatiana’s question, how does a scholarship affect the maximum value of the loan for international students? Could one still borrow up to $69,000 even though the tuition value is lower?

Diane B - Financial Aid: Geraldo - A scholarship does not reduce the amount a student may borrow under the Custom loan program as long as the combined total does not exceed the full Cost of Attendance.

Pratyusha: Hi, for international students with a US cosigner, what are the chances of getting a loan that covers the full cost of attendance?

Diane B - Financial Aid: Pratyusha - It would depend on the credit history and debt/income ratio of the cosigner. Everyone should keep in mind that some lenders have an aggregate maximum (over the two years) and someone who is looking to borrow the full cost of attendance for both years may run into problems. That’s another reason why saving and planning to contribute to each year would be very helpful.

Geraldo: How long does it usually take to have a loan approved?

Diane B - Financial Aid: Approval generally takes 24 - 48 hours after submitting all required information/documentation.

Víctor Escudero: Q1: I was not offered any financial aid/tuition reduction when admitted. Can I ask for scholarship now?

Diane B - Financial Aid: Hello Victor -- All scholarship decisions are communicated at the time of admission and are final. We do not have an appeal process.

Jake: To follow up on Victor’s question, 1. are there any scholarships for 2nd years that one can apply as a 1st year and 2. are there any other opportunities to defer the cost of attendance by being a TA, etc.? thank you
Diane B - Financial Aid: Jake -- There is not a new process for scholarships though there are a couple of merit based. Also in the second year, students have the opportunity to work as TA, admissions associates, research associates, etc. The positions generally are hourly wages rather than deferred costs.

Karthik: A follow up on Jake's question. How common is it for second year students to work as a TA, admissions associate, etc.?
Lauren M- MBAPO: HI Karthik- We have about 35-40 Admissions Associates. They are second year students. The question about TAs is a bit tough because it varies per term

Bo Yanker: For those who have not received any scholarships what is the financial aid process
Diane B - Financial Aid: Bo - U.S. citizens should complete the FAFSA. Instructions can be found on the website. It is helpful to have your federal income tax information when you do this. International citizens should complete the International Application for Tuck Financial Aid which is available on the website. If the information is completed by March 1st, then we will process your information prior to ASW.

Arushi Kumar: Arushi Kumar: Hi! Are there many performance-based on-campus scholarship opportunities?
Diane B - Financial Aid: Hi Arushi -- There are a couple of scholarship opportunities available for the second year which are based on academic performance during the first year. Eligibility is for the top 10% or 15% academically.

Max: Any tips on finding scholarships via external sources?
Diane B - Financial Aid: Max -- there is a link to outside resources on our website that lists the ones we know of for graduate students. You can try some of the other searches but they mainly have scholarships for undergraduates. We tell students to also check with their local and state agencies.

Marc-Olivier Fullum: Hi! Thank you for hosting this chat. I am currently negotiating the terms of a sponsorship with my current employer and I do not have any comparables for the conditions of the sponsorship. Can I reach to the financial aid or maybe the career development office for some guidance?
Diane B - Financial Aid: Hi Marc-Olivier -- there are many different ways that people structure sponsorships. Some companies pay tuition and fees directly to the school, others pay the amount as wages to the student, and some will defer payment until the student graduates and returns to the company. I would be happy to talk individually and the CDO is a good resource as well.

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Mathias_M_T'09 (Career): Hi Marc-Olivier, I am happy to discuss with you in private if it helps. I will probably not be able to provide formal advice, but I can speak to some sponsorship agreements I have heard of and connect you with current sponsored students. You can reach me at mmachado@dartmouth.edu
Housing and Cars

Steven Kelly: Happy New Year and thanks for hosting this. What percentage of students requesting on-campus housing usually are chosen in the lottery?
Lauren M- MBAPO: Hi Steven- There is a pretty high demand for on campus housing. We have 145 dorm rooms for first year students. We did have a waitlist last year for on campus rooms, so there is no guarantee that you will be assigned a room.

Eunice: Following up on Steven's question on housing. If interested in off-campus Dartmouth housing, might one expect to view apartments and sign a lease over ASW or would that be too early in the process?
SunealC T'17: Hi Eunice, I think it would certainly be possible during ASW, but the larger number of housing options I think open up in late May and June once everyone leaves for the summer.

Kyle: I'd love to hear some additional info about housing options for students with partners. I'm familiar with Sachem Village, but do many students end up with apartments in Hanover? When is the ideal time to start looking for a place outside of the housing lottery?
Billy: Hi Kyle! Thanks for joining us. I actually live at Sachem Village right now with my wife, and it's been great. I'm not sure of the exact percentage of couples that don't live at Sachem, but from what I've seen, it's not very difficult to find housing relatively close to campus. Some people live in Norwich, which is a few minutes’ drive from campus. Many also live in Hanover. I'd recommend coming to Admitted Student Weekend (ASW) to take a look at housing options in person with your partner, if you can make it. Plenty of people would be happy to show you their places whether that be in Sachem, Norwich, Hanover, etc. As for the ideal time to start looking, the earlier the better. The housing lottery doesn't take place until the summer, so it would be nice to have some options in mind just in case the lottery doesn't go in your favor. Hope this helps!

Geraldo: In case one does not get a room in the lottery, how hard is it to find an apartment close enough? Are there sufficient options in Hanover?
Lauren M- MBAPO: Hi Geraldo- We've moved the housing lottery up this year to help those who are on the waitlist, but the good news is that no one ever had to sleep on a floor! While we are rural, the MBAPO can help with this process.

Abe: How are housing decisions made for Sachem? As a family of five with pets, what are the chances of placement in a 3 bedroom in Sachem? The website just mentions the program office can make an assignment based on your needs and I'm not sure what we'll do otherwise.
Vijay Joshi: Hi Abe - For Sachem, you will fill out an application and submit the top 3 unit preferences (in terms of bedroom and bathrooms, not specific units). The MBAPO will do their best to assign you your unit of preference, and the majority of students will receive units in Sachem, but it just may not be your first choice.

Isaac: Thanks again for hosting this session! I know that the on-campus dorm housing lottery is competitive. Is it similarly difficult to get a spot in Sachem or is that less competitive?
Vijay Joshi: Hi Isaac - Sachem is less competitive than the on-campus housing lottery. As far as I understand, almost all the people who wanted Sachem this past year were offered a unit, it just may not have been their unit of choice. Keep in mind however that Sachem is primarily for families and not meant as an alternative to on-campus housing. Hope this helps!
Abe: Do students assigned to Sachem keep their units through the summer or do they have to move out and move back in in the second fall? I have school aged children and it looks like their school year goes about a month past classes ending at Tuck.

Vijay Joshi: Hey Abe - When you are living in Sachem, the lease will be for one year and obviously, you have the option of renewing the lease for the same apartment the following year. My wife and I live in Sachem and plan to spend all two years in the unit, and my wife will be in the unit over the summer. You are not required to move out and move back in.

Karthik: My partner and I are both coming to Tuck as students. Would you recommend we enter the on campus housing lottery, or opt for a unit in Sachem village?

Billy: Hi Karthik - I would recommend opting for Sachem Village. Sachem is AWESOME! Plus, you'll be spending a ton of time on campus anyway, so it's nice to have your own space as a couple off campus. Personally, I don't know of any couples who live on campus.

Matt Williams: Regarding Sachem village, do the leases begin August 1st or is there another date?

Vijay Joshi: Hey Matt - The date the lease starts varies by unit. It can be any time between June and August.

Madhavi: Hello everyone! I had a question for the current students - can you tell me a little bit about the accommodation facilities at Tuck? Are some of the housing options outside of Tuck convenient for someone without a car? (In case the housing lottery doesn't work in one's favor)

SunealC T’17: Hi Madhavi, about half the first year class lives off campus, many of them at Sachem and houses around the area, and rentals are readily available. I live with 4 other first years across the river in Norwich, Vermont. Not having a car limits your options somewhat, but it’s not a deal breaker- one of my roommates bikes the two miles to school daily and usually arrives more quickly than I do. There are also apartments and houses in or near downtown Hanover itself that are within walking distance to the school.

Caroline: Hello! I'm thinking about bringing my car from Canada to Tuck. Do you know of any helpful websites that can guide me through this process (registration/insurance requirements)? I wasn't able to find anything particularly useful directly on the New Hampshire DMV website.

Andrew Grimson: Hi Caroline,

I'm a fellow Canuck on staff at Tuck and a T06. Bringing the car is not a huge issue, but getting a NH driver license requires you going to Concord to the main DMV. You will have to get an inspection here and register it in Concord as well. For insurance, any of the local agents in Hanover or companies can likely help. The other aspect is importing and you need to go to the US Customs website. I don't have the websites off hand, but please feel free to email me directly after this andrew.grimson@dartmouth.edu

Jake: To follow up on Caroline’s car question, would we list our Hanover address as the one for the license since it should be a “permanent address”? Do you have to get a new one the 2nd year when/if you move? I’ll be moving up from Florida. Thank you

SunealC T’17: Hi Jake, you would list the address where you actually live in order to switch plates. I'm keeping my Pennslyvania plates using my parents’ permanent address, but if I wanted to transfer the plates up here, I would need to get Vermont plates since I live on the other side of the Connecticut River. If you live on campus, in Sachem, or on the New Hampshire side of the river, you would get NH plates and save on taxes. ;-)
Bo Yanker: If you purchase a car in NH I know that there is no sales tax. Though I assume they make up for it in some way on annual fees. Does anyone know what the annual tag fees etc. are?

Andrew Grimson: Hi Bo,
You are correct that there is no sales tax, but you do need to be a NH resident. The downside is that the license fees are based on the age / value of the car and can be quite steep. We bought a new car last year and paid $800 for licensing the first year, but this was a $40K car, so if you are buying used, it will not be as high. If you live on the VT side, you will need to register there and likely have to pay the sales tax in VT even though you bought in NH.

**Recruiting**

Emily: Thanks for hosting the session. One thing I'm curious about is on-campus recruiting. Is it possible to see a list of companies that recruit on campus?

MathiasM_T'09 (Career): Hi Emily, are you thinking about a specific sector? I don't think we specifically post the companies who recruit on-campus, but you can find some of our major recruiters here: https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/uploads/content/tuck_employment_report_2014-15.pdf and also here: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/about/facts-and-figures

Kate: Can y'all comment a bit on how recruiting works outside of consulting/banking standard paths?

MathiasM_T'09 (Career): Hi Kate, banking and consulting are usually standard on-campus paths. Other roles/industries also hire on-campus: technology marketing/consumer goods, retail, healthcare, etc. So in general (unless you are targeting something really specific like government agencies, private equity, venture capital, startups, etc.) most of the first year recruiting process works as follows: Fall: companies come to Tuck and present about their opportunities. December: You apply and hear back whether you are invited for interviews. Jan + Feb: On campus interviews and decision. Some sectors like energy, tech, healthcare, etc. continue recruiting throughout the spring. Does that help?

Kate: Can y'all comment a bit on how recruiting works outside of consulting/banking standard paths?

Vijay Joshi: Hi Kate - It depends on a couple of variables. There are still plenty of jobs that are available through the on-campus recruiting process that are not consulting or banking. For pretty much all on-campus posting, regardless of industry, you can expect some company information sessions and networking events throughout the fall semester, with job postings usually due around winter break. For off-campus recruiting, there is not necessarily a standard process, but the CDO is very helpful providing connections or advice, but the bulk of off-campus recruiting is going to depend on networking and requires much self-motivation. Hope this helps.

Thomas: Do many LDP programs recruit at Tuck? Do you know of students who have had a good experience recruiting for an LDP?

MathiasM_T'09 (Career): Hi Thomas, yes there are companies in different industries (manufacturing, agriculture, finance, healthcare, energy, etc.) recruiting for their LDPs at Tuck. LDPs are really a broad topic: industries, length of program, rotational, not rotational, different geographies, etc. If you find an LDP that works for you, usually you would be happy after the summer. Because of the variety of what is offered, students usually research these a lot before applying, so generally are very happy with their internship.
**Student Life/Preparing for Tuck**

Enrique: Hi Suneal, I'm a certified scuba diver too, and enjoy practicing many watersports. My initial thought was that I wouldn’t have any opportunity to practice scuba diving or water sports while at Tuck, could you comment on your experience so far? Is it possible to practice something nearby? Thanks!

SunealC T'17: Hi Enrique, and congrats on your admission. Can't really say I've done much diving up here (although I did jump in the Connecticut River for section wars... it was 38 degrees outside). I've done most of my diving in tropical climates, but never been ice diving; there are certainly opportunities to travel and dive either on fun treks or on some academic trips. As far as other water sports, there are lots of opportunities to rent canoes and kayaks and enjoy our lakes around here in warmer weather. The water sports now are mostly of the frozen kind- ice hockey, skiing, etc.

AlfonsoF: Hello there! I'm going to Hanover with my 3 year old son (he will be almost 4 by September), could you please give me the contact info of the nursery schools and other related educational services for children in Hanover?

Lauren M- MBAPO: Hi Alfonso! Please check out the T'18 website. We have listed local nursery schools. I would suggest that you try to visit any schools during ASW if you are planning on coming to campus during that time.

Steven Kelly: @Suneal, @Vijay, @Mathias and @Billy, any advice on something you wished you did/didn’t do before, wish you'd brought/didn't bring to Tuck?

Billy: Hi Steven - that's a good question. The best advice that I can give you is two-fold: (1) relax and (2) think more about what you want from your Tuck experience. Fall A moves so quickly, so I'm glad I came and settled in when I did - I had a few weeks before school started. As for your Tuck experience, so many things get thrown at you when you start school, so it would be nice to know ahead of time what it really is that you want while you are here (companies, club involvement, events, etc.). There's nothing really that I wish I had/had not brought with me.

**Transcripts and Enrolling**

Robin Hwang: Happy New Year to All! and Thank you for hosting today's session. I'm about to send the official transcript to admissions office, just for quick confirmation, do I need to send a copy of my graduation certificate?

Stephanie B. - Admissions: Happy New Year to you as well, Robin! Just the official transcript is sufficient. Thanks!

Karthik: Quick question on the transcript. Does it need to be sent from my University's mailing address, or can I collect one from my University and send it to Tuck myself?

Stephanie B. - Admissions: Hi Karthik! Either option is fine, as long as it's clearly the official copy.

Isaac: Regarding the transcript, is a mailed paper copy required or is a digital scan sufficient?

Stephanie B. - Admissions: Hi Isaac. It needs to be an official copy from the university - whether they send it electronically via pdf, or as a hard copy is up to them.

Samardeep Singh: A follow up question on transcripts- An online course that I did shares secure .pdf files as transcripts directly with the institute. Will that suffice?

Stephanie B. - Admissions: Hi Samardeep. That will be fine.
Jonathan Wang: Hi!! Another question regarding transcripts: During my time as an exchange student in college, the transcripts provided by the host university (in Germany) were all hard copies and only one signed copy was given for each course I took. If I send over those original copies, will they be returned to me in the future? Thanks!
Stephanie B. - Admissions: Hi Jonathan. We can absolutely take a copy and return them to you afterward.

Geraldo: Another question on transcripts. I'm Brazilian and graduated in Sao Paulo. The University will not provide English Certificates. Should I translate them, hire a public translator? Could I send a scan of the documents beforehand to know whether they'll be enough?
Stephanie B. - Admissions: Hi Geraldo. If it's the official transcript from the university, we don't need to confirm it prior to the translation. If your university will not provide them in English they will need to be translated by an official third party.

Steven Kelly: Will we receive a confirmation of receipt of transcripts and enrollment?
Stephanie B. - Admissions: Hi Steven. If we have not received your transcripts, we will definitely contact you. If you have concerns about the enrollment form/deposit, please don't hesitate to email tuck.admissions@tuck.dartmouth.edu directly.

Geraldo: Happy new year everyone! I do have some doubts on the enrolling procedure. 1- Can I wire transfer the deposit funds to Tuck? 2- Can I use two different payment methods for the deposit (my main card is an American Express, I'm afraid that either the Visa or the MasterCard one won't be good for the whole value)?
Stephanie B. - Admissions: Hi Geraldo (and anyone who might have questions about enrollment payment not addressed within the enrollment form!). Please email your specific situation/question to tuck.admissions@tuck.dartmouth.edu

Visas

amyceres: I have some questions on switching my visa from H1b to F1, in terms of the procedure and timeline. Could you please point me to someone I can talk to?
Lauren M- MBAPO: Hi Amy- Great question. Can you send me an email-lauren.a.morse@tuck.dartmouth.edu and I can help.

Samardeep Singh: As I understand, one cannot enter the United States on an F-1 visa more than a month before the program begins. I might need to be in the US in June for official work (B-1). Can I switch over to an F-1 visa within the United States, or would I have to go out of the country and come back in?
Lauren M- MBAPO: Hi Samardeep- Great question. Can you email me at lauren.a.morse@tuck.dartmouth.edu and I can help. Thanks!

Jonathan Wang: A question about Visa for international students: My SO and I plan to get married soon, and she will be applying for the J-2 Visa for my 2 years at Tuck. Would our visa application process be different if we get married before and after I start applying for my J-1 Visa? Thanks!
Lauren M- MBAPO: Hi Jonathan- Can you send me an email at Lauren.a.Morse@tuck.dartmouth.edu and I can help. I'll just need a little more information. Thanks!