

## Putting the Finishing Touches on Your Round 1 Application

<p><b>Hey! In the "Nice" essay, can I talk about helping a group of people rather than a single individual, in my case a class of ~100 students I taught and mentored during summer?</b></p>	<p>You can absolutely talk about helping a group rather than an individual. I'd recommend reading the Tuck 360 post recently posted by our director, Luke Pena.</p>
<p><b>How important is it to quantify results in the "Nice" essay?</b></p>	<p>I'd say only quantify if it makes sense. Don't force it for the sake of quantifying.</p>
<p><b>What is the deadline for recommendations? Same as that of my application?</b></p>	<p>Yes, recommendations are due on the deadline date!</p>
<p><b>If our study abroad courses, credits &amp; grades are included on our college transcript, do we still need to request and submit a transcript from our abroad school? Thanks!</b></p>	<p>If courses are listed in complete detail with names and grades on your college transcript, you will not need to provide an additional transcript from the abroad school.</p>
<p><b>For the first essay question on your individuality and how you will contribute to Tuck. Is it ok to provide multiple aspects? If so, what would be a good range to provide and can they just be disconnected and distinct blocks of text.</b></p>	<p>You are welcome to add multiple examples/aspects of your experience to answer the essay question. While you may share different examples, please keep the continuity and the reader in mind. You could do distinct blocks and definitely get your points across.</p>
<p><b>For the "Awards" section of the application, how far back are you looking for us to go? Is there a general timeframe in which we should be thinking about?</b></p>	<p>A good rule of thumb is to include awards received while an undergrad and as a professional.</p>
<p><b>Hi Stephanie and Amy! I'm a reapplicant and just wanted to see how much of the Employment Information, Activities, and Awards sections are expected to be the same vs. different from my previous application? Thank you!</b></p>	<p>Hi! They should be just about identical, unless something has actually changed (but we won't expect it to be verbatim). Does that make sense?</p>
<p><b>Thank you for hosting this chat! How can/should one report completion of an online course like MBAMath.com? Should we list it in the "Other Education" section? How/where can we upload the transcript so that it can be reviewed with the rest of our file?</b></p>	<p>Yes, you can list courses like MBA Math in the other education section. There isn't actually a place to upload this type of transcript. You could email it to Tuck.Admissions@tuck.dartmouth.edu and we will add this to your file.</p>
<p><b>Hi there! Thanks for doing this. I'm stuck on the "Other Institutions" section. If I've taken a course that wasn't for credit and doesn't provide a transcript, should I still include here? For instance, a Berkeley Extension Course?</b></p>	<p>Sure! That's no problem at all.</p>
<p><b>Would you recommend both professional recommendations?</b></p>	<p>We would love to see both recommendations from someone who has supervised your work professionally. That said, it is not always possible and sometimes applicants will choose a senior peer, for example.</p>

<b>Has Tuck removed the "international experience" section from its application this year?</b>	We did!
<b>Should all GMAT scores be presented?</b>	Report all valid scores taken within the last five years.
<b>Is a hard copy of transcript required right away or post selection?</b>	Upload a COPY of your academic transcript for every undergraduate or graduate institution you attended, including any transfer institutions or study abroad programs.  Admitted candidates must provide an official copy of each transcript within 30 days after you submit your enrollment deposit.
<b>For the essay on what we will uniquely contribute to the Tuck community, is it okay if it is mostly professional background? Or are you looking for what personal qualities we will contribute?</b>	Answer however you best see fit! Totally fine for the focus to be professional.
<b>Good day. Should I be unable to come to Tuck for a self initiated interview, when would an interview invite be extended (assuming it is) and where are the possible interview locations?</b>	If you submit your application without an interview the committee can offer you an invite almost anytime prior to the decision release date for your application round. There will be some waiting involved before we can get back to you. Depending upon timing, we may provide a choice of coming to campus or interviewing via Skype, WeChat, etc.
<b>Not sure if my question was clear. Let me rephrase. Among the 2 recommendations, can one of them be from a community I'm part of outside of work? Or do they have to be strictly professional?</b>	Yes, you may select a recommender from a community organization you're involved with. Do consider your level of involvement with this organization, and how well the recommender can speak to smart, nice, accomplished, and aware.
<b>After submitting the application, if there is a new update of GMAT score, does it count?</b>	We guarantee scores will be considered that are self-reported by the deadline. Scores received after the deadline do not receive the same guarantee, but we may be able to consider them if we receive them before review of that application has concluded.
<b>Regarding the employment section - should we add our internships during college?</b>	Not necessary unless they are significantly meaningful to your story. You could use a few lines of space on your resume.

<p><b>Can you share some more information about the purpose of the Centers—specifically for Digital Strategy and Entrepreneurship? How do these complement the Tuck experience? And can they help with networking and outreach or are they primarily for thought leadership?</b></p>	<p>The Centers act as complementary pathways toward advancing your knowledge in a particular area like Non profit, Eship, Digital Strategies, etc. The Centers provide numerous opportunities for interaction with visiting executives, alums, industry leaders, and companies/organizations. The CDS, for example, has an associates program where you can opt in to take on a role that will require you to be more engaged with Center programming. This could definitely be a help to your future career.</p>
<p><b>I am preparing for my interview next week - before the application deadline. Would you recommend finalizing the essays and bringing them along for the interview? Or instead focus on rewriting them after visiting the campus?</b></p>	<p>Hmmm...that's up to you. You don't need to bring the essays with you, at least not in a physical sense if that's what you mean. If you want to update them in some way after the interview that's fine, but I'd encourage you not to assume that the essay responses are coming from a singular Tuck experience--they should really be written based on self-reflection and introspection.</p>
<p><b>To confirm, official GRE scores reports (those sent from ETS) are not required as part of the application, only after you are admitted?</b></p>	<p>Submitted applications must include self-reported GMAT or GRE scores in order to be considered complete; there are no waivers. Applicants are not required to submit official score reports until they are admitted to Tuck. Once enrolled, admitted students must submit an official score report within 30 days of enrolling. We will verify scores for all admitted students.</p>
<p><b>If I have changed countries in the same job/company for eg transfered from India to the US should this be entered as two different jobs or one job?</b></p>	<p>No, this would not require a separate entry. This would be great for us to know and perhaps it can be added to your resume.</p>
<p><b>Are there strict adherences (zero-tolerance) to the essay word-limits or are a few extra words are permissible?</b></p>	<p>There is a count-down and actual limit on those fields in the application.</p>
<p><b>Hello Amy and Stephanie. Thank you for taking the time to answer questions today. My GMAT percentages have slightly changed since taking the test. Would Admissions prefer that the self-reported scores reflect the updated percentages and, if so, should this be addressed in the Additional Information essay? Thank you!</b></p>	<p>This information can be shared where you self report your test score and will likely need no additional explanation in the optional essay. That said, if you choose to add more detail you could use a bullet point in the optional essay for clarification.</p>

<p><b>If I cannot visit Tuck, what are the different ways I can explore and display my fit for the school and its culture?</b></p>	<p>To better understand whether Tuck is a good fit for you, or you a good fit for Tuck, there are many things you can do; explore the website, including pathways and the Tuck 360 blog, attend off-campus events, or connect with a Tuckie via email. You will be a good fit for Tuck if you demonstrate the four characteristics we're looking for from applicants; smart, nice, accomplished, and aware.</p>
<p><b>Are there any sources to get more information about Center for PE/VC?</b></p>	<p>The Center website will be able to share some additional information with you. You may also connect with student fellows through the website.</p>
<p><b>My college did not provide information on class rank... will a submission of N/A in that field be accepted?</b></p>	<p>That or blank is acceptable!</p>
<p><b>As a re-applicant can I ask the same recommender as I did last year to write a recommendation letter for me? This person is my direct supervisor at work.</b></p>	<p>As a reapplicant, you need one brand new recommender. If it's really important that your supervisor provides an update, they can send a brief one in by email.</p>
<p><b>Are students allowed to take courses outside of Tuck, for example classes from the Dartmouth Institute for Public Health?</b></p>	<p>Yes, if the course works for your schedule and you have professor permission, you can cross enroll at TDI.</p>
<p><b>Thank you for hosting this session today. Do you have any specific things that you are looking for in the essays or Letters of Recommendation?</b></p>	<p>We want your recommenders to answer the questions we asked. We offered fairly specific guidance and posed specific questions. Hopefully you've chosen a recommender that knows you well and can speak about you in some detail. It's also helpful if they include examples to back up statements, as opposed to just making a general declaration.</p>
<p><b>Are undergraduate class rank and class size mandatory fields to be completed? My college transcript does not readily list this information.</b></p>	<p>No - not mandatory.</p>

<p>Hello! I have a question regarding the application form, "Employment Information" section. There is a field "Direct/Indirect Reports". The number of junior specialists changes often in our company as we always welcome talented interns. So for most of my employment there were 2 Interns and 1 Analyst and they all had reported to me.</p> <p>Recently both interns left and now I have only 1 direct report. So the question is – can I put the number of reports that I had been managing most of the time (3 in my case), or do I have to put the number of reports I am managing right now. In the last case, this would decrease the number to 1, and would not show the real picture. Taking into account I am a reapplicant, this decrease would also look strange. Thank you for your time!</p>	<p>If the blank allows you to put a range (like "1-3") you could add that and then share a brief explanation in a bullet point in the optional essay.</p>
<p>Hi. Thank you for this opportunity. I completed a course with UCLA Extension : Mathematics for Management in order to exhibit my Quantitative proficiency. Will this course be helpful as a proof of that proficiency? Are there courses one can take, besides GMAT that can prove such?</p>	<p>This course will be helpful for us to understand your exposure to the subject matter and readiness. We do not require specific courses, but applicants have often used additional coursework to bolster their transcript. I have often recommended candidates to take accounting, stats, or econ. This of course, depends upon your background and if you have had these courses before.</p>
<p>Hello everyone, regarding Activities section: if I spend a bulk of time learning foreign languages as a hobby, should I list all the courses as separate entries or as a one single Activity?</p>	<p>It seems like that would be a single activity and you can add details regarding your time spent and proficiency achieved!</p>
<p>To follow-up on that question, Is there a recommendation of providing one trait with a more in-depth example, or is it recommended to offer a few different traits?</p>	<p>This will be a tough call for you to make. It is truly up to you!</p>
<p>For re-applicants, is it possible to get the full PDF of the application we submitted last year to make sure things are presented consistently? Thanks!</p>	<p>Sorry, we're not able to provide you a PDF right now.</p>
<p>I co-founded a non-profit startup a few years back, and that startup received several awards. Can I list the awards that my startup received in my awards list?</p>	<p>Absolutely!</p>

<p><b>For the second essay, if I don't have one thing that I can write 500 words, can it be a combination of different instances?</b></p>	<p>You can certainly add more than one example to complete the essay. Additionally, you do not have to use all 500 words. If you have one example that can cover several hundred words, provides substance and helps us get to know you, you could share only one example.</p>
<p><b>If there is a variation between an applicants best combined GMAT score and best single score, which will be more influential in your consideration?</b></p>	<p>Our evaluation is done comprehensively, so all your GMAT composite scores and the breakdowns therein will be considered...and will be considered important. There are a number of ways you can demonstrate that you're "smart" and the GMAT score is just one of them.</p>
<p><b>Thanks for this chat! In the personal information section, a first-generation college student is defined as one whose neither parents have a *four-year* college degree. Is the four-year degree a strict definition or should we use our judgement? If you can share the context of asking this question, that would help :)</b></p>	<p>We ask the question to understand a bit more about your personal background. A parent is often times a role model and whether they have graduated from college can help me sometimes understand a bit more about your journey to college.</p>
<p><b>Hi Sarah, I also want to ask about the 'Nice' essay - Can I talk about 'helping many different people on many different occasions?' but with one theme?</b></p>	<p>Use your best judgement. If it makes sense as a comprehensive, compelling narrative and you feel you've answered the question, go for it.</p>
<p><b>Thanks Stephanie! Totally makes sense.</b></p> <p><b>Within the Employment Information section, should each different role at one same company be listed as separate entries, or should they be combined under one single employer entry?</b></p>	<p>Up to you. It also might depend on how many different companies you've worked at and/or how different the roles have been.</p>
<p><b>Are applicants required to provide proof of licenses (i.e. CPA) as part of their application?</b></p>	<p>We definitely want to know about it, but you don't need to include "proof."</p>
<p><b>Is it ok to exceed the word limit?</b></p>	<p>There are fields in the application with strict word limits. You should see a max length word countdown under these when you're adding your response.</p>
<p><b>Hi Amy and Stephanie, I went to a Service Academy where military, physical, and academic ranks are all included in overall class rank. Do you prefer submission of overall class rank or solely academic class rank?</b></p>	<p>If there's a broken down academic rank, use that. You could also include a sentence or two in the optional essay for clarification.</p>

<p><b>While listing education, there is a college listed whose name is sort of like my undergrad institute, but not an exact match (words missing, not a typo). Should I select it, or just be safe and enter the exact name of my college as per the transcript?</b></p>	<p>If you start typing your institution and it is not in the initial list, you may click "Continued..." at the bottom of the list and locate your school based on name and location. If you believe it's a match based on location we would suggest selecting what auto-populates instead of just typing in the name.</p>
<p><b>How many activities should we include for undergrad and grad?</b></p>	<p>You may include as many as we give you room for, or as few as you actually participated in.</p>
<p><b>Can we put a distance education like CFA under other institute section? And what is the ideal place to mention such certification in resume is it in education or in additional information?</b></p>	<p>Additional education and the resume are both places you could include your CFA.</p>
<p><b>For interviews at Tuck, how much info from our application will the interviewer see? Is it different if the interviewer is a second-year student vs. an admissions committee member?</b></p>	<p>For an applicant-initiated interview your interviewer will just have reviewed your resume. All interviews carry equal importance in our evaluation process, regardless of who conducts the interview, where it is held, or how it was initiated.</p>
<p><b>One more question - during the period I was in the waiting list, I sent my transcript of MBA math course to the Admissions team. Now as I re-apply, should I send it once more to the Tuck.Admissions@tuck.dartmouth.edu or it should be saved to my files?</b></p>	<p>No need to resend the transcript, but do note it in the application.</p>
<p><b>I am expecting a promotion in mid Oct, should I defer my application to R2 or update you about the promotion later in R1? Thanks!</b></p>	<p>Up to you. If you decide to apply Round 1, you could note it's potential somewhere. As you mention, you could also update us officially later in the process, but there's no guarantee where your file will be in the evaluation process (we will not give you additional reads because of new information).</p>
<p><b>If we've taken the GMAT more than once, are all scores considered or only our best score?</b></p>	<p>All are considered. Multiple attempts can demonstrate better showings on verbal, quant, etc. It can also show persistence and preparation.</p>

<p><b>I participated in a study abroad program that was led by my university, but facilitated at a university in China. However, I cannot locate the university in the Other Institutions section. I have a copy of the transcript and the courses appear on my university transcript. Can you advise if I should still include an "other institution" or how I should go about representing the study abroad experience?</b></p>	<p>If you start typing your institution and it is not in the initial list, you may click "Continued...." at the bottom of the list and locate your school based on name and location. If you believe it's a match based on location we would suggest selecting what auto-populates instead of just typing in the name. If you don't think there's a match then please enter it in yourself. It would be nice and clear if you entered the study abroad school on the Other Institutions page however you won't need to upload a transcript for this experience if all information (including letter grades) is on your undergrad institution's transcript.</p>
<p><b>The Tuck essays do not directly relate to career goals and post-Tuck aspirations. Should we tie it in the best we can or do the mini essays cover that?</b></p>	<p>The mini essays will cover your career goals. You will also likely have an opportunity in your interview to talk about your professional goals. As you mention in your question, there could be tie-ins to your goals throughout your other essays and you are welcome to allude to goals there.</p>
<p><b>Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions. For the resume: if I have meaningful experience during a gap year prior to entering college, is it still OK to include? I know the guidance online says only items occurring during undergrad and on.</b></p>	<p>If it's really important to your life's narrative, sure, but I'd recommend you not use too much space to do so.</p>
<p><b>For those who have self-initiated the interview at Tuck campus, will the application be considered complete only after the interview is done?</b></p>	<p>If you've initiated the interview to be completed after the application deadline (but before the interview deadline of course!) then we will not be reviewing your application until the interview is included.</p>
<p><b>Hi Tuck Admission Team, I've held several different positions, should I list down the job description of each roles or just the latest one on the employment information section?</b></p>	<p>I suggest breaking out the different roles if there is a significant role/responsibility change.</p>
<p><b>Hi Amy and Stephanie! Could you explain the purpose of the employment information section and if/how should the description of responsibilities differ from our resume? Thank you for your time!</b></p>	<p>It's ok if there are some redundancies. The employment section is great for context on your company and your responsibilities, where the resume might lean toward responsibility and accomplishment. Again, OK if there are similarities.</p>
<p><b>Just to double check, once our recommenders complete their respective portion and submit it, will we receive a notification alerting us of the completion?</b></p>	<p>Yes! You can also see this reflected on your application status page.</p>



<p><b>Under the 'Activities' section, there are options only for 'Undergraduate' and 'Post-Undergraduate' activities. I do, however, have a couple of activities that I wish to talk about - like having been graded by Trinity College for Solo Piano or played cricket at the school level. How do I include there?</b></p>	<p>While we do not ask for activities pre-undergrad, you could list these in bullet points in the optional essay.</p>
<p><b>Can you please elaborate about the healthcare opportunities at Tuck?</b></p>	<p>I'd recommend looking into the great resources provided through the Center for Health Care, which is under academic experience on Tuck's website.</p>
<p><b>In the first essay does the individuality that I will talk about in the essay need to be connected to the contribution that I would be making to the school?</b></p>	<p>This will be up to you. You can treat the essay questions as totally different or you can make links between the two. The committee does not have a specific rule or preference here.</p>
<p><b>Hello! Regarding employment sponsorships, does Tuck look upon them favorably (insofar as they signal strength of work accomplishments)? I am wondering if it is worth mentioning this on my resume. Thank you for your help!</b></p>	<p>We ask this within the application itself, so it's up to you whether you want to include it on your resume. It's just one more data point, among several, that can speak to your accomplishment.</p>
<p><b>Hi, I wanted to understand whether essay-2, necessarily has to be an example from the recent past? If this was from my undergraduate experience, is that fine?</b></p>	<p>There's no hard and fast rule that you cannot-- ultimately, you want to share the most impactful experience. Often that comes from a more recent experience, but for you it might be something in undergrad. Use your best judgement. The most important piece is that it answers the question and demonstrates your awareness.</p>
<p><b>Not sure about university transcripts: my diploma is originally not in English, but I have a European Diploma Supplement, which is an official document, originally in English, effectively contains all the information from the diploma including transcripts. Can I upload it?</b></p>	<p>If this official document contains ALL information totally and completely you may use this. If information is not included, you will need to upload a translation of the transcript.</p>
<p><b>Thank you for setting this up! This one may be a more involved question to answer, but I am seeing a scenario where essay questions 1 and 2 could be answered very similarly. Is there something in particular you are trying to learn from each that we should be shooting for?</b></p>	<p>In essay 1, we want to see how you've demonstrated nice. In essay 2, we want to see awareness. They are not meant to overlap. I would suggest you try for two distinct examples/responses.</p>
<p><b>On the employment section, for direct/indirect reports, should we provide the total number of reports we've had overall, or the maximum number of reports at one point in time?</b></p>	<p>I recommend keeping the answer current...how many direct/indirect reports do you have at time of application submission. You could share the averages from over time or other context in the description section.</p>

<p><b>Does the employment information only apply to post-undergraduate employment or includes internships and other employments before college?</b></p>	<p>Post-undergrad employment, unless you have space and it was a very significant internship. You might also list internships and college employment on your resume if it makes sense.</p>
<p><b>Do current students have the ability to submit a peer recommendation?</b></p>	<p>Current students may submit additional information in support of an applicant. They would have to email it to us separately at Tuck.Admissions@tuck.dartmouth.edu. This would be additional information as we do not request/require this.</p>
<p><b>Hi Amy and Stephanie! I am currently taking a coding boot camp. Should that fall under "Other Education Information", and what should I provide as far as grade/term/dates if it is in progress?</b></p>	<p>Yes, that sounds great! You can just write in progress, or included the projected end date, or leave the end date blank.</p>
<p><b>Hi Amy and Stephanie, I have tried to connect with a few Tuckies especially from the Revers Center for Energy to know more details about the work on research happening there. Unfortunately I have not got a reply from them yet. Is there any other way to get in contact other than emailing on the official id?</b></p>	<p>Students are just arriving back to campus this week. I am sorry you have not yet received a reply, but I can imagine things have been hectic for students choosing classes, reconnecting, etc. If you are referring to student email addresses from the Rever Center site as the "official id", yes, that is the best way to reach students. Perhaps try one more time?</p>
<p><b>Hi, thanks for taking the questions. I'm just curious what questions Tuck has for recommenders. I can't find them on the website so they are only disclosed to recommenders?</b></p>	<p>They're listed here:  <a href="http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/applying-to-tuck/application-materials#lors">http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/applying-to-tuck/application-materials#lors</a></p>
<p><b>Hi Amy and Stephanie, I'm a reapplicant. I have 2 questions: First, Can I ask the LOR to the same references I had last year? Or can I ask to someone new? I noticed the questions have a different structure. Second, regarding the applicant initiated interview, I did it last year, would you strongly recommend I do it again?</b></p>	<p>As a reapplicant, you must submit one brand new reference. Up to you regarding the interview. Since you've already done one though, it's probably ok to skip it given that you're in Peru.</p>
<p><b>Hi Stephanie and Amy, for the on-campus interview, who will be conducting the interview and what piece of information out of our application will the interviewer have at hand? Thanks!</b></p>	<p>Interviews are conducted by either a trained second-year student interviewer or an admissions committee member. For applicant-initiated interviews your interviewer would have reviewed your resume prior to the interview.</p>
<p><b>As a reapplicant, can I submit in R2, or do I have to submit in R1?</b></p>	<p>You should submit when you feel your application is strongest - reapplicants can submit in any round.</p>

<p><b>Hi, I have a question about my previous employers since the company has gone through several merger-and-acquisitions and the company name no longer exists or does not remain the same. I'm wondering how do I put this down. Do I need to explain but it'll take a large part in resume?</b></p>	<p>Don't feel the need to explain in the resume (unless you can easily do so with parentheses). You might want to note it though in the employment section, or the optional essay, to give us the full picture.</p>
<p><b>How will admissions team members read applications of those who reapply? Will you have the first and the new application in front of you when reviewing or is it up to each admissions member to decide?</b></p>	<p>Yes, we will be able to access and read the first application side-by-side with your new submission.</p>
<p><b>'Undergraduate Institution' lists the 'Indian Institute of Technology' but the one in Kharagpur. I am a graduate of the Indian Institute of Technology in Madras (Chennai) but it does not seem to be listed. The other IITs are not listed either - the ones in Bombay, Delhi etc. Please let me know how I can fill this field in. Thank you!</b></p>	<p>If you start typing your institution and it is not in the initial list, you may click "Continued...." at the bottom of the list and locate your school based on name and location. If you believe it's a match based on location we would suggest selecting what auto-populates instead of just typing in the name. If you don't think there's a match then please enter it in yourself.</p>
<p><b>I did full-time voluntary work for 2 months between my job switch. Should I put it on my resume or should I just put it under the extra-curricular activity section of the application ?</b></p>	<p>If you have an extra line available on your resume, I'd mention it, simply to give the reader/interviewer the full story. I would also list it in the extra-curricular section.</p>
<p><b>I'm a Veteran, how do I apply for an application fee waiver?</b></p>	<p>There is a question about whether or not you are a veteran in the app - when you select yes it should automate the waiver. Let us know if you experience an issue!</p>
<p><b>Do we need to submit all the GMAT/GRE scores? Is it a option or mandatory ?</b></p>	<p>Please report all valid scores taken within the last five years.</p>
<p><b>Hi there! I have a quick question on the resume for applicant initiated interviews. Am I able to send through a revised resume for the upcoming interview? I made some updates and tweaks in the months between the time I signed up for the interview and when I am visiting campus. Not sure if the interviewer will have the final resume in the application or if applicants should email through a revised resume. Thanks!</b></p>	<p>Before a week before your interview (the deadline for you to update your registration) you can edit your registration yourself (there should be a link to do this at the bottom of your confirmation email) - this includes updating the resume. If it's past that deadline you will need to email your updated resume to our general account.</p>
<p><b>Under the employment information, I have multiple jobs with different responsibilities with one employer. For the "Description of your Responsibilities" block, should I describe my most recent responsibility with the employer, or should I try to outline everything that I have done?</b></p>	<p>If your responsibilities vary greatly we suggest you submit a record for each job title with an accurate description of responsibilities, etc.</p>