

## Putting the Finishing Touches on Your Round 3 Application

<p><b>Hello, would be appreciated to know about Tuck's alumni resources in investment banking industry!</b></p>	<p>Hi, We have strong relationship throughout the finance industry and in investment banking globally. Top firms will recruit on campus and our alumni are often lead recruiters.</p>
<p><b>Hello everyone!</b></p> <p><b>I had a personal situation which derailed my Round 2 plans. I really don't want to come across as someone who just compiled something at the last moment and submitted the application. Do I need to explain why am I applying in R3? Also, I feel explaining the reason for applying in the April round won't leave the admission committee guessing for the same.</b></p>	<p>Hi, while not required, if you have an explanation that you think would be helpful to share, you are welcome to add that information as an optional essay.</p>
<p><b>For essay #1, in terms of contributions, is specificity suggested? Or can contributions be thematic?</b></p>	<p>Hello, a great resource for insight into the essay prompts can be found here:  <a href="https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/tuck-admissions-insights-your-tuck-application-essays">https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/tuck-admissions-insights-your-tuck-application-essays</a>.          Earlier this cycle our Executive Director, Luke Pena, blogged on this topic!</p>
<p><b>Do you think it'd be better to use the optional essay to explain low grades on your transcript or would it be more beneficial to use it as an opportunity to highlight a unique quality not covered in your other essays? Writing about why I did poorly in a class feels like making excuses.</b></p>	<p>I encourage you to be thoughtful in what you include in the optional essay. If you have a explanation for low grades, you should absolutely include it, being sure to explain rather than make excuses and show us that you have improved since then. If you are using the essay to highlight something not in the other essays, be sure it is truly additive. More info is not always better if it doesn't add to your candidacy. You may include more than one topic in your optional essay if applicable.</p>
<p><b>Hello Team Admissions, what are the usual timelines for interview invite after submitting application for Round 3? Are the invites sent on a rolling basis?</b></p>	<p>Correct. Invitational interviews are done on a rolling basis. Once all applications for the R3 deadline have been received, we will go through the applications to see who does not have an interview and we will then start the invitational process. You can receive an invitation anytime after submission and up to decision release. If invited, applicants typically have the option to come to campus or interview virtually.</p>

<p>Could you please provide the percentage of students that pursued banking positions that obtained banking internships this past year?</p>	<p>10% of the T'19 class had internships in investment banking. See <a href="https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/career-services/employment-statistics">https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/career-services/employment-statistics</a> for more detailed statistics.</p>
<p>Hi,</p> <p>Can I participate in an applicant-initiated interview after I submit my application, but before the application deadline?</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	<p>Yes, but if you are able to come to campus for the interview before the April 1 deadline, I would encourage you to hold off on submitting your application until after your visit. Sometimes applicants will learn more things about Tuck during their visit that they want to include in their why Tuck/contribution essays.</p>
<p>If you connected with different Tuck students/alumni, throughout the process, should you make note of that somewhere in the application/essays?</p>	<p>You are welcome to share those details with us. You would have to weave this information into your essays if you are choosing to include it.</p>
<p>Hello!</p> <p>What is the minimum GMAT and TOEFL score for the full-time MBA program?</p>	<p>Hi, We do not have minimum GMAT or TOEFL scores. Note: we do post our GMAT range for the most recent incoming class here; <a href="https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/class-profile">https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/class-profile</a></p>
<p>Hi Amy, I am planning to apply Tuck Business School in two years. By the time I am applying, I will be at age of 34-35. Will age become an issue when applying Tuck?</p>	<p>We do not consider age at all when evaluating applicants.</p>
<p>Hello Team-1. How does Tuck look at applicants with 8-9 years of experience? 2. Does Tuck roll out admits from overrepresented regions like India given most of the class is full? 3. What % of applicants are interviewed? Thank you</p>	<p>Hi, While the average number years of work experience for an entering Tuck student is 5, we do not have a minimum or maximum. We have admitted candidates with just a year of work experience and those with 10+. It is up to you to illuminate why now is the time for your MBA, no matter how much experience you bring. We absolutely make offers to India in R3. While 2 rounds have passed and the class is starting to fill, we are making offers to competitive candidates in the third round. While I do not know the exact percentage of applicants interviewed, if a candidate does not initiate an interview and come to campus, we evaluate 100% of applicants for the possibility of an interview. Hope this is helpful!</p>
<p>15% students in the current class applied with a GRE score. How the GRE score is compared with that of GMAT? Do we just convert the GRE score its GMAT equivalent?</p>	<p>We consider and report GMAT and GRE scores separately; however, to get a sense of how a GRE score would compare, the GRE to GMAT converter on the ETS website is a helpful tool.</p>

<p><b>Hi all - Tuck places a refreshing importance on key intangible qualities - being nice, for example. How can applicants best demonstrate these qualities in their application?</b></p>	<p>Hi, regarding essay 2 specifically, Luke Pena blogged about the topic here;  <a href="https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/tuck-admissions-insights-your-tuck-application-essays">https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/tuck-admissions-insights-your-tuck-application-essays</a> An article that can help portray how we think about the Admissions criteria in respect to the application can be found here;  <a href="https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/news/articles/tuck-announces-new-criteria-for-mba-admissions">https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/news/articles/tuck-announces-new-criteria-for-mba-admissions</a></p>
<p><b>I have not started an application, as I intend to apply in the Fall. On average, how far in advance should I start preparing my application? Does Tuck have stats on the average time for the application to be completed?</b></p>	<p>That is going to vary applicant by applicant, but I encourage you to give yourself as much time as possible. This is not something that should be rushed. You want to take time to think about why you want an MBA and how it will advance your goals, do your research on which schools are the best fit, give yourself time to study for the GMAT/GRE, reflect on your answers to the essay questions, etc. It is not too early to start thinking about all of that now.</p>
<p><b>I was wondering how many students are being accepting for the round 3 application process.</b></p>	<p>We do not have a set number of applicants who will be admitted. The number admitted depends quite a bit on how many admits from Round 2 decide to enroll.</p>
<p><b>I would also like to know about the prospects for students interested in Energy sector at Tuck? Revers center for energy hosts quite a diverse range of events all year round, am sure that must be helpful a lot in networking with professionals in the sector.</b></p>	<p>As you highlight, there are numerous opportunities for Tuck students interested in Energy. From the Revers Center to the new Irving Institute, to Energy/Entrepreneurship innovation treks, to First Year Projects focused on energy topics. You will be able to connect with leaders in Energy on and off campus.</p>
<p><b>Hello, for the letters of reference, I'm considering asking a colleague from one of my outside work activities (he is in two music bands with me - one that he is the leader of, and one that I'm the leader of) to write a letter of recommendation for me, in addition to a reference from a former work supervisor. I am considering going this route since it is difficult for me to get letters from current supervisors from my regular work. Does this sound feasible?</b></p>	<p>Yes. We recommend that at least one recommendation is from someone who has supervised you professionally. You have met this! Think carefully about your second recommendation: can your band mate evaluate your leadership skills, strengths and weaknesses, etc? You should take the opportunity in the optional essay to briefly detail why you did not opt for a second supervisor as a recommender.</p>
<p><b>Hi there, would there be any differences in your focused consideration in each round? Thanks.</b></p>	<p>Our evaluation criteria is the same for each round and we make offers of admission to competitive candidates in each round.</p>

<b>Hi Adcom Team! Should recommenders use GMAC's Common Letter of Recommendation or should they write their recommendation in another format?</b>	We prefer that your recommenders use the Tuck form that asks specific questions tied to our 4 criteria; however, if your recommender is not able to use our form, we will accept answers to the questions from the common Letter of Rec.
<b>Hello, How much is Analytical Writing Assessment part of GRE given weightage for the admission?</b>	We do not assign specific weights to any portion of the application or tests.
<b>Hi - Is the word limit for the essays a hard limit, or slightly flexible? Thank you.</b>	It is a hard limit. The online form will not allow you to go over.
<b>I'd like to know whether STEM designation will be part for future MBA program?</b>	Hi, Currently you would need to complete the joint degree with the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth to receive the STEM designation. The MBA alone does not have STEM designation. The degree would be a joint MBA/MEM.
<b>Amy &amp; Patricia, thank you so much! I have one last question - on an average, what percentage of the class is recruited through Round 3?</b>	We do not have a set percentage admitted in R3. The number admitted will depend on how many students admitted in R2 enroll.
<b>How would you recommend adjusting your application to overcome the fact that I have only one year of work experience? I feel like it's a huge disadvantage, so I'm not sure how to present it to the admissions committee.</b>	Hi, It is not uncommon for us to see applicants with less than 2 years work experience. We see your work experience as a difference and not a huge disadvantage. In positioning your candidacy, illuminate what you have learned and the responsibility you have taken on (your title may not reflect this yet!). Your personal background, education, and current experience could make you a competitive candidate.
<b>Relative to some of the other top MBA programs Tuck has a higher percentage of students with Arts/Humanities/Social science undergraduate degrees, is there a reason for that?</b>	Probably a lot of it has to do with Tuck's extensive core curriculum which provides a solid foundation in all aspects of business. Students who did not graduate with a business degree likely find that attractive.
<b>My GMAT score is 640, which is within the range of the class profile provided on the website, however my verbal score is a bit below its verbal range. Will this affect my chances?</b>	We admit a wide range of scores and our evaluation considers many more factors than just test scores. That said, a 640 is quite a bit below our average and will make admission more difficult. If you think you might be able to raise your test scores, I would encourage you to consider retaking it to have the most competitive application possible.

<p>Dear Admission,</p> <p>Are there any alternative ways for international applicants to connect with Tuck, instead of visiting on campus? I am living in Perth Australia, and it is difficult to get in touch with Tuck Alumni in here. The only way is to connect through the online events?</p> <p>Regards</p>	<p>Hi, You are welcome to get in touch with Marianne.M.F.Poh.TU20@Tuck.Dartmouth.EDU. She is a Tuck Student Ambassador (and current first year) for that region! As you mentioned, another great alternative to connect from afar is online events.</p>
<p>Hello! Thanks for answering questions today! If we have an upcoming on-campus interview before the Round 3 deadline, do you have any advice on whether or not to "repeat" a lot of what is in our application? (Why we're seeking an MBA, why Tuck, etc) Is it safe to assume that the people we'll be meeting are entirely separate from those reading applications?</p>	<p>Your interviewer will not have seen your application. All he/she will see is your resume, and they will definitely be interested in learning why you are seeking an MBA from Tuck.</p>
<p>1. I am an international student from Seoul, South Korea. Since I had difficult time to get competitive GRE score, anyhow, I got it last month. There are news among Korean MBA applicants that international students are not welcomed in round 3. Is it true at Tuck?</p> <p>2. I have 8 years work experience and relatively old compared to other applicants. (Mainly mandatory military service and personal reason.)</p>	<p>Hi: International candidates are welcome in R3. We make admissions offers to a diverse range of students in all rounds, including R3.</p> <p>With 8 years of work experience you will be somewhat more senior than other applicants, but this is not unusual for military applicants. We also understand that applicants discover the MBA at very different times in their careers/lives. We welcome your application and hope you are able to share with us why this moment in time is the right time for you.</p>
<p>I am also wondering whether the school still offer financial aid to students who apply in later rounds of the process.</p>	<p>All students regardless of round will have the same opportunities for loans. By the 3rd round, we hope to still have scholarship dollars available; however, opportunities are probably fewer in this round, and the budget can be dependent on how many Round 2 students who received scholarships enroll.</p>
<p>Thanks team Admissions for your responses. Also, are the scholarships available for Round 3 applicants as well? Would it be a disadvantage in that respect if one applies in Round 3?</p>	<p>Hi: Yes, scholarships are available for R3. The exact amount of scholarship given does depends on how much funding has already been accepted by R1 and R2 candidates.</p>
<p>Hi - Earlier in the chat it was mentioned that Tuck will accept the common letter of recommendation template. Can the recommender attach this format in the email communication they receive? If not, how do they submit this? Also, is this type of recommendation viewed negatively?</p>	<p>Hi, we greatly prefer our letter of recommendation but if your recommender submits the common letter of recommendation this will not put you at a disadvantage. If submitting the common letter of recommendation, your recommender can copy/paste their letter in the open text box they will find on our letter of recommendation form.</p>

<b>Does age of an applicant matter to Tuck and any specific requirements to those relative old applicants?</b>	Hi: Age/level of work experience does matter related to your explanation of why you want an MBA. It is up to an applicant, no matter how much or how little work experience you have, to help the admissions committee understand why the MBA is relevant to your intended career path and desire skill set at this time.
<b>Hello Team .... Thanks a bunch for helping us with our queries. For the Resume does Tuck have a recommended specific format?</b>	We prefer you keep your resume to one page.
<b>As a future applicant, I am wondering whether or not Tuck requires salary information as part of the application? If that is something I prefer to keep private is that looked negatively upon by admissions?</b>	We do ask about salary information. It helps us understand an applicant's career trajectory. If you leave it off we have a harder time assessing your candidacy.
<b>Is it disadvantageous to the applicant if a recommender submits their letter late?</b>	Yes. If we do not receive your recommendations by the deadline, we will consider your application incomplete and it can negatively impact your chances.
<b>Can you further elaborate on how pre-MBA salary helps you understand career trajectory?</b>	It allows us to see when an applicant has progressed within a company, particularly if they do not show a change in job title. It can help explain career path when an applicant takes a job with a new employer for an increased or decreased salary. We do not use it as a proxy for merit or to compare applicants in different industries, e.g. an applicant making a higher salary in banking is not stronger than an applicant making less in nonprofit.
<b>Thanks again team Admissions for hosting this session. For admits in Round 3, will on campus housing still be available?</b>	Unfortunately, the housing lottery occurs before the R3 decision notification; however, the MBA Program Office is great about assisting students who do not have on campus housing find places to live.
<b>If I have a master degree, will you treat the master significantly? I was aiming for the degree instead of the scores for the master, therefore not high results.</b>	We will look at your performance in your master's degree and put that into context with all of the application materials you submit. It is one indication of your academic abilities, but not overly weighted in the application process. If there are reasons for low grades, please use the optional essay to share a brief explanation.
<b>Can I ask, on average, how many percents of international applicants consists of round 3 admission receivers?</b>	We do not have a set percentage of admits (international or domestic) for round 3. It depends on how many Round 2 admits enroll.