



Tuck Dartmouth Live Chat Transcript - Jan 18, 2018

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Moderator: Welcome everyone. This is going to be a moderated Chat with Tuck! Your messages will only be public if it is approved by a moderator. This is to avoid the mad rush we had in last chat sessions.

I wanted to welcome Kristin Roth, Associate Director of Admissions at Tuck. Thank you so much for taking the time out to chat with potential applicants.

KristinTuckAdmissions: Thank you! I'm thrilled to be here and ready for your questions!

kk10925: I am considering applying to the April round or this November. I heard that it is so hard to get into Tuck in April when compared to other rounds. I wonder if it is too late to apply for Tuck in April, so I should apply for Tuck later this year. How many candidates are admitted into Tuck in April?

KristinTuckAdmissions: Every round is different and every year is different. April is certainly our smallest round, however we admit strong applicants in every round. Turn in your strongest application when it's ready, so if that's April, great! If you're not ready until the following fall, then submit your application then.

nickygmater: What really makes applicants stand out as 'Tuck Material'?

KristinTuckAdmissions: Like every top-tier, rigorous MBA program, our students are accomplished both professionally and personally and have a great understanding of why an MBA will help them achieve their goals. In addition, Tuck students understand that ours is an immersive, intensive program. That means our students are committed to a personal and connected experience, based in a unique location. The personal scale and immersive nature of the program allows them to take intellectual risks, challenge themselves and others, and even fail, but always increasing their knowledge, understanding and wisdom. You have to be bought into that experience at Tuck.

kk10925: How many candidates are admitted into Tuck in last April round?

KristinTuckAdmissions: I can't give you specific numbers for each round. I can tell you that strong applicants are admitted in every round.

whsiperboy: I looked at people invited to on-campus interview, looks like they are 90% outside USA. So If I missed the self-initiated interview before, does that means I have fewer chances of getting interviewed and lose chances of being admitted?

KristinTuckAdmissions: People are invited to interview from all over the world, including the US. Be aware that what you see on the forums is not necessarily the full picture of who's applying, interviewing, or getting in. It's just one piece of data. The self-initiated interview is always a great idea if you can make it, because you guarantee yourself an interview, but we invite applicants both US-based and abroad to apply. You haven't missed your chance to be invited.

Tuck is unique in allowing applicants who are able to visit the Tuck campus to initiate their admissions interview rather than waiting for an invitation. We understand not everyone can visit campus, so we also invite applicants to interview after their application is reviewed if we believe we need more information. You can schedule your applicant-initiated interview (also known as a self-initiated interview) on our website. Please note there are specific deadlines for every round.

Stonecold: I have heard that it is extremely important to attend a tuck event to get an interview invite and people not attending any tuck event is at are at a major disadvantage despite a great profile. Can you comment on this. Thanks

KristinTuckAdmissions: There are a lot of myths about admissions out there, and that's one of them, at least at Tuck. We understand that everyone's schedule varies and you can't always be at an event. Event attendance does NOT impact whether you're invited to interview. Event attendance hopefully gives you more understanding of the Tuck program and community, which, if you're thoughtful, can help you be a more compelling applicant.

Abhishek4444: Can you throw some light on the the Companies in healthcare space (pharmaceutical, biotech, biomedical,etc) who have come to Tuck inlast few years? It would be great if you can what kind of role did students got ?

KristinTuckAdmissions: I'll refer you to a list of our top hiring companies here: [http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/career ... -companies](http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/career...-companies). Students go into a variety of different roles, including health care consulting.

Amitpandey25: If you have to divide the selection criteria into ratios. Which component will have the maximum value and why ?

KristinTuckAdmissions: The evaluation process is holistic and no one variable weighs more heavily than another. Each applicant is an individual with a different story and we look at your strengths and weaknesses individually.

AverageGuy123: How does Tuck assist students interested in Social Entrepreneurship?

KristinTuckAdmissions: Our career coaches are great resources to help you identify paths to different careers in general, so having personal access to the coaches is important. Our Center for Business, Government and Society and Center for Private Equity and Entrepreneurship offer opportunities to learn from executives doing the work you want to do, as well as participate in things like the Tuck Social Venture Fund. You can get hands-on experience in entrepreneurship through opportunities like the First-Year Project class. Finally, our close-knit alumni community will help answer questions and guide students, whatever their career goals.

Amitpandey25: When will the February & March slots of the interview be available? Are those the one for April round?

KristinTuckAdmissions: New interview slots for those applying in the April round will be listed soon. We're currently getting availability schedules from our interviewers.

Figureofwrit: What in your opinion is the one thing about Tuck that pleasantly surprises incoming Tuckies, even though they may have done extensive research about Tuck? In other words, what's the one thing that's very difficult to understand without visiting Tuck?

KristinTuckAdmissions: Great question! I think you can hear about the unique nature of the Tuck community yet not really know what it means until you visit and experience it for yourself.

Historian: For the upcoming April round, is there an advantage to applying well before the deadline (like this week) versus at the deadline? I.e., are apps adjudicated in the order received?

KristinTuckAdmissions: There is no difference in submitting your application a week before the deadline versus on the day it's due. Just don't submit it late!

kkj0925: Kristin, I look at the website everyday and refresh it almost every hour in Jan. but I cannot get a available slot for self-initiated interview. Is it possible to have some more open spots? Because of projects and workload, I cannot get one before, but I am really willing to have some chances to talk with Tuck. Be prepared everyday! Tuck is always my dream school!

KristinTuckAdmissions: Keep checking! Our spots fill up quickly and we aim to make as many available as possible. This is an incredibly busy time of year!

Lanena: I have a question... will disclosing the fact that I have ADHD impact my chances of getting admitted? I just found out a couple of weeks ago and that might explain a lower undergrad GPA as well as being a student athlete...

KristinTuckAdmissions: You need to decide whether including your diagnosis makes sense for you, however learning disabilities (or any other disability) has no impact on your admissions decision.

Lanena: How easy it is for international applicants to do a work term-- after they finish a single term -- to apply the knowledge they received during the program ? Does the institute help international students with coop placements?

KristinTuckAdmissions: We do not have work terms. Our students complete the first year of the core curriculum, do a summer internship, then return for the second year of their MBA, which is fully elective.

Arboliyola: I applied during November round and have been offered a promotion in my company last week (from project manager to country manager), should I update my cv and inform the admission committee?

KristinTuckAdmissions: Yes, please send us an update and congratulations on your promotion!

JDEbony85: Hello Tuck! I am a diverse candidate interested in applying to your school in the near future. Is Tuck's Diversity Conference only open to applicants that applied within a given admissions cycle? When is the next conference scheduled for? Thank you!

KristinTuckAdmissions: We host Diversity Conference (DivCo) every year in the fall. Anyone can apply to attend, and we have many more applications than room at the conference unfortunately. You do not have to be applying that year to be accepted, although we may give priority to those applying in the current cycle. For those interested who we can't admit, we offer Virtual DivCo.

kkj0925: I have two questions... (1) What is the purpose of the self-initiated interview? (2) What is the best and worst part of Tuck?

KristinTuckAdmissions: The self-initiative interview allows applicants to guarantee themselves an interview and also a chance to see our campus and community. It counts the same as an invitational interview. The purpose of any interview at Tuck is to allow you to tell your story. By far the best part of Tuck is the community and the people who make up the community. I am privileged to work with amazing students and colleagues every day who inspire me to do my very best work. The worst part - parking.

Churchill: How does Tuck evaluate the GRE in the admissions process? Does Tuck view it as a standalone score or does it "convert" to a equivalent GMAT?

KristinTuckAdmissions: We are test-agnostic (we don't care whether it's the GMAT or GRE that you submit). We use test scores in conjunction with other parts of your application to assess whether you can be successful in the rigor of the Tuck curriculum. There's no minimum score you need to have. You may have a weaker test score, but your academic performance may show you'll excel in the curriculum. That's what we mean when we say the evaluation is holistic. You can use the conversion tool to give yourself a sense of where you might fall on the GMAT, but know that it's an imperfect conversion.

Amitpandey25: Approximately how many interviews are done in an entire year?

KristinTuckAdmissions: A lot of interviews! I can't give you exact numbers, but it's upwards of 1,500 interviews globally

Whisperboy: Have we almost finished all Interview invitation for Jan round?

KristinTuckAdmissions: No, we're still inviting applicants to interview.

Lanena: Does applying through the consortium instead of the "normal" route have a larger weight on admission?

KristinTuckAdmissions: The Consortium offers applicants the advantage of Consortium benefits like their network and the ability to apply to more than one school with the same application, but whether you apply through the Consortium or not has no impact on your admissions decision.

BiOlivier: I am looking for an MBA program in agricultural commodities. There is such program or a related one at Tuck ?

KristinTuckAdmissions: Our MBA program is a general management program, with no specializations. You can dive deeper into areas of interest to you in the fully elective second year. You can find a list of elective offerings online.

Churchill: When evaluating a candidate's global experience, is Tuck looking at global experiences tied to work or is any travel abroad adequate?

KristinTuckAdmissions: Tell us about the breadth of your global experience, as well as the depth. That may be leisure travel or significant time working or living in another country. We'd like to hear about both.

wvu2020: how does one get to become a fellow?

KristinTuckAdmissions: Each center and initiative has their own criteria to be an MBA fellow (in the second year). In general, showing interest and effort in the space the center/initiative works in is always a criteria.

Moderator: Thanks Kirstin. Sachem Village pictures on Instagram are beautiful. Send some snow our way

KristinTuckAdmissions: Glad you love the pictures. We have plenty of snow, but it's hard to ship - sorry. You'll have to come visit us! Thank you everyone and good luck with your applications!

Moderator: Join Tuck discussion board to meet fellow applicants, exchange ideas/information, discuss application strategies, and share interview/admission updates <https://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-tuck-dartmouth-applicants-2018-intake-class-of-241987.html>

Tuck Chat Session/Webinar Calendar <https://gmatclub.com/forum/calling-all-tuck-dartmouth-applicants-2018-intake-class-of-241987-20.html#p1864456>