

Tuck Q&A for Indian Applicants

<p>How has the recruitment of international students changed post some reservations imposed on H-1B visas?</p>	<p>Tuck remains committed to enrolling an international class. We know that visas are a concern for many of you - this means we need to recruit that much more effectively as an Admissions team, and provide support from the Career Development Office to help you navigate the job search given individual visa considerations.</p>
<p>What is the average GMAT score of MBA candidates.</p>	<p>Average GMAT is 722.</p>
<p>Can you just explain, what does the college mean by an older candidate? Is it in terms of age or work experience? A candidate with 7+ years would be considered too late to apply for a full time MBA?</p>	<p>There is no minimum, maximum, or preferred age for the Tuck MBA. In fact, we do not even consider your age! We look at your work experience, and will adjust our expectations for your accomplishments accordingly. If you have more work experience, then you are welcome to apply to Tuck - but you should have more accomplishments than an applicant with considerably less work experience.</p>
<p>Is there a difference between applying in R1 and applying in R2 in terms of selection percentage or other parameters?</p>	<p>There really is no difference between R1 and R2. So please put your best foot forward as you normally would.</p>
<p>Hello thanks for organizing this. I am an Indian citizen, but live in the US. Would that change how my application is viewed. Also, what is Tuck's emphasis on GMAT/GRE scores? What specific things Tuck consider in admitting international, especially Indian applicants.</p>	<p>We expect all applicants, both domestic and international, to demonstrate the criteria of smart, nice, accomplished, and aware. Your residency status in the US does not change our evaluation of you relative to the criteria - however, we hope it makes it easier for you to visit campus! GMAT/GRE is part of the "smart" criteria, but not the only part - your confident humility about what you know and don't know also matters.</p>
<p>What is Tuck more interested about in hearing from us in the essay. More about work related roles, more about community service and social work. A combination of both. Or a unique story highlighting important aspects of your life?</p>	<p>We really want to know about you as a person - so please feel free to project your personality in the essays, and the facet of your experience that defines you - be it professional, personal, community oriented, extracurricular. We want to get to know you!</p>

<p>Hello Sarah! Thanks for hosting this event. Since this event is exclusively for the Indian applicant, may I begin by requesting some past experience - I wonder if there is any particular issue that you observe Indian students face a lot, specifically at Hanover? It may be cultural, geographical, lingual etc. Something you believe would be good for us applicants to know so we could prepare before arriving in the fall?</p>	<p>Indian students are as integral to the community as are students from every other nationality. In general though, they tend to be a little more sensitive to the weather aspect - snow and colder winters than they're normally used to. Other than that, there really isn't all that much that's specific to Indian students. They're all excited to become a part of the Tuck fabric!</p>
<p>Hello Tuck Team,</p> <p>I would like to know if Tuck offers loans to international students without the need of a US based cosignee?</p>	<p>Every admitted student should expect financing. The financial aid office helps every student with the process and we don't require a US co-signee.</p>
<p>Hi,</p> <p>Hope you're having a good day,</p> <p>I wanted to ask the following question: As far as career opportunities go, what percentage of international applicants secured jobs at international locations post graduation?</p> <p>I ask this because of the difficult nature of current US immigration.</p> <p>Thank You.</p>	<p>It really is dependent on the number of international students looking at international opportunities. As has been mentioned before, the CDO takes personal interest in the career outcomes for each student and helps them navigate recruiting, be it US-focused or otherwise. Please see the statistic online about the % of Tuck students who are getting placed in internships (100%) and in jobs within three months after graduation (95% and higher).</p>
<p>Is it true that all the Indian applicants are evaluated and considered in one single pool. Suppose if an Indian applicant is from non traditional, non engineering background, will there be any differentiation made, considering more than 95% of the Indian applicants are engineers?</p>	<p>When we evaluate, we consider applicants in one large pool. We do not have quotas for India, engineering, or any other portion of the pool. If we have more strong Indian engineers apply this year, then we will admit to this year's class!</p>

<p>Hello. I'm so glad to be here. I wanted to ask about the scope of consulting in operations at the school.</p>	<p>Many of our students come to Tuck seeking to strengthen their operations knowledge. You may be interested in looking at the profiles of faculty who teach in operations: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/faculty/faculty-directory/sort-academic. You may also be interested in our operations elective courses such as Data Mining for Business Analytics, Data Structure and Analytics, Fundamentals of Web Programming, Management of Service Operations, Operations Strategy, Prescriptive Analytics: Applications of Optimization, Professional Decision Modeling, Research to Practice Seminar: Retail Operations, Supply Chain Management Mini, Tools for Improving Operations, VBA Programming.</p>
<p>Hi, I wanted to learn more about the experiential learning in Tuck.</p>	<p>Experiential learning is an intrinsic part of the Tuck curriculum, be it through FYP or Onsite or GIX. These are all for-credit, so the experience stays with you while it's also reflected on the transcript.</p>
<p>Also, can you please explain the key acceptance criteria.</p>	<p>We look to enroll candidates who are smart, nice, accomplished, and aware: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/criteria.</p>
<p>Hi. Could you give some information about financial aid / support available to Indian students?</p>	<p>All students, both domestic and international, may apply for both scholarships and loans. My colleague Diane wrote a great blog yesterday about financing your MBA, check it out! http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/financing-your-mba</p>
<p>Q1. What is the range of GRE scores for admit students... a). with Masters in Aerospace Engineering, and 9 years of Work experience in Consulting with Accenture/Cap-Gemini etc.</p>	<p>We don't break down GRE ranges for subsets of our incoming class. Last year our GRE Verbal range was 155-170 and our GRE Quant range was 150-170.</p>
<p>Thank you Luke, Suds and Sarah for hosting this session! Coming from a competitive applicant pool, which attributes do you recommend highlighting to help stand out?</p>	<p>We evaluate all applicants equally, and against the four evaluation criteria - Smart, Accomplished, Aware, Nice. So please make sure you're placing equal emphasis on all parts of the application, be it essays, recommendations, extracurriculars, career progression, etc.</p>
<p>Do you differentiate between Tuck alumnus and other recommenders?</p>	<p>We do not! We care a great deal about fairness and equity to all applicants. Giving preference to Tuck alumni recommenders would be unfair to those of you who do not already know a Tuck alum who can recommend you.</p>

<p>Hello, I also had another question: what percentage of international applicants (Indians to be specific) are granted the financial aid? Thank you.</p>	<p>We do not have financial aid awards broken down by region or country. Typically sixty-six percent of Tuck students receive financial aid in the form of scholarship, fellowship, and/or educational loans.</p>
<p>Hello Sarah, Luke and Suds, Thank you for taking out time to chat with us. I wanted to get more information on the latest 'Research to Practice Seminars' and also wanted to know if I can take the seminar as a course and also do an independent study.</p>	<p>You can take RTP and Independent Study and get credit for both separately. The topics for RTP are dependent on the professor who is teaching the course and the research that's top of the mind for that faculty member.</p>
<p>Hello, Thanks for hosting! I'm really excited about Tuck and the opportunities it provides for consulting aspirants. I had a question on placements. What percentage of Indian students get placed in the US for the consulting industry?</p>	<p>30% of the class goes into consulting based on the latest graduating class. We don't have it broken down by the students' country of origin, but Indian students tend to perform pretty well in the interviews and have done well in terms of the outcomes.</p>
<p>I am very interested in the Global Insights Expeditions Program. I saw on the website that there was one last year on The Infrastructure of Development Program in Ghana on how to creatively address infra-related obstacles in developing economies. This is something that directly aligns with my passions. I understand that these expeditions happen in different countries every year. However, are the topics under focus repeated?</p>	<p>The GIX destination and course content is decided by the professor who is leading it. Typically, every spring break, about 9-10 GIX groups pan out around the world and explore countries from the bottom up and top down, but the content itself is a function of the learning outcomes the faculty member has set for the course.</p>
<p>Hello. I am specialist doctor at AIIMS Delhi. I want to know about the career opportunities for Tuck MBA s with MD background. Thank you.</p>	<p>Our Career Development Office will be happy to work with you individually! We have great healthcare offerings, in large part due to the great efforts of the Geisel School of Medicine, the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and our Center for Healthcare: http://healthcare.tuck.dartmouth.edu/.</p>
<p>As a follow on question, what is the usual interest rate on students loans? I understand that it might be a little hard to specify a number as loans are based on numerous factors, but I appreciate any response.</p>	<p>Hi-info on our loan programs (including interest rates) can be found here: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/finance-your-degree/loan-programs Please also note that our Financial Aid office is holding calls you can schedule tomorrow: https://apply.tuck.dartmouth.edu/portal/financial-aid-calls-recruiting and an online chat at the end of the month: https://apply.tuck.dartmouth.edu/register/?id=7f4c0c94-e289-4d21-8a76-fa007d3fab61</p>

<p>Hi! Could you shed some light on the applicant initiated interview with regards to international students?</p>	<p>Applicant initiated interviews are done only on campus, irrespective of whether an applicant is based in the US or overseas. Internationally based applicants who haven't had the opportunity to visit campus are invited to interview by the Admissions Committee once the application is reviewed.</p>
<p>What if someone has backlogs during undergrad?</p>	<p>We want to know why they happened, what you've done to remedy, and how you've learned from the experience and evidence of stellar performance going forward. You can use the optional essay to explain this.</p>
<p>As a reapplicant, will my new application be compared to my previous application?</p>	<p>It's not so much of a comparison since the application questions have changed between last year and this year, but we do have access to the earlier application and will refer to it if necessary, for instance, if your goals have changed. If they have, we hope to gain insight into your thought process in the reapplicant essay.</p>
<p>If any applicant submits GRE score for admission, is it true that GRE scores are converted to GMAT score for comparison?</p>	<p>There is a conversion tool from GRE to GMAT if you need to see where a specific score stands. For the purpose of application review, we look at the test score you submit in its own right.</p>
<p>Could you please comment on the Tuck network in India?</p>	<p>The Tuck network in India is about 40-strong. But I'd rather you focus on the quality and not simply the quantity. The global network is always within reach no matter where you're based.</p>
<p>What is the average years of work ex that is looked for?</p>	<p>The average work experience is about 5 years for the class, with a minimum of two years at the time of matriculation.</p>
<p>Since there is no Human Capital Consulting club at Tuck, do the students feel the need of setting up one? I have experience in Human Capital Consulting, if there is a felt need to set up one, how easy or difficult it would be to do so? Thanks.</p>	<p>You just talk to the MBA Program Office and get things going! Of course, we want to make sure you're not the only one in that club, and that there's broader interest in the community, so you shouldn't hesitate to promote it among your peers.</p>
<p>I wanted to know how important it is for my recommendors to follow the Tuck standard for providing their recommendation. I know that it is preferred over the standard format accepted by other bschools, but I don't want my recommendors to get displeased by filling in answers for a new set of questions.</p>	<p>We accept the common LoR in case the recommendors are not inclined to fill out a whole different set of questions compared to what they have already submitted.</p>

<p>I have often heard through a lot of online forums, that higher avg GMAT scores are expected from Indian candidates. Is there any truth to the statement or implied one?</p>	<p>In my view, it's more a cultural thing. Indian applicants will not rest until they get what they view is the best possible score they can, so they make multiple attempts to improve their score. So the answer lies with the irrepressible Indian applicant who wants to submit the highest possible score they can get! But rest assured, GMAT is a necessary but not sufficient condition for admission. The rest of the application has to be strong in order for the candidate to stake a claim.</p>
<p>How does job change couple of months before applying at Tuck be taken as? Will it be taken negatively?</p>	<p>We may wonder why you have just changed the jobs and are getting ready to quit again in a couple of months after getting the admission. So don't hesitate to share with us, your rationale so we're better informed.</p>
<p>Hi Luke & Suds, Do you have any preference for either GRE/ GMAT?</p>	<p>No preference. You should submit what you think is your best score.</p>
<p>How much weightage (0-100%) is given on the GMAT/GRE scores by the Tuck admission committee?</p>	<p>We do not have a formulaic approach towards application evaluation. It's a truly holistic view of the candidate and all aspects of the application are reviewed with equal enthusiasm by the Admissions Committee. We want to get to know you beyond the numbers!</p>
<p>Regarding Letter of Recommendations: should both letters be job related or one can be community service social work related to highlight another side of my personality?</p>	<p>Hi, we go into great detail on this here in our Tuck360 blog: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/do-this-not-that-letters-of-reference</p>
<p>Hi Luke and Suds, thank you for organizing this. How has the recruitment been like for international students from class of 2018? Also, for Indians - how hard/easy is it to get jobs in India (is Tuck a well known brand here?).</p>	<p>Please look up the employment statistics on the website for specific details. Indian students are able to get connected to employers in India (or elsewhere) by leveraging all of the resources the school is able to provide to them.</p>
<p>Hi - I am traveling to US in December and was hoping to schedule an applicant initiated interview during the time. However, the scheduling tool was not showing any availability for December or the first week of January. I was wondering if the listing in the calendar was final and if there was a possibility at all to schedule a visit/interview during this period?</p>	<p>Hi - I believe the schedule is pretty firm, however, keep an eye on it. In case people cancel their spots those will pop back up on the calendar. You may also email greer.a.brown@tuck.dartmouth.edu about a possible visit.</p>

<p>I am currently running my own start up and plan to scale up my business post MBA. What's the best way in which I can plan to finance my MBA so that I do not have immediate financial burden after my MBA is done.</p>	<p>That's a question you really need to evaluate at your end with input from friends and family. Along with some savings and financing that is provided to all admitted students, you should be able to get there. Regarding how to manage the financing in your specific case, you should feel free to reach out to the financial aid office.</p>
<p>How does the admission affect someone who strictly has a background and work-experience in engineering field compared to someone with a finance/economics background?</p>	<p>It's not so much about the field or background, but more about the impact you've had based on the work you've done and the impact you've had on the people you're working with on a daily basis. So be sure to bring that out in your application.</p>
<p>Due to a high demand for campus visits, I was able to sign up for a visit + interview only after the R2 deadline. Would you suggest coming on my own to Tuck before the deadline to strengthen my application? Or would the visit in Jan suffice?</p>	<p>It really is your call. The visit before the deadline could enhance your application, but would you have thought through the application enough in order to ace the interview? The visit after the deadline could enhance your interview since you've already submitted the application, but if there are new aspects you want to incorporate into the application as a result of your visit, it's a bit too late. It really is up to you to make the best use of your time in the run-up to the visit and put your best foot forward, irrespective of whether you're visiting before or after the deadline. There's no right or wrong answer here!</p>
<p>So my question is a bit long. I went to undergrad in the states, followed by almost 5 years working in NYC in consulting. I moved back to India late last year. After I moved back due to the certain visa issues, I was working towards a startup which I didn't end up launching. In light of Luke just mentioned with recruiting more carefully, would you say that this background at a high level, specifically the work experience and gap, help or hurt my candidacy in R2.</p>	<p>Rest assured that your application will get a holistic review. The lessons you've learned through the startup experience offer as much to your fellow classmates - so don't discount the power of what you have to contribute to the class and feel free to highlight that in the application. We'll read everything you submit!</p>
<p>How do you recommend we explain flaws in our application?</p>	<p>By flaws, if you mean weaknesses, that comes through in the essays, the interviews and the recommendations. If you mean issues with academic performance, you can reflect that in the optional essay.</p>
<p>Getting letter of recommendation from current manager is hard. I am trying to get LOR from my Mentor at work who oversaw parts of my work and is same level as my Manager, would that be okay?</p>	<p>Hi, we understand getting a reference from a direct supervisor could prove difficult. Please reference this blog for details; http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/do-this-not-that-letters-of-reference</p>

<p>Is there any advantage or disadvantage if both the partners apply at Tuck?</p>	<p>There's no inherent advantage or disadvantage. Each applicant is reviewed independently and must independently qualify for admission even if they're partners applying together.</p>
<p>My question is regarding interview invites for Round-1. Have all the invites already been sent out or can we expect an interview call till the decisions are released?</p>	<p>Interview invitations can come out up until decision release.</p>
<p>How are the interviews evaluated? How are they combined with the written part of the application to draw an over-all picture of the candidates?</p>	<p>Interviews provide another data point and the application goes into another round of review with this additional data point and then the decision is made.</p>
<p>How important is the undergraduate GPA in the whole application process? Is there any initial screening on the basis of GPA?</p>	<p>No application gets screened on the basis of a number. Every application will get read and we appreciate the effort that goes into submitting a complete and compelling application.</p>
<p>Hi Luke and Suds! Thanks a lot for taking the time out to help applicants such as myself. Could you please talk about the opportunities to engage with professors outside the classroom? Given Tuck's close knit culture, do students also get a lot more opportunities to collaborate with professors?</p>	<p>Tuck faculty are available through office hours to answer any course-related questions. Outside of that, they are always willing to engage with students in conversations in an informal setting. Students invite professors to their homes for dinner, for instance. Professors also invite students to their homes. Overall, the number of opportunities to interact with professors and engage with them in stimulating conversations are numerous.</p>
<p>Based on the political scenario in the US, what according to you are some things that international students coming to Tuck should be mindful about? Also, have you seen any impact on number of recruiters open to hiring internationals in the last couple of years?</p>	<p>It's true that some companies are limiting their recruitment of international students, but others are actually increasing their recruitment. It depends greatly on the industry and company; our Career Development Office will help you plan accordingly. My encouragement is to be clear and thoughtful about your goals as you apply and enroll, so that you can have productive conversations with the CDO about how to maximize your chances to get the offer you really want.</p>
<p>I'm a younger-than-average applicant, and I do not lead a team or have any direct reports. How can I showcase my leadership potential?</p>	<p>Focus on the impact you've had at work! Leadership doesn't mean how many people you're managing. Think of it in terms of how many people you've influenced through your contributions without necessarily having direct control over them!</p>

<p>Tuck allows two or more GMAT scores to be submitted and considers the best of each section. Is there any 'should-not-be-a-problem' score for each section? If so, is it geography specific? If yes, what would be the cut-offs for India Geography?</p>	<p>There are no cut-offs, and there are no preferred scores. We review all applications that are submitted and decisions are made based on the merits of everything the candidate submits.</p>
<p>Suppose we have some accomplishments in the form of a medal but no certificate for the same. Will that be an impediment against my application?</p>	<p>We ask you to self report your awards, certificates, and medals in your application. You can report your medal there, and we will gladly consider it!</p>
<p>My wife and I are keen to apply to Tuck in R2. However, if one of us is unable to complete the application by R2 deadline, should the other go ahead and submit the application? Or do you suggest that both of us apply in the next round?</p>	<p>It really is up to you and your wife to decide how you want to approach the application process overall.</p>
<p>Can a decent score range of 680-700 be compensated with strong work ex and other strong application? How does Tuck evaluate such a application?</p>	<p>There is no minimum or maximum score for admission. Test scores are part of our "smart" criterion. If your scores are below our average, we will look for other evidence you are smart (e.g. university grades, confident humility). If you are not strong on the smart criteria, we will look for evidence that you are strong on nice, accomplished, and aware. We read with positivity, and with the hope of admitting!</p>
<p>Hi Luke, Suds and Sara. Thanks for taking the time to organize this chat. Could you please give us more information of what happens on the Decision notification date (December 6th for R1 if I'm not mistaken). Do you send out all notifications on that day itself or will it be sent out in batches over a couple of days?</p>	<p>All Round 1 decisions will be officially released on December 6 at approximately 5pm Eastern time.</p>
<p>How can International students receive financial aid, in the form of scholarships or fee waivers? What separate applications would one have to make in order to receive this aid?</p>	<p>Typically sixty-six percent of Tuck students receive financial aid in the form of scholarship, fellowship, and/or educational loans. You may email tuck.admissions@tuck.dartmouth.edu regarding an application fee waiver. There is no application process for scholarships at Tuck. The financial aid office works with admitted students to identify potential sources of financial assistance including scholarships, fellowships, and loans.</p>

<p>How does Tuck decide "Nice" criteria, could you explain more what is the definition of Nice you are expecting or looking for in the profiles?</p>	<p>Being nice means you cultivate a habit of kindness. You actively encourage, celebrate, and support others. It does not mean you're a pushover who always agrees and defers. Nice Tuck candidates exhibit emotional intelligence. You layer compassion onto courage, and challenge others tactfully and thoughtfully. You display both strength and vulnerability. You ask for help, and you help others. You're positive and principled. You act with respect and integrity, even when it's not convenient or easy. You show empathy for the diverse experiences of others, while also sharing your own. You recognize that your success and others' success are interdependent, and generously invest in both. Being nice at Tuck means building trust through deep, genuine connections which endure for life. We expect to find this in your second essay, your recommendation letters, and your interview.</p>
<p>I understand that most of the leadership positions at the Tuck Student Board have been historically taken by US citizens. This is also attributable to the higher percentage of such students. But is Tuck looking to plan targeted initiatives to ensure greater representation of International students at the Student Board?</p>	<p>In Admissions, we seek to enroll students who have a habit of contributing, and know how they will contribute to Tuck. This is why we ask our first essay question: tell us who you are and how you will contribute. When we enroll students who know they will contribute, including international students, then we have confidence you will hold leadership positions here.</p>
<p>Hello and thank you for your time organizing this! My question is if an Indian citizen has recently gained citizenship of other country, do you still compare his/her candidature with other Indian applicants or with candidates of the country he/she gained citizenship of?</p>	<p>We evaluate all applicants relative to the entire applicant pool - we do not compare applicants exclusively with other applicants from the same country. This is one of the benefits of Tuck's distinct scale of 285 students!</p>
<p>I am an entrepreneur - Tuck is a very good school for learnings. I would like to know if entrepreneur with NGO experience stand any chances of admission to Tuck. And what is the alumni network in India.</p>	<p>I'd say you stand as good a chance as any other applicant out there. Do make sure you put your best foot forward in the application and let the Admissions Committee take the call.</p>
<p>How much of the factor of Work Experience plays a role during admit (specially more than 8 years)?</p>	<p>Work experience is part of our accomplished criteria. We have no minimum or maximum length of work experience. Our average is 5 years of experience, but the range is typically 2 years on the low end to 12-15 years on the high end. If you have more work experience, we will expect to see greater levels of accomplishment than applicants with less work experience.</p>

<p>Do companies recruit non-US citizens for the general management / rotational leadership program roles?</p>	<p>It varies by industry and company. Our Career Development Office will help guide you towards the companies that offer the opportunities you want.</p>
<p>Are there any guidelines for the Tuck students or alumni who can submit a peer recommendation on our behalf? As a candidate who has already completed the R1 interview process, can I still submit one?</p>	<p>We neither expect nor encourage additional submissions beyond your two required recommendation letters. If you arrange for additional endorsements, we will consider them... but you have also now raised expectations for the quality of your application, and now have a higher standard to clear. Please think carefully about whether you want to do this.</p>
<p>Recently Bloomberg ranked Tuck pretty low (ranked 19) in its rankings. For me, it was a huge surprise. Since Bloomberg places a lot of emphasis on student experience, it is surprising that Tuck scored just 44.3% in learning and 35.1% in entrepreneurship. Since I am applying in R2 with an entrepreneurship post-MBA goal, should I be concerned about the lowly scores in these two fields? I would like to mention here that I have had a completely different outlook of Tuck from the current students and alum. The positive reviews have piqued my interest towards Tuck and this is in complete contrast to the Bloomberg rankings. Should I disregard the rankings? How would you justify how Tuck scored in the rankings?</p>	<p>I strongly encourage you to form your own individual ranking of schools. Making application decisions based on someone else's ranking is letting someone else determine what makes you successful. The greater discrepancy in the many different rankings is proof that different criteria will lead to very different ranking outcomes... so use your own personal criteria to rank schools in ways that matter to you.</p>
<p>Hi Luke and Sudershan - Thanks for taking the time to chat. I was curious to know if you have seen a decline in international applicants (especially Indians and Chinese), given the immigration sentiment in the US? post-MBA visa sponsorships for employment, etc etc</p>	<p>International applicants have been declining to MBA programs across the U.S. While Tuck is not immune to market trends, I am happy to say that we are still receiving more than enough strong applicants from India and China to maintain our commitment to enrolling students from these countries. I will also add - if you know you want a U.S. MBA, now may be the best time to apply to maximize your chances of admission!</p>
<p>Another question for Suds. Since you returned to India, and lead the Alumni chapter here, could you maybe provide some insights into the international Tuck network and how help that has been for folks outside the US. Both in size and quality of the network.</p>	<p>Focus on the quality and not simply the quantity. That's the message I want you to take away. Know that the network is there for you to tap into, and is global in nature, irrespective of where you're physically located. Overall, there are 10,000+ living alumni around the world.</p>

<p>Hi. How difficult is it for international students in the current scenario to secure a job in the US post the MBA?</p>	<p>This matters greatly on the industry and company that you are targeting. It is true that some companies are reducing their support for internationals without work authorizations. Other companies are increasing their support. Our Career Development Office works with each of you, one by one, to provide guidance and coaching on how to best navigate your specific job search.</p>
<p>What percent of international (if possible, specifically Indian) students secure jobs in the technology industry? And has Tuck witnessed a scaling back of International recruitments in Tech?</p>	<p>You can see our recent employment reports online, including statistics: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/career-advantage/employment-statistics. We do not have industry breakouts by citizenship or country of origin. For the recent Class of 2018, 24% accepted offers in tech.</p>
<p>Is there anything a candidate can do after submitting the application to improve his chances?</p>	<p>I recently blogged about this: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/tuck-admissions-insights-between-the-rounds. The quick takeaways: there is nothing else you can do to enhance your chances of admission, but we love keeping in touch! Stay in touch with us and the students and alumni you have encountered along the way.</p>
<p>Hi, Since I will be making a career in Tuck from Maritime Industry to the Management Consultancy, could you please throw some light on the consultancy firms such as MBB on accepting career changers like me.</p>	<p>McKinsey, Bain, and BCG hire the most talented MBA candidates regardless of background. Of course, you need to demonstrate in the interview that you have the behavioral skills and case-based critical thinking that will make you successful at those leading consulting firms.</p>
<p>Luke, this one's for you since you're the brains behind the new criteria. For the 2nd essay, "Tuck students are nice, and invest generously in one another's success. Share an example of how you helped someone else succeed.", are you looking for something from the professional realm or it can be personal. Does the depth or the extent of help matter more or the number of similar instances? Could you maybe touch on some examples?</p>	<p>I blogged about this one too: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/tuck-admissions-insights-your-tuck-application-essays. Either professional or personal examples are good. Depth is definitely more important than volume/number. The best examples are ones where you explain more than just what you did... we would like to see the thinking behind your actions, and why the outcome was meaningful to you and/or the person in whom you invested.</p>
<p>Is there something special criteria on which Indian profiles are evaluated given an event specially hosted for Indians?</p>	<p>The criteria are the same for all applicants regardless of country or citizenship: you must demonstrate that you are smart, nice, accomplished, and aware: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/criteria</p>

<p>Hi Suds,</p> <p>I would like to say thanks for the Tuck reception session in Delhi which was very informative and helpful.</p> <p>I have a concern: I already have a GMAT score (710) which has been officially sent to Tuck, but I believe that there is scope for improvement. Can I send a revised score after the submission of application in round 2. If so, till when can I send it?</p> <p>Thanks!</p>	<p>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. Note that we cannot confirm, once review has started, whether or not we have reviewed a specific application.</p>
<p>Hi Suds & Luke,</p> <p>It was great meeting both of you during the last two months at different events in India and Hanover. I have a simple question regarding the first essay.</p> <p>While following the advice from Luke over the 360 blog, Luke has mentioned that the admissions team is not necessarily looking for an example in the first essay. Talking about one's individuality, I feel giving a few examples will highlight attributes more appropriately. I do understand there's no correct answer to this question. But I would like to understand if I can go ahead and write about my experiences as well in the first essay.</p>	<p>Whatever you think represents you best, do that. We'll be happy to read whatever you submit!</p>
<p>Hi, thanks for this opportunity to interact. I wanted to ask how is a couple of months break from work perceived by the admissions committee? Does this impact an applicant's chances of getting in?</p>	<p>Please explain the reason for the gap while filling out the application. Don't think of it as a negative - it's more an opportunity for us to get to know you better.</p>
<p>I am an older applicant with 10+ years of experience (IT consulting, Entrepreneurship, and Customer Service). I have a good number of achievements under my belt. But would like to know what is Tuck expecting an achievement to constitute of, is it only about managing projects (budget/people/clients) in blue-chip companies (or) awards and recognition (or) generating a huge sum of revenue or profit?</p>	<p>What you think is an accomplishment, we'll consider it an accomplishment. So don't hold back and let us know the story you want to tell!</p>

<p>What would you suggest will make for a better endorser for a consultant: a client or a supervisor, considering both know the applicant really well.</p>	<p>As you know, this is definitely your decision to make. However, we hope the advice in this blog might help you! http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/do-this-not-that-letters-of-reference</p>
<p>Also, another question, can I be a part of the consulting club before joining the School?</p> <p>Is Tuck again going to include the early action round for the applications starting next year?</p>	<p>You have to be a matriculated student in order to be part of a club. That said, you can reach out to club leaders now, as you continue your research of the school. As of now, there are no plans of going back to the earlier format in terms of rounds.</p>
<p>I know that the elective courses are categorized under several headings. Are these considered majors or specializations? Example: would the degree conferred say "MBA in Finance/Marketing" etc.? Followup question - Will international students be eligible for an additional 2 years of OPT under any of these majors?</p>	<p>Tuck offers a two-year full-time general management degree and not any specializations. You can take all the electives you want to become more knowledgeable in a specific area, but you'll still get a general management degree.</p>
<p>I intend to work in the healthcare industry post MBA and have been researching on the opportunities at Tuck to build my expertise in the sector. I was wondering if students at Tuck business school can also access resources/ collaborate with students at Geisel school of Medicine?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>Can I continue learning Japanese at Tuck?</p>	<p>You should feel free to have continuous interactions with your Japanese classmates at Tuck; and there are a few courses you can choose to take across the Dartmouth campus as an enrolled student at Tuck.</p>
<p>Can we have our resume and score evaluated to understand our fit for the Tuck class, before formally applying?</p>	<p>We are unable to comment on your candidacy based simply on a resume and a score. You're much more than that and the application allows us to understand you as an individual beyond just the numbers.</p>

<p>How is the decision regarding on campus accommodation for students made? Is there a specific criteria for international students?</p>	<p>Housing is an important part of the Tuck experience! More than 1/2 of first year students live in campus housing: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/life-at-tuck/housing-options. Remember that many first year students, especially families, voluntarily choose not to live on campus, so there are very few students who want to live on campus but do not. In the T'20 class, I believe there are zero international students who wanted to live on campus but could not secure a place.</p>
<p>Based on previous years, what percent of international applicants are invited to interview?</p>	<p>It varies by year - anywhere between a third and half I'd say.</p>
<p>Hi, my graduation degree followed the percentage system, what acceptable scale should I use to convert my percentage to CGPA?</p>	<p>Hi, we ask that you report GPAs as they are reported on your transcript.</p>
<p>Hi, thank you for taking the time to chat with us. I have over 5 years of work experience. My question is will Tuck view current unemployment in a negative manner? Should this be addressed in the optional essay?</p>	<p>The job market is fluid and dynamic, and periods of unemployment are often a result of this dynamism in the economy. We will ask you to explain gaps in your employment. As with job transitions, we will be considering the reasons why you were unemployed, and what you chose to do with your employment gap. We enroll students each year who honestly and thoughtfully explained the valid reasons behind a period of unemployment.</p>
<p>What is the main theme on which MBA at Tuck is based on?</p>	<p>Our mission at the Tuck School is educate wise leaders who better the world of business: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/about/mission-vision-strategy. If you aspire to wise leadership, then the Tuck MBA is a great place for you to grow your core aptitudes of wisdom: confident humility, empathy, and judgment.</p>
<p>Hi, Suppose my direct have superannuated and I don't want to approach my new supervisor for recommendation. So will Tuck accept recommendations from retired supervisors from their personal email ID's?</p>	<p>Hi, we understand getting a reference from a direct supervisor could prove difficult. Please reference this blog for details; http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/do-this-not-that-letters-of-reference Also-remember, you may detail this concern (or more specifically concern over a personal email address) in the optional essay.</p>

<p>For folks looking to continue in the same field immediately post MBA but with a different focus area, is the motivation on "Why MBA" diluted. In other words, I am looking to obviously fill quite a few gaps, contribute extensively, gain a network and work towards the new focus area in the short term. Is it viewed realtively negatively as compared to folks who are looking to switch industries?</p>	<p>The world needs wise leaders in all industries. If you have already found the industry where you can contribute wise leadership, you are very welcome at Tuck. You are at no disadvantage in the admissions process whatsoever - tell us the reasons how the Tuck MBA helps you grow and develop within your same industry.</p>
<p>I've heard a lot about the typical Indian male applicant, with an IT background and a high GMAT score. Can you share some examples of applicants who are breaking that mold of a stereotype Indian candidate?</p>	<p>In the T'20 class alone, we have Indian students who worked in energy, mining, finance, healthcare, technology, investment banking, education, and other non-profit before Tuck. Our Indian T'20s studied electronics, engineering, computer science, architecture, economics, business, biology, and pharmacy at university.</p>
<p>Hello-Thank you for taking the time out to answer questions. I would like to know how does Tuck look at older applicants with around 9 years of experience? What % of the class falls in this category?</p>	<p>There is no minimum or maximum amount of work experience. Typically our range is a low of 2 years of experience, and a max usually in the 12-15 year range. I do not have a distribution, but I can tell you that many of our strongest contributors at Tuck are those who have a rich and robust work history before enrolling.</p>
<p>Can partners accompanying a candidate work while their stay in the US?</p>	<p>This will depend on your partner's work authorization status. If your partner is authorized to work, Dartmouth College and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center hire many partners to work in the area.</p>
<p>Hello, Thanks for organizing the chat. I am a Round 2 applicant and will be doing my applicant initiated interview in January. If my schedule permits, I am planning on doing a campus visit (without interview) prior to learn more about the Tuck community. Are applicants allowed to visit twice, given this is a busy time as interviews are ongoing? Thanks much!</p>	<p>Yes, you may visit as many times as you like! But you may only interview once per year.</p>
<p>Does Tuck categorize all International students in one bucket or classify them further in country specific buckets for the purpose of recruitment ?</p>	<p>We have no "buckets" in our evaluation process. All students are in one applicant pool. If we have more strong international students apply, we will admit more international students. If we have more strong Indian applicants apply from this chat, we will admit more of you!</p>

<p>What areas have been given more focus in the recent core curriculum review?</p>	<p>We recently interviewed Phil Stocken, our faculty member who is chair of the review: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/news/articles/coming-soon-an-enhanced-core-curriculum-for-the-tuck-mba. We expect the results of the review will feature a greater emphasis on digital analytics, and more intentionality around giving the proper amount of space for recruiting. As our Dean Matt Slaughter says, our curricular focus need to be digital, social, and global, and the curriculum needs to be both timely and timeless.</p>
<p>Could you please describe the kind of accomplishments that you typically observe in the pool of admitted students with 5-6 years of experience at the time of application? Does the adcom look at the job shift say after 2 years at a firm negatively?</p>	<p>Accomplishments will vary greatly by industry and company. Please know that we appreciate and recognize that accomplishments look different in banking, consulting, tech, non-profit, etc., and evaluate accordingly. The job market is dynamic and we see many candidates who transition jobs after 2 years, and sometimes even less. We will be interested in why you made the shift, which we ask in our application. We will ask ourselves - were you thoughtful about the decision to switch jobs?</p>
<p>I know that the interview process at Tuck is self initiated and happens during a campus visit, but it's quite difficult for me to visit Tuck considering travelling from India at specific dates. Is it possible for me to self initiate an interview through Skype or something?</p>	<p>Hi, applicant-initiated interviews are only held on-campus in Hanover.</p>
<p>Hi,</p> <p>First of all thanks for conducting this session. I'd appreciate if you may please address my question below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Me and my wife wish to visit Tuck, but we're having issues in obtaining the Visas. Is there any support from Tuck in such case? 2. If we do get the Visa in our next appointment, then in that case, in order to be respectful for student's time, when would you suggest is the best time to visit Tuck considering that I'm applying in Round 2? <p>Thanks and Regards.</p>	<p>I am sorry to say that Tuck cannot sponsor visas to visit campus. We will provide support and guidance to admitted students in securing the visa you need to study here. If you plan to apply in Round 2, I recommend visiting before February 1, so that you can also have your interview while you are here on campus. http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/important-dates</p>

<p>At Tuck, what opportunities are present for a candidate to change his sector and function of work?</p>	<p>The Career Development Office works individually with each student, and they are excited to support career switchers! Your classmates, faculty, and highly accessible and responsive alumni are also resources for you. If you are switching careers, we will look at your application short answers to understand how you arrived at your goals.</p>
<p>In case we registered for a Tuck event, but were not able to attend due to unavoidable reasons, does it cast a negative light on our applications? Do you recommend we get in touch with the admissions team to clear things up?</p>	<p>That should not be necessary. However, you may cancel your registration if you know in advance!</p>
<p>Luke, thank you for answering my question. I have an application related query as well. My recommenders have never recommended anyone for MBA. I am working with a department in Indian government and seldom do people in my profile pursue MBA. So, both my recommenders would be recommending somebody for the first time. What should I tell them about answering the recommendation questions? Any tips for them? Or, will it be possible to put them in contact with you so that they can clear any doubts they have. Also, will I be at a disadvantage if my recommendations are not very elegant (like those coming from recommenders working in the likes of MBB or other top international firms)?</p>	<p>There are details in this blog re: preparing recommenders! http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/do-this-not-that-letters-of-reference</p>
<p>Being in India I'll not be able to travel US for on-campus interviews, is there some disadvantage to me as compared to someone maybe US national who go and book an interview on tuck campus?</p>	<p>There is absolutely no disadvantage to you. This is very important to me. Many of you have neither the time, the finances, or the visa to be able to visit campus. I am happy to say that the admission rate for those who interview on campus and those who interview virtually at our request is identical.</p>
<p>How does a master's degree in engineering/research affects one's candidature for Tuck's MBA?</p>	<p>Additional graduate coursework can be a great example of the "smart" criteria. We will look at how you performed academically within the program.</p>
<p>I'm aware that Tuck has a case-study based curriculum. Could you shed some light on the advantages of case-study vs a mixed approach?</p>	<p>It's a different approach to learning where you're not simply learning from the professor, but from your classmates who are all contributing to the class discussion on the basis of their past experiences. Classroom contributions and study group discussions form a major part of the learning in this case.</p>

<p>Hi Luke, Sudershan and Sarah. Thank you so much for organizing this session. It is extremely useful in securing targeted information about Tuck. Could you please tell us the professional diversity at Tuck and how is an application from a candidate coming from a non-conventional profession evaluated? Thank you.</p>	<p>My colleagues and I don't see the professional world in terms of "traditional" and "non-traditional." We believe that wise leadership is necessary in every industry and every organization. You are at no disadvantage coming from an industry that may be less represented historically in MBA programs - in fact, you may have the best case for why an MBA is necessary to elevate wise leadership in your line of work. We will look for thoughtfulness and awareness in your short answers about your short and long term goals, how you arrived at those goals, and how Tuck helps. http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/tuck-admissions-insights-your-short-answer-responses</p>
<p>Is an applicant initiated interview mandatory for a prospective applicant to get a call-up for the admissions interview?</p>	<p>Hi, There are two paths to an interview: - You elect to interview by self-scheduling an interview and coming to campus (the applicant-initiated interview), or - You are invited by the Admissions Committee after an initial review of your application (the committee-initiated invitational interview). You only get 1 interview for the application cycle.</p>
<p>How important are extra curricular activities or volunteer experiences?</p>	<p>It's not about how important they are - it's more an opportunity for you to showcase different aspects of your personality.</p>
<p>Does clearing all 3 levels of CFA add any weightage to the application?</p>	<p>It certainly embellishes your quant skills! There's no formulaic approach in terms of weights to different parts of the application.</p>
<p>Would the reputation/ranking of my undergrad university be a factor in the "smart" criterion of the application?</p>	<p>Academic performance matters when evaluating "Smart" - where you do it from matters less so.</p>
<p>How satisfied are the students with the curriculum once they are graduated?</p>	<p>The answer to that lies in the giving rate from Tuck alums which is the highest among top business schools.</p>

<p>How satisfied are the recent alums who graduated from Tuck about the curriculum and does Tuck seek input or feedback on improving the curriculum?</p>	<p>Satisfaction is a difficult metric to comment on due to its subjectivity, but the greatest reflection of alumni satisfaction to me is that 2/3 of our alumni donate to Tuck - this remains far and away the highest percentage among all top business schools. Students have been an integral part in our efforts this year to review and revise our core curriculum: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/news/articles/coming-soon-an-enhanced-core-curriculum-for-the-tuck-mba</p>
<p>Do reapplicants need to submit 2 LoRs as well? Can they be different from last year?</p>	<p>Reapplicants who applied last year need to submit only one new LOR, which we ask comes from a reference who was not one of your two references last year. Reapplicants who applied at least two years ago will need to submit two LORs.</p>