

## Tuck Q&A for Indian Applicants

<p><b>What are the chances for an Indian to secure a job in US itself after completing an MBA from Tuck?</b></p>	<p>The chances are dependent on how one performs in the interview, how you're able to network, etc. It's similar for all international students.</p>
<p><b>Hello Suds, Sarah and everybody else! Tuck "educates wise leaders to better the world of business". With respect to this, what would you say separates a potential Tuckie from the rest of applicant pool vis a vis India and the rest of the world? Thank you.</b></p>	<p>A Tuckie is a Tuckie, irrespective of which part of the world they're from. We look for people who have empathy, confident humility, and judgment in all of the applicants.</p>
<p><b>Hello Sarah and Suds....How does Tuck value diversity in their campus? What all opportunities are their for Indian students?</b></p>	<p>It's truly a student-driven campus. Students, be they Indian or from any other country, are involved in all activities and initiatives. So yes, grab the opportunities and make your impact in the community!</p>
<p><b>Are you seeing a decrease in the number of companies sponsoring international students?</b></p>	<p>The recruiting outcomes haven't really changed all that much in the past year.</p>
<p><b>Is CA articleship considered as a work experience?</b></p>	<p>Yes. It is.</p>
<p><b>Hi, pls can you clarify on the minimum gmat requirement for an Indian applicant with international experience from HR background?</b></p>	<p>Our application review process is truly holistic and we have no minimum GMAT requirement. We want you to apply with your strongest possible application and let the Admissions Committee do its job of evaluating the material.</p>
<p><b>Hey Suds, first off I would like to thank you for taking the time to do this chat today. My first question is, even though Tuck does not have a specific focus for public policy in the MBA program and generally adheres to a general management approach, what type of focus is put on public policy at Tuck and how have students been able to integrate the MBA curriculum with a public policy focus.</b></p>	<p>All public policy and social discussions take place under the auspices of the Center for Business, Government, and Society (CBGS). There are any number of opportunities to engage with business and political leaders that visit Tuck under this umbrella. If you're looking specifically for a public policy degree alongside an MBA, we have the dual degree program with HKS that you can explore.</p>
<p><b>Hello. With the upcoming rule on the minimum salary to be offered for an H1 visa to be granted, what are the odds of an Indian student to secure a job more than the capped amount so as to be eligible? Considering a lot of cost is incurred in the MBA programme, one would need to work in the States itself. Why would the companies not prefer Americans over Indians?</b></p>	<p>As mentioned earlier, the recruiting outcomes haven't really been any different this year.</p>
<p><b>What's the one piece of advice you would give Indian students considering its such a competitive pool and often disregarded as most of us are from a similar engineering background?</b></p>	<p>The pool being competitive does not mean any application will be disregarded. Every application deserves and will receive a thorough review by the Admissions Committee.</p>

<p><b>Hi Suds, Sarah! I wanted to know what Tuck means when you say the early action offer of admission is "non-binding".</b></p>	<p>It means precisely that it's non-binding. We need you to pay a deposit to confirm your seat in the class, but we won't hold you to it if you decide to forego your deposit later on.</p>
<p><b>What is the ROI of Tuck? Does Tuck offer any Phd program?</b></p>	<p>Tuck offers only the 2-year MBA program and nothing else. No other flavor of the MBA, no other degree.</p>
<p><b>Hello Sarah and Suds-I have 2 questions. How do you look at applicants who have a mix of corporate and family business work ex? What is the upper limit for work ex? Is 10 years too much?</b></p>	<p>Rather than focus on the number of years, you should think about the quality of the experience and the impact you've had based on the work you have done. Corporate + family business experience is perfectly fine, just as any other experience.</p>
<p><b>Thanks for the previous answer, Suds. Almost every B school emphasises on diversity. How would you say Tuck's approach to diversity, that of nationality/industry/function, differs from the rest of the schools?</b></p>	<p>A third of our class is international, a higher percentage than that is women - for specific breakdown of the class, please look up the website. We absolutely value diverse opinions and indeed, require that kind of interactions in the classroom and outside. It's these interactions that ultimately enrich the overall Tuck experience for the entire class.</p>
<p><b>Hi Sarah and Suds! Thank you for doing this, greatly appreciated. Is it true that applicants with Indian passports are often required to have higher GMATs to be competitive in part due to the higher number of applications you receive from Indian nationals?</b></p>	<p>There's no expectation that Indian applicants have higher GMATs. It's another thing that Indian applicants take GMAT very seriously and do not want to rest until they feel like they aced it!</p>
<p><b>Hi, How important is it for admission, to have prior international experience?</b></p>	<p>Prior international experience is great to have, so you're able to appreciate the very different backgrounds and cultures your classmates have, but not having it does not preclude you from being considered as a compelling candidate if you demonstrate that you're able to plug in seamlessly into as diverse a community as Tuck and hit the ground running in terms of being an excellent addition to your class.</p>
<p><b>Hi Sarah, What are the prospects for MBA students with HR background at Tuck?</b></p>	<p>Students at Tuck are derived from varied backgrounds and they thrive in the close-knit community the school is known for. HR background is perfectly fine to have!</p>
<p><b>Does Tuck prefer the GMAT over the GRE? Or is either totally fine?</b></p>	<p>Tuck accepts either the GMAT or the GRE. Either is fine/neither is preferred!</p>

<p><b>Tuck has moved from Rank 22 to 19 in 2017 and now to 16th in 2018. What do you think is the key reason behind this?</b></p>	<p>Rankings shouldn't drive your decision. I strongly suggest you dive deeper into what the program means for you, whether it's a place you see yourself thriving, and how you're able to take advantage of everything the school has to offer, and then take it from there.</p>
<p><b>Thanks Sarah for making this happen... Suds, how important do you think is the brand one's associated with while (or before) applying to Tuck? Does it have any bearing on the admissions decisions? Eg. being employed at Google vs a Start-up...etc.</b></p>	<p>I'd like to turn the question on its head. The brand isn't really the company you're associated with or the college you graduated from. The brand is you. Do you have what it takes to succeed no matter what you take up? You create your own brand.</p>
<p><b>Suds and Sarah, I visited Tuck during the last fall and gave an open interview. However, I didn't submit my application inspite of completing my essays as I couldnt reach my target GMAT score. Will this hamper my admission chances when I apply in the next season?</b></p>	<p>In all likelihood, last year's interview will not count towards your future application since you never applied. The process will need to start all over again.</p>
<p><b>Whats the kind of GMAT score should I be looking at to have a competitive application?</b></p>	<p>We'll take whatever score you're happy to submit!</p>
<p><b>Hi Suds and Sarah. Thank you for facilitating this opportunity to interact. My question was, how much of an impact will a 3-4 month break in between jobs at the time of the application have on an applicant's candidacy. I have been informed that job breaks are generally not viewed very favourably.</b></p>	<p>If you can clarify what you've done during the break and the rationale for the break, the committee will definitely consider it as part of the evaluation.</p>
<p><b>Suds, having met you and a couple of Tuckies before, well I would disagree that Tuckies can be described by the 3 words - empathy, confident humility, and judgment. In my opinion there is something intangible, beyond the above 3 qualities that makes Tuck different from the 'rest'. Do you look for such qualities in your applicant pool and only give them admits or is it that the students are groomed after they join Tuck to have such unique qualities which make them good citizens of the world?</b></p>	<p>I appreciate your sentiment. It's like saying does someone have the "Googlyness." We look for people who are able to be that glue in the community, they bring people together, they're leaders in their own right, they're confident, humble, down-to-earth, easy to get along with, are willing and able to go the extra mile, help out without expecting something in return...</p>
<p><b>Will Tuck be hosting coffee chats, sample classes and information sessions in Bangalore this year? When will this schedule be available on the website?</b></p>	<p>As and when the schedule gets finalized, it'll be posted on the website. Please be sure to create your profile on the website so you'll be notified as and when the events are scheduled. Stay tuned!</p>
<p><b>When do you expect the application essays for the Class of 2021 to be out?</b></p>	<p>Should be later this summer. Stay tuned!</p>

<p><b>Hi Suds, thank you for hosting this chat. I am a waitlist candidate from EA round and was wondering when the waitlist advisors from Tuck typically reach out to provide feedback? Also, if someone hasn't reached out yet and given most waitlist decisions are processed in May, does it mean no action is required on my part?</b></p>	<p>If there are any updates at your end (job or otherwise), please feel free to share with us. No need to wait for feedback for you to take action! So don't hesitate to introspect and be proactive.</p>
<p><b>I don't mean to harp on the same string, but do you have any insights into the US/International split in terms of locations of FT offers this year as compared to the years prior? Is it possible that the number of offers extended to non-citizens remains unchanged but that the locations are increasingly in Europe/Asia?</b></p>	<p>Recruiting is still going on, so it's not feasible to answer with specific split, etc. Suffice it to say the recruiting outcomes haven't been all that different overall.</p>
<p><b>The cost of attendance mentioned on the website is per annum? Can you please give a tentative cost of entire two years? Also, what are the scholarships offered specifically to Indian students?</b></p>	<p>Please refer to the website for specific numbers - it has all the details. Scholarships are awarded competitively to admitted students in general, Indian or otherwise.</p>
<p><b>What would you suggest to someone with a weak undergraduate gpa, but a strong gmat and work-ex? Does one need to do something additional to (say) nullify the effects of a weak undergrad gpa?</b></p>	<p>Rather than think about nullifying what happened in the past, think about how you can bolster your application. Strong GMAT and work experience definitely help. Also consider taking some online courses, in case that's possible, for your own edification.</p>
<p><b>How are work ex gaps treated at Tuck? If there are two similar applicants would I be denied admission because of my gap?</b></p>	<p>Don't worry about hypothetical situations - focus on making your application the strongest it can be. As mentioned in an earlier question, explain the rationale for the gap and what you've done in the meantime and the committee will be happy to consider it.</p>
<p><b>For Early Action, are the admits rolling? i.e. Do your applications get reviewed (and decisions released) as and when they are submitted? Or are all applications reviewed only after the EA deadline and all decisions released on the same date?</b></p>	<p>All applications are reviewed after the round deadline and all decisions are released on the same date per round.</p>
<p><b>What major changes, if any, would you say are on the horizon for the Tuck MBA?</b></p>	<p>Continuous improvement is always in place based on feedback of students and alumni. The core curriculum review is currently underway to make it even stronger going forward.</p>
<p><b>To what extent (%) does the fin aid office at Tuck support the cost of tuition and living expense?</b></p>	<p>Every admitted student to Tuck gets financing without having to find a co-signer or having to mortgage any asset.</p>

<p><b>A candidate from an Audit background wants to switch over to the Marketing? How good an opportunity does Tuck provide to switch career industries?</b></p>	<p>The opportunities are always there. It boils down to the student's steadfastness in making the transition a reality. Career switching is quite common!</p>
<p><b>How much of the curriculum is Case-Based?</b></p>	<p>Almost all courses are case-based. It's the prerogative of the professor to supplement the cases with lectures.</p>
<p><b>International Experience in the sense work exp or can normal travel abroad also be counted as exposure to foreign cultures?</b></p>	<p>Many applicants discuss their personal travels as part of their international exposure.</p>
<p><b>My experience is around 10 years with a Masters in Science. Would you recommend an EMBA?</b></p>	<p>I'll leave that for you to decide. The answer is different for different people based on where they are in their professional trajectories.</p>
<p><b>I was also wondering if there is anything that can be done apart from the resume, essays, GMAT score, that can help reviewers get a good sense of me and basically help in evaluating my fit to Tuck better?</b></p>	<p>Attend Tuck events and get to know the program and the community better. Channel these learnings into your application and the interview!</p>
<p><b>Hello Suds, Thank you for giving us the opportunity to ask questions. What are the best ways to make the most out of Tuck experience and what kind of students thrive in Tuck community?</b></p>	<p>Immerse in the community and make your mark. Like I said earlier, people who are accomplished yet humble and down-to-earth, easy to engage with and are empathetic, are willing to go the extra mile without any expectation in return, are a pleasure to be with and are always looking to make a difference - these individuals make the most of the Tuck experience.</p>
<p><b>As you're aware, Tuck is one of the only schools in its league that offers a very general management-oriented curriculum. Do you think that this benefits those that have maybe 5-6 years of experience under their belt as opposed to someone with a lot less? Would love to hear your perspective on the academic side of things.</b></p>	<p>General management curriculum includes classroom-based courses, opportunities such as working on real-world projects and global immersion programs. Anyone who is motivated to gain from such a differentiated exposure will thrive in the program. We require applicants to have a minimum of two years work experience.</p>

<p><b>Hi Suds, thanks a lot for answering a constant barrage of questions. I have 2 questions too: 1) Coming with a background of planning &amp; helping run a World Bank project in India, I was really excited to read about the Center for Business, Government, and Society (CBGS) at Tuck. How does the Career Development Office facilitate networking for someone who wants to recruit for development consulting and impact investing? and 2) Based on my interactions with current &amp; alum Tuckies, I love the culture, close-knit community, rural feel, outdoorsy environment of Tuck and feel that fit becomes all the more important at Hanover. How much does candidate's previous experiences in these areas contribute while assessing the fit?</b></p>	<p>We are very holistic in application evaluation and all parts of a candidate's background are considered in making the decision. As for CDO, they're highly personalized in their approach and work with students to help them reach their career outcomes.</p>
<p><b>For a reapplicant, does the school compare the previous submissions?</b></p>	<p>We do have access to your prior application if you are a reapplicant.</p>
<p><b>Quick question about the size of the Indian community in Hanover (student or otherwise). For those of us moving to the States from Asia, it is as far from home as can be, and homesickness is something I hear friends talk about, especially around Diwali and other Indian festivals. How active is the Indian club at Tuck in terms of cultural activities? And what advice would you have for Indian students in general in that regard?</b></p>	<p>Diwali party is the largest and the most happening event in Tuck, if that helps. Indian students are an integral part of the overall community. They support each other and the broader community in every way. I haven't really heard of homesickness being an issue among students who come from other parts of the world.</p>
<p><b>How does the adcom evaluate pre-mba (pre-application) coursework? How does the EA round differ from round 2 and from round 3?</b></p>	<p>Not sure what you mean by pre-MBA coursework - assume you mean undergrad? Yes, we do consider your undergraduate academic performance. EA is more for an opportunity for the applicant to get the coveted admission and get it out of the way.</p>
<p><b>Would you say that a large number of students enter/transition into the clean/renewable/green energy sector? Does the Revers Center have a strong focus on renewables?</b></p>	<p>Yes, there's focus on renewables. How many students want to transition in, is a function of their passion and experience.</p>
<p><b>I'm a merchant navy officer with a goal to transition to the clean energy sector? With my career goals, what would you say are your program's biggest advantages? Will taking up an internship/full time work in the renewables industry prior to application reflect initiative and prove genuine interest?</b></p>	<p>How you want to demonstrate your keenness about a particular field is up to you. Suffice it to say that the school and the community rallies behind every student and enables them to reach their goals.</p>

<p><b>What are the three things that you, a former Tuckie, misses most about Tuck?</b></p>	<p>Never again in life will one have the opportunity to be surrounded by so many smart, driven, humble, and accomplished people all at once. Community. Community. Community.</p>
<p><b>In today's fast changing, high knowledge-flux world, one has to always have the right balance of irreverence and humility to be agile and always improve - what are your thoughts on this? Is high (reasonably) emotional quotient only shown through managing teams? How important is it from the lens of admissions?</b></p>	<p>Just because someone is a manager at work doesn't make that person a leader. Just because someone is a team member doesn't mean they lack leadership skills. We evaluate each application on its own merit and take decisions.</p>
<p><b>Hi Suds, as a current Product Manager I wanted to know what kind of value addition would take place at Tuck? I have been attending all Tuck sessions at Hyderabad and have always been eager to join Tuck, but got a PM role recently and wanted to know about how would that work out with Tuck MBA.</b></p>	<p>I'd like you to think about it! What will the MBA mean to you? How do you want to move forward in light of your recent promotion? Introspect and then take things forward once you decide the MBA is an appropriate next step.</p>