

Tuck Q&A for Women Applicants

<p>I am interested in investment banking or consulting. Can you share more about the OnSite Global Consulting course? Also, do many/most graduates receive offers in banking and consulting?</p>	<p>About 1/3 of the class goes into consulting, and 1/4 goes into finance, but there are so many opportunities beyond those two paths as well. Around 20% of students are going into tech. Others are going into marketing, healthcare, energy, etc. Our general management degree prepares you well for any career.</p>
<p>Hello! Will you guys be in an event in the Washington DC area in the coming months?</p>	<p>Absolutely! Watch our events page as those visits will be posted soon.</p>
<p>For applicants: What is the most important thing to remember when you are completing the application?</p>	<p>Be yourself! We really want to get to know you as a person. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers to questions. We want to hear about what makes you unique and how you will contribute to the Tuck community.</p>
<p>What kinds of services are available to students seeking a more entrepreneurial career path? What areas of the country do most alums end up following graduation?</p>	<p>Hey! Entrepreneurship is growing rapidly among Tuckies. There will be a new Entrepreneurship Initiative kicking off in the fall, there are numerous classes about entrepreneurship (thinking, design, strategy, etc.). Additionally, there is an entrepreneurship club designed to bring startup/entrepreneurial students together. Most alums do end up in Boston or NYC, but there is a growing presence of alumni in SF and the Seattle area.</p>
<p>Hi! I'd love to know if you have any classes geared towards infrastructure development especially in emerging markets.</p>	<p>Hi. Tuck has a growing presence in conversation around emerging markets. This spring I took Business of International Development and International Business Law. Courses next year include Doing Business in China and Business in the Arab Gulf States. We also had our first Emerging Markets Conference this year which we expect to grow quickly!</p>
<p>Hi Lindsey- I'm really interested in the CDS as well! Were you able to choose your research area completely on your own, or was there a selection to choose from? And, is the research independent or with a team?</p>	<p>Hi - you can select your research on your own (the CDS will help you hone your topic) and it is done independently with CDS faculty support.</p>
<p>How do students go about choosing curriculum? How easy/difficult is it to get into the classes you want to take? Is it very competitive to get into any particular classes?</p>	<p>Hi! First-years only choose classes during the spring semester, but I have gotten into every class I've wanted to take. Typically, you rank your requests for classes and the Tuck Registrar will put together schedules based on that. If you don't get a course you want, you put yourself on the waitlist. I was on a waitlist this spring for my Corporate Valuation class and am now enrolled!</p>

<p>What courses or clubs would you recommend a woman get involved with if she is interested in pursuing tech product management?</p>	<p>Hi! Great question. We have a very active Technology Club that helps students network with career opportunities. 3 of the 4 club leads for next year are women. The Center for Digital Strategies also offers first year Associate positions and Fellowships for second years.</p>
<p>Is there any academic program or class for strengthening women's leadership?</p>	<p>Hi. There are many leadership classes available here at Tuck that combine leadership lessons for all genders. Tuck's Women in Business club hosts a Women in Business Conference in which speakers address challenges and opportunities for women in business. Additionally, Tuck does a wonderful job of including male allies in the programming and professors often host discussions to address women's leadership and communication.</p>
<p>Curious to hear a woman's perspective on going to a school in a remote area. I'm a single woman and am apply to start business school when I'm 30.</p>	<p>Hi, great question! Most people here lived in cities before coming to Tuck. I have found that while Hanover is a small town, you do not feel isolated. More than 250 first-year students will be brand new to the area and want to make friends! Sometimes I feel my social calendar is more packed now than it was before enrolling here. It's also a great opportunity to try something new - most people will not be living in a more rural area again after Tuck. That being said if you want access to cities, it is certainly available. The Dartmouth Coach runs on the hour to NYC and Boston. Tuckies also coordinate rides separately and find it very easy to go back and forth. Hope this helps!</p>
<p>Are there any specific challenges or areas that you're working on improving that female students face at Tuck that men don't?</p>	<p>Hi, thanks for joining us! I don't think women at Tuck face any more challenges than women in the real world of business. That being said, men at Tuck are making an effort to recognize that there are biases against women in the workplace and have formed a Men as Allies group in tandem with our Women in Business club, which I think is pretty cool!</p>

<p>Can you talk a little bit about the extra curricular clubs or programs geared towards female Tuck students?</p>	<p>Hi - glad you're joining us! I'm one of the Women in Business board members and have found this club to be a great resource. We offer professional development and networking opportunities to prospective students, current students, faculty, and alumni. For example, yesterday we had a lunch with Professor Feiler, a Tuck faculty member. He shared some great tips on how women can better negotiate in the workplace. As a current student, we also have a lot of social activities that have been a great way to get to know other students! If you're interested in learning more about Women in Business, I would suggest applying to our conference this fall! The application goes live this summer and the deadline is in early September.</p>
<p>How helpful/supportive is Tuck of students who are interested in non-traditional post MBA plans (i.e. not consulting or banking)?</p>	<p>Hi, Tuck is very supportive of non-traditional plans! Of course, consulting and banking are very strong career paths for many students, but there is an increasing number of students going to startups, tech companies, and other specialized companies/roles during the summer and post-grad. The numerous clubs on campus are testament to this - for instance, just this year our class initiated the FinTech club to help students looking to go into this nontraditional path.</p>
<p>What kind of services are available at a MBA career center?</p>	<p>Hi. The Career Development Office (CDO) offers many resources for students. You will be paired with a career coach who will help you work 1-1 on your goals and recruiting tools (interview skills, resumes, and cover letters) and you can schedule time with this coach or any of the others in the center. The career center sources job opportunities and can help you connect with targeted employers if you take an off-campus recruiting path.</p>

<p>For current students: when you were looking at other business schools, what about Tuck's community set it apart? What drew you in?</p>	<p>Hi - glad you're joining us! For me, Tuck felt like a family. I'm not from the area and it was important to have people around me that were fully invested in being at Tuck. I've found that I'm continuously impressed by how thoughtful and interesting other students are. I think there's also something to be said about a small community - Tuck alumni are incredibly helpful and remain engaged with the community years after graduation. When I had questions about internships, alumni went above and beyond (some even helped me prep for interviews with their own company).</p>
<p>Hi! Thank you for the opportunity to connect to Tuck. I have heard and read a lot about Tuck, and know that its a small community. While the business world talks about networking, how would a small community help in this case?</p>	<p>Hi, great question! I have found that while Tuck is a smaller community, relationships are much deeper. As someone who went to a large undergraduate university and lived in a big city before Tuck, I have found the Tuck network to be very accessible. For example, before coming to Tuck I was exploring career opportunities and reached out to alums to set up phone chats. Not only did they respond, they went above and beyond to help me succeed. Some even helped me prep for internship interviews with their own companies!</p>
<p>Could you explain about product management and High Tech career support by Tuck Post MBA ?</p>	<p>Hi, We have a very active Technology Club that helps students network with career opportunities. 3 of the 4 club leads for next year are women. The Center for Digital Strategies also offers first year Associate positions and Fellowships for second years.</p>
<p>What courses are enjoyed the most by students?</p>	<p>Hi - we have a lot of wonderful courses and professors here. Some that come to mind immediately are Corporate Valuation, Corporate and Social Responsibility, Managerial Economics, Operations, and Communicating with Presence. Of course, there are a wide variety of courses available and different students have different preferences.</p>

<p>How does Tuck’s physical location add to the MBA experience?</p>	<p>Hi, great question! Most people here lived in cities before coming to Tuck. I have found that while Hanover is a small town, you do not feel isolated. More than 250 first-year students will be brand new to the area and want to make friends! Sometimes I feel my social calendar is more packed now than it was before enrolling here. It's also a great opportunity to try something new - most people will not be living in a more rural area again after Tuck. That being said if you want access to cities, it is certainly available. The Dartmouth Coach runs on the hour to NYC and Boston. Tuckies also coordinate rides separately and find it very easy to go back and forth. Hope this helps!</p>
<p>Hi All - thanks for answering our questions. I'm coming up to campus to visit next week. Any pieces of advice for making the most out of a campus visit?</p>	<p>Hi, great question! I would make sure to sit in on a class, talk with students, and enjoy the Upper Valley! Stop by some of the restaurants and shops downtown, walk around Occum Pond, and ask yourself if you can envision being a part of this community. Crossing my fingers that we have good weather for you!</p>
<p>Could you tell me what the course load is like at Tuck Business School, please?</p>	<p>Hi. Students typically take 12 credits per term, roughly 4 different classes. Classes differ in difficulty, based on your background, and deliverables.</p>
<p>Hi all! Lindsey, could you please speak a bit more about your fellowship with the Center for Digital Strategies? I’m interested in learning more about what type of work you’re doing and how you got involved with CDS (e.g. if there’s an application process for Associates and Fellows, etc.)</p>	<p>Hi, thanks for joining us. I got involved with the CDS as a first year Associate. Most of my time as an Associate this year was spent discussing digital challenges for businesses with fellow Associates (~20 of us). Next year as a second year Fellow I'll be conducting research on digital strategies in emerging economies and the place of startups in developing markets. Both are application based. The CDS gives you special access to speakers and guests. For instance, last week I had breakfast and dinner with an Intel AI design specialist.</p>
<p>Do you have grade based system? Or is it just get a Pass grade?</p>	<p>Hi - We do have a grade based system where students receive an H (honors), an S+, an S, low pass, or an F depending on their contribution to class and performance.</p>
<p>Hi! When will the applications for the Women in Business fall weekend at Tuck open up?</p>	<p>Hi, I'm one of the conference chairs for next year! We are still discussing specific dates, but the application will open up sometime over the summer with a deadline in early September.</p>

<p>Hi, What are the courses/electives and clubs available for someone coming from the Non-Profit Sector and is considering Non-Profit Consulting?</p>	<p>Hi, thanks for joining us! Tuck has a graduation requirement that all students take an ethics course before graduation, so there are many courses available for those looking to go into the nonprofit space. A small selection of these courses include Social Entrepreneurship, Social Impact Capital, and Corporate Responsibility. Outside of class, we have numerous nonprofit/social impact opportunities. We offer the Tuck Social Venture Fund, Business and Society Conference, Impact Investing case competitions, and Fellowships with the Center for Business, Government, & Society. If you choose to pursue a nonprofit internship over the summer, the Career Center will work with you to receive TuckGIVES funding to help you fund your summer.</p>
<p>From recruitment perspective, how challenging is it for the female candidates compared to their male counterparts?</p>	<p>Hi, women are given equal opportunity for all roles available. For instance, our banking class is 50% women, the tech club is 50% women, etc. Women are well represented and supported on campus in all activities.</p>
<p>Hi, How does Tuck help in students being able to apply the classroom learning in real world practical business scenario? And similarly for Women in Business club, say, in manufacturing sector where women are in minority at times?</p>	<p>Hi, thanks for joining us! The First Year Project is a great way to get hands on experience outside the classroom with a client. My project involves doing work for Indian Health Services (IHS) which is the government organization that provides health services to Native American tribes. Tomorrow, I'm traveling with my team to the Navajo Reservation in Chinle, Arizona. Your experience will depend largely on your interests. Some are global and require extensive travel, some are local projects in New England, some are student sourced, some are company sourced. Hope this helps!</p>
<p>Lindsey, can you talk a little more about the Emerging Markets conference? What kind of speakers did you bring in? What was the focus? Did students organize this conference? Where students from other universities invited to participate?</p>	<p>Hi - the emerging markets conference theme was "Leapfrogging the Developed World." This link - https://www.tuckemergingmarketsconference.com/ - will provide full details on speakers, themes, focus - everything! It was fully student-run and, at this point, only Tuck students attended. However, anyone is welcome to sign up and join.</p>

<p>Hi all! Can you speak tell us a little more on the projects the the CDS club works on?</p>	<p>Hi. CDS Fellows tackle all sorts of projects - the place of open-source code in corporations, how VR will transform sports viewing, whether or not AR will save retail... it's very wide! I'd encourage you to take a look at the CDS website to get a better idea of the wide variety of projects - http://digitalstrategies.tuck.dartmouth.edu/.</p>
<p>What kind of clubs, projects, and recruitment opportunities are available at Tuck for candidates coming from the tech/digital media sector?</p>	<p>Hi! If you're looking to go back into tech we have a very active Technology Club that helps students network with career opportunities. 3 of the 4 club leads for next year are women. The Center for Digital Strategies also offers first year Associate positions and Fellowships for second years.</p>
<p>I love the culture of authenticity that Tuck cultivates and promotes; while I understand by now that the Tuck community is incredibly close knit, I would love to know more about the social scene at Tuck. What are the typical activities that students engage in socially while at Tuck to further cement their relationships? What is it like living in Hanover?</p>	<p>Hi, Living in Hanover is great, and there is no shortage of things to do! It's a beautiful 80 degree day here and lots of students were out running or studying outside. In the winter, you can find us skiing at Killington!</p> <p>At Tuck, we have 4 social chairs that plan weekly events that are open to the whole school. These events, like our spring formal in Woodstock, are a great way for both classes to get to know each other. There are also many activities held by clubs each day such as a Chili cook off, wine tasting classes, and an MBA soccer tournament, that we can participate in.</p>
<p>What is the strength of your program?</p>	<p>Hi, I think the strength of Tuck is really its community and alumni network! As someone who went to a large undergraduate university and lived in a big city before Tuck, I have found the Tuck network to be very accessible. For example, before coming to Tuck I was exploring career opportunities and reached out to alums to set up phone chats. Not only did they respond, they went above and beyond to help me succeed. Some even helped me prep for internship interviews with their own companies!</p>

<p>To any of the current students, how did you decide on Tuck? Did you connect with any other female applicants before applying?</p>	<p>Hi there! I'll repeat a little bit of what I mentioned earlier. For me, Tuck felt like a family. I'm not from the area and it was important to have people around me that were fully invested in being at Tuck. I've found that I'm continuously impressed by how thoughtful and interesting other students are. I think there's also something to be said about a small community - Tuck alumni are incredibly helpful and remain engaged with the community years after graduation. When I had questions about internships, alumni went above and beyond (some even helped me prep for interviews with their own company). Another way to get a feel for the culture is to apply for our Women in Business Conference. I attended when I was a prospective student and that was what sold me on Tuck. I felt the culture was very genuine and something I could see myself being a part of. If you're interested in applying, the application goes live this summer and the deadline will be in early September. I hope you will consider coming!</p>
<p>I visited TUCK on the 10th of April 2018. I'd love to learn more about the Women in Business Conference happening sometime in October.</p>	<p>Hi there! I'm one of the co-chairs for the conference next year. We are already starting to get ready, but a lot of the details are still in the works. I can tell you that you'll have a chance to engage with students, faculty, and alumni as well as experience the Upper Valley. The application will likely go live this summer and the deadline will be in early September. I hope you will apply!</p>
<p>Hello! Nice to meet you all virtually. Could you please speak a bit about the First Year Project and your personal experiences with the program? Thank you!</p>	<p>Hi there! I'm a first-year working on my FYP now. My project involves doing work for Indian Health Services (IHS) which is the government organization that provides health services to Native American tribes. Tomorrow, I'm traveling with my team to the Navajo Reservation in Chinle, Arizona. Your experience will depend largely on your interests. Some are global and require extensive travel, some are local projects in New England, some are student sourced, some are company sourced. There's really something of interest for everyone and it's a great way to get hands on experience outside the classroom with a client.</p>

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<p>What about Tuck drew you to the program?</p>	<p>Hi there. The first year has a relatively defined core in which you take required classes across business fundamentals (econ, accounting, finance, marketing, etc.). Depending on your career and/or education experience, you can petition to opt out of core classes based on the syllabus. This requires the Dean's approval. During the spring of your first year, you can begin to select electives to compliment the spring core of Operations and Personal Leadership. The second year is fully elective based and you really can chart your own course!</p>
<p>How flexible is the curriculum? Particular for those with defined career goals and/or prior business coursework at undergraduate level.</p>	<p>Hi - Tuck actually offers a course called Design Thinking! It has a growing presence on campus and companies, including IDEO, frogdesign, and Deloitte's Design Thinking group recruit on campus.</p>
<p>Hello! Can you speak at all to the incorporation of design thinking into Tuck course work and/or projects?</p>	

<p>How does Tuck's small town location either positively or negatively impact recruiting?</p>	<p>Hi, great question! I have found that while Tuck is a smaller community, relationships are much deeper. As someone who went to a large undergraduate university and lived in a big city before Tuck, I have found the Tuck network to be very accessible. For example, before coming to Tuck I was exploring career opportunities and reached out to alums to set up phone chats. Not only did they respond, they went above and beyond to help me succeed. Some even helped me prep for internship interviews with their own companies!</p>
<p>When would campus visits commence during the upcoming fall term?</p>	<p>Hi, The applicant initiated interviews will begin August 31st.</p>
<p>Is campus housing available at Tuck?</p>	<p>Hi, yes, there are dorms available for first years and Sachem housing is available for families and those with pets.</p>
<p>How do Tuck students spend their free time (apart from classes/studying, recruiting, academic clubs, etc.) are there any unique experiences / memories you've made with your classmates?</p>	<p>Hi! We do all sorts of things - we've got a very diverse class. Personally, I love to hike, ride my bike, and explore the area. My most memorable and unique experience is the pre-term trip in Peru. The friends I made on that trip remain some of my closest friends here today.</p>
<p>Lindsey, what is one thing you wish you'd known / realized when applying to or starting at Tuck?</p>	<p>How busy I'd be! Though we're only in class ~3 hours per day 4 days per week, there are so many other things to do between group work, clubs, and social activities. I really love it and enjoy being busy and Tuck teaches you how to prioritize the things you really want to focus on.</p>
<p>What is the most important thing you have learned so far at Tuck?</p>	<p>How many opportunities are available to Tuck grads! Tuck gives you the tools to succeed in so many roles and industries.</p>
<p>Hi, Is there an upper limit to the number of courses through which one can experience international exposure through Tuck Go ?</p>	<p>I have seen several students do 2 or 3. In addition to the course work for credit, Tuck students will do a lot of independent global travel during their time at Tuck.</p>
<p>When does Tuck typically open up applicant-initiated interview slots? I don't see any available slots on the sign-up page.</p>	<p>Interview slots will be made available later in the summer. On campus interviews will begin August 31.</p>

<p>Can you talk a bit about the community for students coming to Tuck with partners/families? How integrated are partners/families in the Tuck community, and what resources are available for students and their partners/families?</p>	<p>Many participants today have asked about support for partners and families. Tuck is a fantastic place to come with a partner and/or family. They are fully integrated into the Tuck community and are considered as much a Tuckie as their student. Partners can participate in clubs and activities and even audit elective classes. There is also an active partners club as well as a "Tiny Tuckies" group.</p>
<p>What is the best way to connect w/ current/former Tuck students to hear generally about their experience via a casual/informational interview format? Reaching out personally? Or via alumni/student office?</p>	<p>On the website there is a link to Tuck Connections, where we will match you with a current student or alum to talk about their experience. You could also look at the list of student club co-chairs and reach out to someone involved in your area of interest. Links to their emails are provided on the site.</p>
<p>Hi, how does Tuck approach honing leadership skills in introvert and extrovert personalities? Also, how does Women in Business club support the same?</p>	<p>One of the key differentiators in Tuck's approach to teaching leadership is in developing students' self awareness. Classes like Personal Leadership Development have students go through a 360 evaluation and reflect on their personal strengths and weaknesses and learn how to best lead knowing what they know about themselves. In addition to the classroom, there are a multitude of ways that students can practice their leadership skills but leading clubs and conferences.</p>
<p>What percentage of the student body comes to school with a partner?</p>	<p>Roughly 30%</p>
<p>I want to change careers, transitioning from tech consulting into management consulting - how successfully are Tuck students usually able to change tracks?</p>	<p>The large majority of our students are making a career change and they are very successful.</p>
<p>Hi all! What would be the three words you all would use to describe Tuck students?</p>	<p>Three words I would use to describe my classmates are thoughtful, empathetic, and ambitious. Of course, that list is far from exhaustive :)</p>

<p>Can you talk a little about the global opportunities for Tuck students?</p>	<p>Through Tuck GO, all Tuck students are required to take at least one immersive experiential class in another country during their time at Tuck. The requirement can be satisfied in several ways. Many students will do so through Global Insight Expeditions (GIX) in which the class and a faculty member travel to a particular country/region for about 10 days for intensive learning about the area. Other students will do a global consulting project through either a global first year project or the second year elective On-site Global Consulting. During each of these, students spend time in country working with their client. Finally other students will satisfy the requirement through study abroad for one term during their second year. Students frequently do more than one international experience.</p>
<p>1. Are the scholarships for women based on merit only or also on need bases?</p>	<p>Tuck uses discretion in awarding scholarships to incoming students who will significantly contribute to Tuck's distinctly immersive learning community. We offer scholarships to enroll outstanding students who, absent funding, might not attend the Tuck School.</p>
<p>Hi all, can you share some suggestions for an applicant who has around 10 years of work experience? Thank you!</p>	<p>We admit students with a wide range of work experience. All applicants, regardless of how much or how little experience they have should address why they need the MBA and why at this point in their career. You would also want to talk about how your experiences will contribute to the Tuck community.</p>
<p>How would you recommend an applicant address a low undergraduate GPA without appearing to make excuses for poor performance? Is an excellent GMAT score enough?</p>	<p>We are looking at all indications of your academic ability, both the GMAT and GPA. If you have a low GPA and there is a reason behind it, use the optional essay to tell us about it. You are right, you don't want to come across as making excuses, but you can present the facts in a straightforward manner. Then be sure to address the ways that you demonstrate your readiness for the academic rigor at Tuck. Additionally, you might want to consider taking a class or two now to show us you can handle the work and/or demonstrate quantitative ability. Some suggestions would be financial accounting, microeconomics, statistics and/or finance.</p>

<p>Are there any scholarships at Tuck specifically geared toward women?</p>	<p>We consider all admitted students for scholarships. Each year we designate several of the women who received a scholarship as Forte Fellows. The Forte Foundation is an organization committed to bringing more women into business leadership positions. Tuck Forte Fellows typically are women who have demonstrated their commitment to Forte's mission through their engagement in women's organizations, mentoring, etc.</p>
<p>Does Tuck have a preference for the GMAT over the GRE?</p>	<p>We do not have a preference for one over the other. We recommend you take the test that you feel best demonstrates your abilities.</p>
<p>How many months or years of full time work experience is required prior to the MBA?</p>	<p>We do not have a required amount of full time experience. On average, our students have about 5 years of experience, but there is a wide range. We are looking at the quality of one's experience rather than the quantity. Typically I haven't seen anyone with less than 2 years.</p>
<p>As re-applicant, can I change my career goal? And are we expected to put something different in this year's essays?</p>	<p>We love to see reapplicants who have taken steps to strengthen their candidacy since their last application. If your goals have changed, then absolutely tell us what your new goals are. If you do, I would encourage you to explain how your goals have developed and why they have changed.</p>
<p>How does admissions prefer the format of our resumes to be? Would you like everything shortened to one page, or is there room to extend it to more than a page?</p>	<p>We would hope you can fit everything on one page.</p>
<p>Can you talk about the extent to which case based and experiential learning is used in the curriculum at Tuck? How do Tuck classes address different learning styles?</p>	<p>While some schools are 100% case based, Tuck uses a blend of teaching methods and uses the method best suited to the material. Classes are a mixture of case, lecture and experiential learning.</p>