

Tuck Q&A with First-Year Students

<p>Thank you for hosting this session.</p> <p>How do the FY Tuck students manage the hectic MBA schedule alongside recruiting activities and extra curricular activities?</p>	<p>Great question! It's definitely a lot, but you learn to manage your time and you have a lot of help. For example, my study group divides the work during the really busy weeks when there are a lot of companies on campus. Additionally, extra-curricular events are timed around your academics and recruiting schedules (as the former take priority) - if it's a busy week sometimes meetings are adjusted.</p>
<p>Hello from Fort Stewart! Did your family move with you to Tuck and if so how have they adjusted to the small atmosphere? Also, does Tuck offer housing to couples or families on campus or do all couples need to find off campus housing?</p>	<p>Hi! Yes, generally all military students here come with their families. We live in Hanover in a condo about 1 mile from campus. Sachem is the Dartmouth-sponsored housing for those with partners/children and it's about 2 miles away. My family loves it here. Ski lessons are starting, sledding at the Hanover CC, and a very tight-knit group of those of us with "Tiny Tuckies." Go to our Vets Club page and reach out later if you want.</p>
<p>Does the Tuck curriculum offer opportunities to work on projects with other departments (eg. Computer Science)? Are Tuck students allowed to take courses of interest in other departments?</p>	<p>In short - yes, Tuck students can take electives with Dartmouth including Thayer (Engineering School). For example - I am planning to take a course on Platform Design with Thayer next term.</p> <p>However, you may need to justify the need and relevance for such a course to enhance your MBA curriculum.</p>
<p>How easy is it to get hold of the Second Year students for their support around recruitment or anything else?</p>	<p>Between September and November the 2nd year students are around to do coffee chats to share their summer internship experiences. They are also around to support you in your application (i.e., reading resumes, cover letters, doing practice cases). Most clubs have a mentoring program and the CDO offers 2nd year mentors as well.</p>
<p>Hello Thanks for organising this. As a first year student... what stood out the most at Tuck?</p>	<p>How willing and eager people are to help! We have various group chats and if I ever need anything, I post it and I feel like it's a race to help me solve my problem.</p>

<p>Hi there. Thank you so much for taking out the time. I have heard from my friends that students who are not used to the American way of education have a difficult time getting good grades. Is that true? If so, how can I, a prospective Tuck student, address those challenges before I join?</p>	<p>Glad that you asked this question. As an International student at Tuck, I am happy to provide my take on your concern.</p> <p>How the system is different - it is more experiential, practical and based on classroom discussions. Though the system is different, it is not difficult to get good grades. You may need to participate well in the classroom discussion and appreciate the points raised by your classmates.</p> <p>Before you join, all you need is your curiosity, willingness to learn and ability to contribute with your experience.</p> <p>Lastly, Tuck follows a grade non-disclosure policy, so your grades are not told to the recruiters by the institute.</p>
<p>What surprised you most about life at Tuck when you got to campus?</p>	<p>The pace surprised me the most! The best advice I got coming in was to under-schedule my time. Even still, my calendar is packed with academics and social events.</p>
<p>Hi Sarah, Matt, Nirlipta and Samyak, Very nice to talk with you here! I would like to ask about the cohort format of Tuck's MBA students. How students are grouped or teamed up? Thanks!</p>	<p>Hi, I'll chime in as Matt, Nirlipta and Samyak already have a ton of questions they're answering. When you arrive at Tuck for orientation, you're assigned to a Fall study group of 5-6 people. The groups are established by our MBA Program Office (or MBAPO) and are designed to be very diverse. You'll have people from a variety of backgrounds, work experience, geographic regions, etc. in each study group. They're designed to allow you to learn from each other and teach each other. In the Winter term you're assigned to a new study group designed along the same idea. At Tuck you'll get to know and work closely with a wide variety of people right away.</p>
<p>What is an average day like at Tuck?</p>	<p>For Fall A and Fall B, you have class from 8:30 to noon (usually). After that, we usually hang out for lunch and Byrne, then it's a mix of study group meetings, club meetings, coffee/networking chats (this is dependent on you - you can do as many or as few of these as you want).</p>

<p>Hi Tuck! Thank you for your time today. My question is for the students - what made you choose Tuck for your MBA and what other institutions did you consider?</p>	<p>I chose Tuck because I wanted to go to a top school that was not in a big city and that would be a great environment for my family. Like most students here, I considered other peer schools, but no school comes close to Tuck in matching its immersive environment. Tuck is truly a 24/7 experience. No one hangs out with their former colleagues or goes to other social events in the evenings/weekend. The Tuck community includes partners, kids, students and all are welcome and encouraged to attend all the events. I loved how welcoming people here were to my wife and kids.</p>
<p>To those who live off campus (e.g. Sachem Village) - what has your experience been with building relationships with your fellow Tuckies that live on-campus?</p>	<p>Building relationships with on-campus students is very easy because everyone spends so much time on campus (even if you live at Sachem or elsewhere). Fall A/B academics keep us close with our sections and study groups, and the whole Tuck community attends the various social events. Sachem definitely has its own sub-culture (so do the dormies!), but there's definitely no divide or lack of connection based on where you live.</p>
<p>Hello All! Why did you apply to Tuck? And now that you've gotten through your first semester, did that reason line up with what you experienced?</p>	<p>I wanted a small school where I knew I'd leave making life-long friends. I also wanted a school without too many other programs (i.e., part-time, EMBA, online, etc.) because I personally felt like it would dilute the attention I would get as a full-time MBA student from professors + career coaches. After my first semester, I definitely felt like I made the right choice from that perspective - we're all a pretty close knit group and I feel like I can approach professors anytime or go to the career development office with any questions (I booked a 15 min appointment day of with a career coach). I came from a STEM background as well so I also wanted a school that did case studies in class vs. all lecture - have not been disappointed in that regard!</p>

<p>Could you please share your experience with (Global) First-Year Project? is it competitive to get into projects in "preferred" locations or companies? Is there a language requirement for projects outside of the US? Thank you for your time!</p>	<p>Hi! All of our students here are first-year students who have yet to do the First-Year Project (FYP). They'll start FYP in the Spring term. You'll be able to articulate your FYP preferences but aren't necessarily going to get your first choice. Each project may require different things, and if the project primarily operates in another non-English speaking country, it would be helpful for the team to have a native speaker if possible. However the entire team doesn't need to know that particular language.</p>
<p>What has been your favorite part of your first year so far?</p>	<p>Playing hockey! Tripod hockey (2 legs plus stick = 3 points of contact!) is a HUGE tradition at Tuck. Over 200 people play including 1st and 2nd year students and partners. Experience levels range from "I've never seen ice" to multiple-time Canadian Olympic Gold Medalist (T'19). It's so fun!!</p>
<p>Hello! Thanks for hosting and congrats on finishing your Fall B term. Which has been your favorite class so far?</p>	<p>Oh that's a hard one. I personally enjoyed Statistics for Managers - the class was interesting (+ very useful if you're interested in marketing), and the professor was awesome (he brought humor into statistics which is saying something).</p>
<p>Hi All, Thanks for your time first of all! Samyak, as someone coming from outside the US to Tuck, what have you found particularly challenging and rewarding about the transition and the culture at Tuck?</p>	<p>That's a fascinating question.</p> <p>My Fall term has been full of surprises. There are a bunch of activities going on during first-year including get-togethers, study group meetings, recruiting, networking events and parties :) Initially, I found it challenging to manage my time across these activities. I felt like I had to overcome the "fear of missing out", and most importantly, learn to prioritize. The good part is that you can learn the skill to manage your time effectively and focus on WHAT MATTERS TO YOU THE MOST.</p> <p>To answer your second question, most rewarding aspect has been the support I received from second years. They were my go-to people for any personal or academic concerns. Specifically - I will not forget a second year who helped me plan conferences and guided me on my interviews for consulting.</p>

<p>Can you help with the pedagogy and your experiences so far coursewise.</p> <p>Also would be great to know the most active clubs on campus - both professional and sports.</p>	<p>All professional clubs are very active (consulting, PE, IB, etc). They have a great mentorship component from our 2nd years. Sports: Tripod Hockey is played by around 200 people. Our soccer team just won the MBA championship (so did our A Hockey Team). Rugby is popular, we just started a rowing club.</p>
<p>Hi Matt.. How was it to move with a family of 2 kids? How did the Tuck community help in settling in?</p>	<p>Hi. A big reason I chose Tuck was seeing how supportive everyone was of my family. The Tuck MBA Program Office (MBAPO) is an amazing group of people who are here to make sure the “experience” is awesome for students and their families. We’ve moved several times before, and this was easy particularly because of all the support we got from the school.</p>
<p>Do re-applicants have to provide 2 recommendations?</p>	<p>If you applied last year between July and April, we require only one new LOR from a new reference.</p>
<p>Hi! Thank you for taking the time to chat today. Can you please tell us about the student government's involvement with shaping and evolving Tuck's culture of community?</p>	<p>They are involved in every aspect of the Tuck culture + community. They organize social events, connect with faculty and deans around painpoints the greater student body may be having, and allow us to voice our opinions on what we think can be improved (i.e., we recently had a board where we could give food ideas for the cafeteria).</p>
<p>Thanks everyone for taking the time to speak with us! I have more of a general question for the group - What made Tuck stand out to you compared with other business schools when applying, and has your experience been what you expected?</p>	<p>In my research and after talking to multiple friends at peer schools, I think Tuck is the most immersive b-school experience. I said earlier that Tuck is a 24/7 experience and I’m not convinced that any other top school is on the same level. Tuck also stands out in their alumni engagement and support. We have an unbelievably responsive alumni network who are not only willing, but seek opportunities, to help out current and prospective Tuckies. Test me – email a Tuck alumni and see what happens.</p>

<p>Hi! Can you talk a little bit about the community at Tuck?</p>	<p>The Tuck community includes students, partners, tiny tuckies, faculty, staff, pets, you name it! I love that all social events here are inclusive (and widely attended by) all members of the Tuck community. I don't believe that happens at other schools, at least not to the extent that it does here. There is a saying that partners and kids have more fun here than students (and we have plenty of fun!). Several of us are trying to convince our partners to apply to Tuck in the hopes that we can become Tuck Partners (TPs) and stay in Hanover an extra year or 2!!</p>
<p>Can you speak a bit about the balance of career development activities (i.e. searching for summer internship) and academic coursework over the course of the Fall A and Fall B semesters at Tuck?</p>	<p>I was floored at the quality of the content of the core and especially the professors. Profs are so engaging, knowledgeable and great teachers. At the undergrad, most profs cared about their research first, but here they care about teaching as the top priority. I have also been really impressed at how the core classes tie into each other (i.e. a Decision Science lab that addresses the topics we are covering in Capital Markets). Also they just re-vamped the core within the last week. Look at the new Tuck Academic Calendar for details.</p>
<p>Hi All! Thanks for taking the time today! I just wanted to ask how you found the core classes - how engaging, difficult, useful was it for you and did you enjoy it?</p>	<p>Core curriculum is amazing! That's a big reason recruiters love Tuckies - they know exactly what they are getting out of their interns and future hires.</p>

<p>When did recruiting activities start and what resources did Tuck provide to help you get the interviews you wanted and be prepared for them?</p>	<p>Timeline of recruiting activities depends on the company/industry you are interested in. Consulting and Investment Banking firms start conducting presentations starting mid to late August. Tech, Marketing, and General Management firms start the briefings and presentations by September.</p> <p>Resume drop deadlines for the on-campus opportunities are around November and December for some firms.</p> <p>Resources include Clubs, Second-years, Centers and, most importantly, Career Development Office (CDO). Both CDO and Clubs organize industry-specific sessions and workshops. For example Consulting Club assigned a second-year mentor for case practice, Technology Club conducted AMA sessions, and Finance Club held workshops.</p> <p>After our fall break, CDO is organizing one full day of activities to prepare us for our interviews starting January :)</p>
<p>Do most students live on campus or off campus?</p>	<p>Hi - A little over half of our first-year students live on campus, plus some students with partners and families who live in Dartmouth-owned housing a little ways off campus (Sachem Village). All second years live off campus. There are lots of housing opportunities within walking distance or a short drive to campus.</p>
<p>HELLO EVERYONE! PLEASE TO MEET YOU. WHAT MAKES HANOVER A SPECIAL TOWN TO LIVE IN? CONSIDERING THE BELOW CELCIOUS TEMPERATURES. I'M USED TO HOT WEATHER SO I'M A LITTLE AFRAID THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO ADAPT SO QUICKLY. THANK YOU!</p>	<p>I grew up in Phoenix and then lived the lasts 9 of 11 years in San Diego! You'll be good here! Hanover is a really amazing town. It is definitely not Boston or NYC, but that's a pro. It's super safe, has a walkable downtown and it's only 20 minutes from the Dartmouth Skiway!</p>

<p>Nirlipta, how soon does recruitment for tech start once at Tuck? Do you find opportunities through on campus recruitment?</p>	<p>Depends on the type of tech you're interested in. If it's big tech (i.e., Google, Amazon, Microsoft) it starts within the first couple of months with the application deadlines in December. There are also other companies (i.e., Tesla) that have job postings on our recruiting site but aren't necessarily on-campus (as in, you apply on an external link and they'll handle the interview process should you get selected). If you're interested in start-ups, those usually don't come until the spring, but I know people who have started their networking now.</p>
<p>Hello, and thanks for doing this! I am currently a software engineer, and I was wondering if you see many people with my background, as well as what careers they typically aim for. Further, what kind of resources have been available to you that would help round out someone like me, with limited experience in managing others in an official, professional capacity?</p>	<p>There are many people from engineering background. I am an electrical engineer by training and worked on software platforms for banking and financial services. Tuck loves diversity, and I believe engineers do bring a lot to the table in terms of industry perspective and quantitative knowledge.</p> <p>There are a bunch of resources and centers which help people like us to build business knowledge. Management Communications course helped me improve on my presentation and speaking skills. Another class, Strategic Leadership helped me develop a leadership sense.</p> <p>You must also check out 'Centre for Digital Strategies' and 'Center for Entrepreneurship'.</p>
<p>Hi! My background is in English teaching, but I have recently switched to a role in content marketing. I'm considering an MBA, but don't know if my English background is the best fit for an MBA program. What do you think?</p>	<p>We have students with diverse experience and backgrounds. You don't have to be from a certain educational or work background. What's important is that you understand the value of the MBA and how it relates to your career goals. It's also helpful to have a background in quantitative courses or work, but that's also something you can build up for yourself. Consider taking an accounting class, or statistics, or finance. Not only will it help you prepare for the rigor of the classroom, it may also add perspective and insight into your current job. For some context, we have several students who come from education jobs and non-business majors.</p>

<p>What motivated you to choose Tuck over other MBA programs? (unique aspects that attracted you or drove decision)</p>	<p>For me the biggest factor was the close-knit community and general management focus of the program. Having lived in a big international city for 4 years, I wanted a true tranformational experience without getting lost in a big city.</p>
<p>Hi All!</p> <p>I'll be 34 next fall so I'm wondering how age affects the dynamics of the classes and interactions. How easy will it be for me to "fit in"?</p>	<p>There's no age restrictions on either end of the spectrum at Tuck. The questions are what's your experience, how will you enrich the classroom and community, and how will Tuck enrich you and help you in your goals? Students come in with a variety of experience levels and all can learn from each other - that's what we refer to as confident humility. The key thing to being successful at Tuck, both in the classroom and community, is to engage. Partner with your classmates, faculty, and others to build dialog, opportunities, and learning. You can get involved in a lot of things, or go deep in one area - for example, health care. Because this is a place where people immerse themselves and get to know each other, "fitting in" is up to each individual and they'll find a fertile environment to jump in. I'll challenge you to not just think about fitting in, but standing out and leaving a legacy to the community and your class.</p>
<p>Thanks for this session! Can you talk a little about Tuck's access to professors and faculty outside of the classroom (how accessible, situations when you've met 1-on-1, etc.)?</p>	<p>Faculty are here to teach and be accessible to the students. I frequently speak with every professor that I've had and they know me. It's normal to chat with them before and after class, they all schedule small-group lunches and dinners that you can sign up for, and are here for you.</p>
<p>Thank you for making the time post finals! What has been your favorite class so far?</p>	<p>Decision Science. It's really hard for me, but I've gone from being an Excel novice to being able to make a decent quantitiave model based on a business probelm.</p>
<p>Hi all, thank you for hosting this session! I am a CFA with 8 years of international experience in investment banking and general management across Singapore, Mumbai and London. I see Tuck has a very collaborative community and that's one of my prime focus in chosing the right fit of an MBA program for myself. Appreciate if you share some examples from the campus where students have collaborated and worked together to help each other succeed. Thanks</p>	<p>Best example I could think of collaboration is the help and motivation I have received from peers and second years for recruiting preparation. Few second years went a step ahead to review my resume and cover letters. Since Fall term is over, I have scheduled mock interviews with my classmates. I LOVE the feedback from my classmates and their genuine contribution to help me succeed.</p>

<p>Can you please share your experience on financing mba (loan and scholarship).</p>	<p>Hi, I was easily able to get a loan through Discover. There are some other loan opportunities also available. Please contact Tuck's finaid team.</p>
<p>Hello everyone. Thank you for hosting this session. Can you elaborate on the Tuck Centers (specifically the Center for Entrepreneurship)? And how students can best leverage these services to develop their knowledge, skills and pathways to post-MBA success? Thank you!</p>	<p>Center for Ent. has been really helpful for me so far (Daniella is awesome!). If you want to get experience working at a startup, you can leverage a few programs they have. i.e., 'Early-stage startup program' connects you with early-stage startups to work with on a project through the semester. If you want to be a founder or have an idea, you can work with the center to figure out how you can best go about it (whether it's connecting with the Dartmouth Entrepreneurship Network or doing a eFYP in your second year).</p>
<p>As an international applicant, is there anything you wish you had known at the outset of the application process that you learned once at Tuck?</p>	<p>Having lived in India and Singapore, I wish I had visited Tuck during the admissions process. I came to the US for the first time in August this year to join the school. I was pleasantly surprised by the warmth of people at Tuck and Hanover in general. If you could, please take advantage of applicant initiated interviews :) It's an excellent opportunity to know the school.</p>
<p>Tuck often mentions its collaborative community and describes its location as a benefit rather than not. Can you please specify (maybe through an example or 2) how does Tuck's collaborative community support its students? Thanks!</p>	<p>We rely on study groups more than most peer schools. It would be impossible to pass the Fall term without the support and collaboration of your peers. I can think of many days where my classmates shared their expertise with me and spent time teaching me a skill that they had to help me be a better student.</p>
<p>Hello & thank you for your time today! I am curious to learn more about your favorite aspects of living in Hanover and how that environment contributes to your learning.</p>	<p>Hanover is a really cool town that is essentially populated by those affiliated with Dartmouth and the Dartmouth Medical Center. It has a cool little downtown and has a very personal, small-community feel to it.</p>
<p>I wanted to know about the life for international students adapting to Tuck and the community.</p>	<p>My close friend Keerthi (T20) wrote a blog post on life of International Students at Tuck. Please read here - http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/the-international-tuck-experience</p>
<p>Hello from Capitol Hill! I'm interested in pursuing healthcare - what opportunities are there to interact with students at the Medical School on projects or ventures?</p>	<p>There are medical students who are dual degrees so they will be in your classes and part of your study groups. Also, the Healthcare Initiative sends out emails on speakers at Tuck (in the healthcare industry) and in the other graduate school (esp public health related).</p>

<p>What has been your favorite extracurricular activity/Tuck related event so far?</p>	<p>It has to be SECTION WARS in which 4 sections compete on variety of activities :) It is a 4 day event and most exciting time of FALL B!!</p>
<p>How is the housing allocated?</p>	<p>On-campus and Sagem Village (Dartmouth-owned) housing are all lottery systems. First-years have the option to join the lottery to live in on-campus residence halls. Both first- and second-years can join the Sagem Village lotteries.</p>
<p>Hello! Thank you for taking the time to host this session for us! How important are student initiated interviews on campus and would you recommend that a student from out of state or country visit Tuck?</p>	<p>We encourage you to visit us in Hanover to interview, tour our campus, have lunch with our students, and talk with one of our admissions officers. Admissions interviews are a key way for us to understand how you, as a candidate, demonstrate these qualities. Your interview gives us a more complete picture of who you are, how you'll enrich our community, and how our program will help you thrive. While not required to apply, all applicants admitted to Tuck will have had an interview prior to an admissions offer.</p>
<p>I'd love to hear more about the consulting recruiting process. Have you found the resources provided by the Tuck Consulting Club and Tuck's Career Center / Coaches helpful? What is your biggest piece of advice for recruiting at Tuck (consulting or otherwise)?</p>	<p>TOTALLY! Consulting Club and CDO have been my most significant resource. CDO conducted mock interviews, and Consulting Club assigned a second-year mentor to guide throughout the recruiting process.</p> <p>The biggest piece of advice: 'recruiting is not a sprint - it's a marathon'. We all need to be consistent and persistent to achieve our professional dreams.</p>
<p>Thanks for joining us today! What are your plans for winter break? Anything exciting or Tuck related?</p>	<p>There are a few groups of students doing treks in Colombia, Belize, and Iceland! The rest are back home or spending the holidays in Hanover.</p>
<p>How would Tuck help current students to be networked or linked with Alumni? Thanks!</p>	<p>There is an internal database of Alumni where you can find Alumni who align with your interests. Usually the contact information (email) is also mentioned.</p>

<p>Can you speak about the resources/connections first year students can engage with if they want to pursue an internship at a start up or smaller firm (eg beyond the larger firms that formally recruit at Tuck)?</p>	<p>Center for Ent. has been really helpful in that regard. If you want to get experience working at a startup, you can leverage a few programs they have. i.e., 'Early-stage startup program' connects you with early-stage startups to work with on a project through the semester. If you want to be a founder or have an idea, you can work with the center to figure out how you can best go about it (whether it's connecting with the Dartmouth Entrepreneurship Network or doing a eFYP in your second year). I saw quite a few second years who networked their way into some amazing start-ups last summer through the Tuck network.</p>
<p>Hello all! Thanks for taking the time to meet with us today. Are any of you looking to pivot into consulting or move up in the industry post-MBA? If so, can you speak to the specific aspects of the Tuck experience that have been particularly helpful in preparing you for a career in consulting?</p>	<p>Classes in general teach you to think logically and economic principles you will use during consulting case interviews. Beyond that, the Consulting Club pairs you with a mentor who walks you through best practices to do cases, and obviously the firms also host events around what life in consulting is like.</p>
<p>Approximately what percentage of first years would you say aim to recruit for consulting?</p>	<p>I don't know about percentage, though not everyone who applies is serious about it (i.e., some people might drop a resume just to see what happens). That said, there are plenty of resources if you're interested in consulting - the club provides mentors, the CDO offers coaching sessions, and the companies themselves hold events for Tuckies as well to provide info on what they look for in candidates and casing best practices.</p>
<p>What is it like living in Hanover? How would you describe the culture of Tuck?</p>	<p>Check out the Tuck 360 blog which has some amazing posts on Life in Hanover and Culture at Tuck - http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/tag/Hanover+NH,+Upper+Valley</p>
<p>Do FY students go on international trips together?</p>	<p>Yes! Company treks, First-Year Projects (FYP), Global Insight Expeditions.</p>
<p>Nirlipta, you mentioned your FYP Go experience, would you mind telling us a bit about it?</p>	<p>I actually just applied and got into my FYP Go program (12-15 week consulting project starting January). I will be working with a German manufacturing company on deciding whether or not they should exit a Latin American country they're currently in. Really excited to start!</p>

<p>Thanks for your reply. I am a US-trained physician in my mid-30s, and I am wondering what the experience at Tuck has been like for students who come from the healthcare field and who are on the somewhat "older" end of the spectrum. Thank you!</p>	<p>There's no age restrictions on either end of the spectrum at Tuck. The questions are what's your experience, how will you enrich the classroom and community, and how will Tuck enrich you and help you in your goals? Students come in with a variety of experience levels and all can learn from each other - that's what we refer to as confident humility. The key thing to being successful at Tuck, both in the classroom and community, is to engage. Partner with your classmates, faculty, and others to build dialog, opportunities, and learning. You can get involved in a lot of things, or go deep in one area - for example, health care. We have a strong health care presence here at Tuck and at Dartmouth, between Tuck's Center for Health Care, the dual degree MD/MBA and MBA/MPH students in class, the Geisel School of Medicine and the Dartmouth Institute for Health Care Delivery Science, and the presence of a world-class teaching hospital in the area (Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center).</p>
<p>For non-native speakers, which one out of TOEFL or IELTS is preferred as English Proficiency Test at Tuck or in general at B Schools in US?</p>	<p>We (Tuck) have no preference for which English language proficiency exam you take.</p>
<p>I've been told quite often that Tuckies are a close-knit group and are always at the top of the list in percentage of alumni who give back to the program. How have you personally seen this in action as a student and how has alumni involvement enriched your time at Tuck?</p>	<p>Virtually everyone here was impacted by a Tuck alumni prior to arrival. Our alumni are unbelievably responsive and generous with their time, resources and efforts to help us succeed.</p>
<p>Thank you very much for this opportunity. If a dual degree is of interest to me, but I am still exploring my options, is it possible to apply to the second program during the first year at Tuck?</p>	<p>Yes, regardless of how your dual degree program is split between the 2 institutions you just need to know that you complete unique application processes for each institution. You apply separately to each institution just as any other applicant would.</p>
<p>Hi All, I'm employed at Reserve Bank of India. For pursuing an MBA I have to take a loan. Will it be possible to sustain there with my family based on the loan and financial aid received from Tuck?</p>	<p>Hi, our financial aid team is extremely accessible. As this is a highly personal question, I recommend reaching out directly to Tuck.financial.aid@dartmouth.edu</p>

<p>My husband is a veteran and is also looking into business schools. Could you share what is the veteran/active duty community is like at Tuck? And how did your background help you strengthen your application?</p>	<p>Tuck is one of (in my opinion the most) vet-friendly top school. Like most non-traditional applicants, my background lacked in traditional business acumen, but my experiences leading teams in a range of situations and environments added value to my application and to the overall class. Also please google Tuck Veterans Club and ask your husband to reach out to any vet.</p>
<p>Hello! My question for the students is - how much time did you take to get your application in place for Tuck and how did you prepare for the interviews?</p>	<p>The application has changed, but it took me several months. You want to line up the right recommenders, take time to be introspective and answer the questions thoughtfully. Interviews here are generally with a second-year admissions associate. Prepare the same way you would for any interview. Be able to speak candidly about your strengths, weaknesses, what you would bring to the Tuck community, why you want a TUCK MBA. The actual interview is not stressful, and doesn't feel evaluative.</p>
<p>Hi all, how big of a factor was culture in making your MBA decision, and how would you describe Tuck's? Thanks!</p>	<p>Culture was one of the top reasons I chose Tuck. It really comes down to how immersed you want to be. Tuck is a 24/7 experience. Virtually everything I do here is at Tuck or with Tuckies, Tuck Partners or Tiny Tuckies. I wanted my MBA to be an experience, not just a check-in-the-box.</p>
<p>How active are military veterans at Tuck? What are some of the ways they contribute to the Tuck culture/community?</p>	<p>We host Military and Microbrews (check out the @tuckschool Instagram post from a month or so ago), two military visit days, a fundraiser 5K, and a few other events. To see some of the ways Tuck Vets are involved, do a quick search through the Tuck 360 blog and over the last few months on @tuckschool Instagram.</p>
<p>If you could do your first year fall all over again, is there anything you'd do differently? Is there anything you wish you knew that you didn't coming in?</p>	<p>Under-schedule your time because it will fill up quickly! Also, know your priorities (academic/social/recruiting) prior to showing up on campus so you are always able to prioritize your time accordingly.</p>
<p>Can you provide a bit more color around what club involvement entails? Nirlipta, I'd be particularly interested to hear your experience with the Technology and Consulting club! Thank you!</p>	<p>During the fall the clubs mostly focus on helping 1st years get up to speed on what jobs in these industries entail, how to go about networking, and how to prepare for interviews. As a first year, I mostly take advantage of these events, but as a second year I'll be the one helping put these together!</p>

<p>Hi all, thanks for hosting. How common is it for students to start new clubs and does Tuck offer any form of support to those who wish to do so?</p>	<p>Common! This is an older blog post but still relevant: http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/straight-from-qa-starting-a-student-club Recent club creation I've heard about include board games, fintech...</p>
<p>Any tips about the interview/visiting Tuck? I head over in a few weeks!</p>	<p>The biggest piece of advice I received was "TO BE YOURSELF". Let your personality shine. Do note that your personal experiences are as important as your professional experiences.</p>
<p>Hello! What are your favorite first-year Tuck traditions so far?</p>	<p>Tripod Hockey, the Military and Microbrews event, Diwali. Scroll through @tuckschool Instagram to see posts on all of these.</p>
<p>Hi I would like to know whether a non native English speaker who have completed his undergraduate degree in English still needs to sit for TOEFL/IELTS?</p>	<p>You qualify for a waiver if you have recently lived for at least three years in an English-speaking country or if you received an undergraduate or graduate degree from an institution where instruction is in English. You do not need to seek our approval or submit documentation to prove your eligibility for this waiver.</p>
<p>Hey guys, thanks so much for organizing this chat and sharing your time. I am interested in pursuing a career in edtech - I guess Nirlipta will be the best person to answer this, or Kristin - how is edtech developing at Tuck, what kind of events/activities around edtech are going on there? Thanks</p>	<p>Hi - I know quite a few people interested in Edtech. There are a couple of ways off the top of my head: 1) MIINT - Tuck participates in a program hosted by Wharton that focuses on impact investing, and quite a few students who participate in this are interested in finding cool edtech startups changing the world that they can potentially invest in, 2) some FYP projects also have edtech vibes (so if you're interested in working for one, this is a great way to build that experience whether you're new or experienced in the industry).</p>
<p>What are some of the avenues available to Tuck students from a fitness perspective? I understand there's a gym that's available and some students conduct free of cost yoga classes for others. In terms of a club, is there something that provides a dedicated focus on fitness?</p>	<p>Hi - Yes, Tuck students have access to the Tuck gym, as well as the larger Dartmouth gym, plus students will conduct classes on various things. There are a lot of clubs, from the Outdoor Club to the Rowing Club. There are a lot of different events/teams as well, including hockey, soccer, rugby, and the Vets' Run. And if you don't see an activity you want to do, start something and most likely you'll find interested takers among students, partners, faculty and staff.</p>

<p>Hi Tuck Students,</p> <p>Thanks for taking out time from your schedules to do this. I am an international applicant, and I am currently completing my application. I would appreciate if you can answer my following questions:</p> <p>1. Do top-tier consulting companies recruit for specific practice or do all MBA recruits start as a generalist?</p> <p>2. Are there companies in the field of industrial automation or the ones riding the trend of digitally transforming manufacturing through the use of AI, VR, IoT, etc. recruit from Tuck. If yes, can you name a few of the recruiters?</p> <p>3. Is it possible to speak to the Career Center at Tuck before one is actually admitted?</p> <p>Thanks a lot.</p>	<p>1. They recruit for everything - practices and generalist roles - it's up to you on where you want to be and what you want to do. I've found most people recruit for generalist roles unless they're really interested in a specific area (i.e. digital). If they don't recruit by practice, I'm sure you can mention your practice interest during the interviews.</p> <p>2. Not sure about that one.</p> <p>3. I would reach out to the general center email and they can direct you to the best person to chat with (or reach out to the clubs).</p>
<p>For those with partners, what has their experience been like so far?</p>	<p>Amazing! Partners are included in everything and can literally do anything you can accept receive a degree. They can attend (audit) classes, attend all social events, play hockey, lead and participate in clubs.</p>
<p>Thank you for taking the time to talk today. For anyone who lived in a big city prior to school, how has your experience in Hanover been?</p>	<p>Hi, Things are so busy here I'm not sure our students will have time to get to your question, so I'll give it a try. First thing I would say is, almost all of our students came here from a big city prior to coming here. The beauty of our location, beyond the physical beauty of being in the Upper Valley of New Hampshire, is that our students come together to form a community. They get involved with each other, with the school, and with the surrounding towns. That's part of what forms the unique environment at Tuck - the immersive experience builds a tight network that lasts a lifetime. I know you probably wanted firsthand information from our students on that. You may want to check out some of Tuck 360 blog posts on community to learn more.</p>

<p>Do you ever feel like you're at a disadvantage compared to your MBA peers being so far from a major city and due to the relatively small amount of Tuck alumni around the world?</p>	<p>The opposite. Recruiters in Hanover come here just for Tuckies. They aren't bouncing around to several schools over the course of the day. Tuck does have less alumni #s, but have a reputation for being highly engaging and helpful to current and incoming students. Email a Tuck alumni to test this!</p>
<p>Thanks to everyone for taking out the time for the discussion. One of the reasons I was interested in Tuck was for the chance to live amidst the beautiful scenery and perhaps experience some of it in the Outdoors Club.</p> <p>My question is how often are MBA students able to indulge in activities like hiking with a full MBA schedule?</p>	<p>Every weekend! No class on Fridays starting in October of your first year :)</p>
<p>How collaborative does the classwork and studying remain at Tuck after you get through the core classes with your study group?</p>	<p>Hi, Our students here haven't finished getting through the core yet, however I would say our second-year students experience the collaboration continues and grows as your time at Tuck extends. This is a connection that lasts a lifetime. Example: when the market crashed in '08, many of our students interested in investment banking realized they weren't going to have job opportunities because of the crash. Many of them retooled their job searches towards consulting. The students who were already in the consulting pipeline could have become territorial about that, but they didn't. Instead, they worked with their classmates to prep them for consulting and case interviews. People work toward the success not just of themselves but of each other as well.</p>
<p>Hey there, when it came to decision time, what inspired you to pick Tuck over other business schools?</p>	<p>I felt like Tuck knew me and my story, and wanted me. I didn't feel like I was just another part of the incoming class yield. I felt like I would make a contribution here in the smaller environment.</p>
<p>Somewhat specific question but can Tuck students with partners (no kids) live on campus? Or are those single residences only such that all students with partners live in the Sachem?</p>	<p>The residence hall rooms are singles only. If you're coming with a partner, you'll need to live off-campus or in Sachem.</p>
<p>Hi All,</p> <p>What would you describe as the biggest challenge for a first year MBA student at Tuck?</p>	<p>Time management. You need to know your priorities to effectively balance academics/social/recruiting.</p>

<p>Have you kept in touch with your friends who ended up at different business schools? If so, what do you think the biggest distinguishing factors are about your Tuck experience relative to the experience of your peers at other institutions?</p>	<p>I think students at Tuck are definitely closer due to size and we bond more as we're all taking the same classes in the first two quarters.</p>
<p>How reasonable is it to stick to a 9 (or 8) to 5 schedule as a first year student?</p>	<p>You can, but review sessions + TA sessions are usually in the evenings around 6 or 7 pm. So you'll be done with classes by noon, but some extra curriculars might meet later.</p>
<p>Hello, what do you love most about Tuck?</p>	<p>The quality of the people. The most genuine, smart, humble, accomplished, selfless people I've ever met.</p>
<p>Hi Samyak (believe you might be able to handle this q the best) - Is there a way Tuck assists international students in travelling to network / recruit with core finance jobs like IB, the networking opportunities for which will mostly be situated in New York.</p>	<p>Hi, Many banks conduct on-campus presentations and company briefings. Such events, organized by CDO, are the best platform to network with recruiters and connect with them. Besides on-campus activities, there is also a WALL STREET TREK organised by Tuck in which students visit various financial institutions in NYC.</p>
<p>Would like to know the pre-study needed before we join the class.</p>	<p>Everyone takes MBAmath.com. Some are required to attend pre-enrollment program (PEP aka "math camp").</p>