Welcome, Sydney and Maggie! Hi! My name is Sydney Lane. Thank you all for being here today. I am interested in learning more about Tuck’s healthcare offerings. Can any current students speak to their experience in some of the healthcare courses offered?

Hi! Thank you for chatting with us today. I’m curious to know of the students in the chat, what they are currently pursuing at Tuck?

Hi Sydney! Thanks for your question about healthcare at Tuck. The Tuck School has several research centers on campus. One of these is the Center for Health Care, led by Suzie Rubin. You can find out more about the student experience here: http://healthcare.tuck.dartmouth.edu/student-experience/

Hi Maggie, my name is Cihan. I am a T20 (first year student). I am currently pursuing Consulting at Tuck and will be interning at Analysis Group in Boston this summer.

Thank you Tara! To everyone from Tuck - thank you so much for taking the time to join the forum today. I am interested in pursuing a path related to human capital consulting post-mba / D&I focus. How do you think Tuck sets students apart in that path compared to other institutions? Which companies/firms have you seen graduates successfully navigate to in that field?

While I’m personally not pursuing health care at Tuck, many of my classmates are, and they’re taking it from different angles. Some are working on their own health care start-ups, some come from having worked in health care and are now trying to understand the investments landscape, etc. It comes up in a lot of our classes. so I would encourage you to think about health care holistically and not limited to coursework specifically in health care.

Hi Maggie, my name is Tara, also a T20 (first year). I’m pursuing opportunities in the food & ag space and will be working for an agtech start-up this summer in Boston. Prior to Tuck, I worked in education, consulting, and tech.

Hi everyone! My name is Emma. Tuck is one of my top choices because of the community (small classes sizes, mba focused faculty, the environment of Hanover). When I read more about this online, I feel like I read testimonies from students who are already married or who many be an older MBA student. Can any students speak to this who don’t fall into this category? I have two additional questions for the admission representatives. I am a transfer student (2 years and 2 years). Will you look at GPAs from both schools even though my degree was granted by only one? Second question: are first generation college students considered an under-represented minority during the admission process?

Hello Hanover folks! Originally I was planning to apply for the 2019-2020 admissions cycle, but ultimately stepped back to give some additional time to really enhance my application. I did have LoRs submitted, can those carry over to a 2020-2021 cycle, or is best to resubmit new ones?

Hi Christine, we have classmates who come from human capital consulting backgrounds. Off the top of my head, I can think of classmates from Mercer, Deloitte Human Capital Consulting, actuaries, etc. as well as classmates who have previously worked in HR functional roles at companies. As part of the core curriculum, there is a 3 course series in the first year that focuses the development and management of human capital (Leading Individuals and Teams, Managing Organizations, and Personal Leadership). Extra-curricularly, there is a D&I initiative at Tuck (student run but in conjunction with the MBA Programming Office) that puts on events to help the entire Tuck community be more informed about D&I.

Hi all! Given classes will not be in session, I am wondering if there are still opportunities to visit Tuck in the summer (if spring is not an option)? Or would you recommend waiting until the fall?

Hi Kelsey, if no updates are made to LoRs for the next application cycle, we may be able to bring your current recommendation(s) forward, however, please keep in mind that this may not be the case. We will be able to provide more specific guidance once the new application has been opened (sometime in early summer), so please reach out to us then.

Thanks so much Sarah!

Thank You Tara!

Hi Madeleine, we would recommend visiting this spring or fall. As part of your on-campus visit, you get to attend a class and participate in an interview. If you intend to apply next year, we would recommend waiting until the fall so that you can interview as part of next year’s application cycle. You cannot interview this year in the spring.
Hello. My name is Anisha and I am an applicant at Tuck for the Full time MBA program. I have applied for the final round and would like to know if Forte fellowships are offered to students who have applied in the final round.

Stephanie Butler

@Emma - Hi, thanks for joining us! I'll take your admissions questions and let the students weigh in on Tuck's community. Yes, we will look at (and require to be submitted) transcripts from both programs. We want to know your entire undergraduate trajectory. From a technical or reporting standpoint, no, we don't view first-gen students as underrepresented minorities. We do ask the question though (or did this year, anyway) -- it's one more data point that helps us get to know you better.

I'm actually planning to visit the school on 4/22 for the class visit. I will probably be in town the day before to get a feel for the area. Do any of the current students have recommendations for good restaurants/activities in Hanover or at Tuck that would not be included in the school tour?

Stephanie Butler

@Anisha - Hi Anisha! Yes, it's possible to be given a Forte Fellowship as a Round 3 admit.

Thank You @Stephanie

Do you take your core courses with the same cohort of people? Can someone speak to if the class is divided into cohorts, teams, etc.?

Hello! I was curious how common it is for MBA candidates at Tuck to pursue a dual degree. I've been looking at the joint MBA/MPH program (planning to apply to programs next year).

@Maggie - Yes! There are lots of good food options in the area. Lou's is a popular breakfast/brunch joint (actually owned by a Tuckie). If you're looking for something fancier, Pine (restaurant at the Hanover Inn) is a popular choice for dinner. And of course, you can't visit without going to Murphy's, the unofficial Tuck bar. King Arthur Flour is also right across the river in Vermont and has great breakfast and lunch food. The Hanover Chamber of Commerce list of things to do in the upper valley (http://www.hanoverchamber.org/100-things-to-go-see-and-do-in-the-upper-valley) is a pretty good summary of things we'd recommend in terms of activities in the area -- it actually gets distributed to all students as well :).

I would like to know if Tuck offers any courses prior to the start of the program to help students transition into the course.

Hi Stephanie, I recently viewed a session you did with GMAC! It was very holistic and stated the fundamentals of the community very clearly!

@Admissions / Stephanie or Sarah: What attributes of a candidate are you looking for? How does a candidate best express that in their resume / essays / and LORs? To current students, what did you do to set yourself apart for Tuck?

@Tara thank you, this is great!

I wanted to know however, what really sets apart the general management course at Tuck?

@Biliwa - Hello! A smaller portion overall, but a good number of Tuck students decide to pursue a dual degree. Some apply knowing this, others decide during their first year that it's a good option.

@Biliwa - Hello...again! I'm so glad you found it helpful :) Hi Sydney! The class is divided in 4 sections. We change section each term. There are about 70 students by section, so it's very easy to get to know our classmates very well! Also, each section is divided in 6-people study groups.

Thanks Cihan!

@Anisha - Yes. Before you start at Tuck, over the summer, everyone is required to do "MBA Math" online. There are 24 modules available covering topics in statistics, economics, accounting, finance, Excel, etc. 8 of the modules are required, and the other 16 modules are optional to help you brush up on skills. In addition, if it's been a long time since you've touched these subjects, or if you come from a non-traditional background, there is a Pre-Enrollment Program at Tuck that last for 1 week before orientation in the fall. We fondly refer to the Pre-Enrollment Program as "Math Camp." It is an in-person weeklong bootcamp to give an overview of the quantitative skills that will be needed during the Core Curriculum. Roughly a quarter of Tuck students attend Math Camp, and they they have a lot of fun!
Hi Christine, You can find our admissions criteria here: https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/criteria. Our application is mapped specifically to those criteria. Our Executive Director, Luke Pena, even blogs about the different components of the application and criteria-specifically which I think can be really helpful for the insight you are looking for. He just started a series of blogs where he expands on the criteria - starting with accomplished. You can find more here; https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/tuck-admissions-criteria_accomplished

Hi! Thanks for taking the time to talk with us today! I heard that the curriculum at Tuck will be changing. How will that affect students hoping to start their MBAs in 2020?

Thank you Stephanie! Do you have a GPA requirement for Forte fellows? I am also interested in exploring classes before applying and matriculation. Would Tuck give value to online certificate classes through edx and other online course programs? Thank you too Cihan!

Hello everyone, my name is Ridhima and Tuck is also one of my top choices as well. My question is: are there many opportunities to collaborate with other schools at Dartmouth?

Hello Tara, Currently, I work with Teach for India as a fellow and am interested in applying to Tuck. I would want to understand @Rupa - Thanks for joining us! We're SO excited for the curriculum updates. You can except more detail on the website in the coming weeks, but here are a few highlights; a data analytics component to the first-year core curriculum, an enhanced leadership piece during orientation, and the rearrangement of some core courses to better equip you for recruiting and make the recruiting process more manageable.

As I do not live in the US it was not possible for me schedule an interview. Would that impact my application? Further, by when can I expect to hear back from Tuck regarding my application if I have submitted it in the last round?

@Sarah, YES those resources have been super helpful, and they're one of the reasons why I am highly interested in Tuck. What I think I'm still looking for is a better idea of how you, as an admissions officer, pull that out of candidates applications at Tuck. Thank you.

Hi Christine! Each student is unique at Tuck, to set yourself apart, just be yourself and really show what you are passionate about (personal and professional)! Being also a good fit for the community is very important. The Tuck community is small, with a lot of events (small group dinners, ice hockey games, etc...) so showing that you fit and can contribute is also valuable :)@Cihan, that was more of the information I was looking for, thank you so much. Thanks Stephanie! I am pretty excited about them as well! I am hoping they start in time for the 2020 academic year :).

Hi Kaitlin! Great question, we actually started our First Year Projects last week! Each team is required to be diverse in terms of experience, nationality and gender. So students contribute with their respective experiences and learn A LOT from each other.

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@Christine - OnSite Global Consulting is a fantastic opportunity and one of the most popular programs at Tuck! Students apply to OnSite Global Consulting with their qualifications and have the opportunity to rank projects. Ultimately, the staffing decisions for projects are made by the OnSite Global Consulting staff. The staff works full-time for Tuck, and they are the ones who source projects, work with client organizations to scope projects, etc. -- so they are in the best position to know what skills are needed to make each project a success. They put a TON of thought into creating diverse teams that will produce high quality client outcomes.

Hi Tuck team! I'd love to hear some insights on how the General Management program works out for students who want to get into VC / impact investing afterwards?

Sarah Hein

Wonderful, thank you! Sounds like we are in good hands then. Hi Anisha, Please note applicant-initiated interviews are NOT required! We understand that not everyone is able to schedule a visit and interview in Hanover. Don't worry if this is the case; you still may apply without an interview. We will review your application and may invite you to interview. Invitations to interview may be sent at any time after you submit your application up to the date we release admissions decisions. Round 3 decisions are released on May 9.

Hi Ridhima! Yes, I have a classmate who took a programming class at the Engineering school and audited a maths class (for fun haha) at Dartmouth. There are many auditing opportunities.

@Tara, OnSite Global Consulting looks super awesome - thanks for directing me to it. I appreciate your additional insight as well!

Cihan Sahin

Hi Cihan, thank you for this! Its great to know that there are opportunities to take classes at the other schools, but I also meant if there are opportunities to collaborate with students from other schools, such as discussing a healthcare startup idea with someone from the medical school, etc.

@Emma - All women are considered for the Forte Fellowship - there are no GPA stipulations. That said, the stronger your candidacy is, the more likely you are to receive a scholarship or fellowship. Not an official criterion, but it’s nice to grant Forte Fellowships to women who have made women’s/gender issues a focus. Taking quant courses pre-Tuck is a great way to bolster your candidacy (especially for those coming from a limited quant background) AND help you feel better prepared for a rigorous curriculum. If you’re doing it to prove something to the Admissions Committee, it’s best to take a course for a grade. I’d suggest things like financial accounting, statistics, econ, and Excel. Also remember that supplemental courses are not a substitute for a poor GMAT/GRE score.

@Cihan, that’s awesome! I’m living abroad now and love the idea that an international experience is a core piece of the MBA program. How much flexibility do you have in choice of project? Do teams identify their project independently or are international assignments pre-determined/are you choosing from a list?

@Sarah Thank You. I look forward to hearing from Tuck.

Thank you Stephanie!

Cihan Sahin

Ridhima, yes definitely! We have med school students at Tuck who are doing the MD/MBA program, so it's not rare to see students collaborate on healthcare startup ideas at Tuck ;)

Tara Davids

@Leah - I'm going to repeat a little bit of what I said above. Tuck is a general management school, so the whole core curriculum is set up to help students be able to navigate businesses holistically and be conversant with the CXO or VP of any function within a business. Throughout the first year core curriculum, we take classes in finance, accounting, marketing, strategy, operations, etc. --> The goal of all this is to make sure you feel comfortable being thrown into any situation, and specific to skills needed for VC/impact investing, this exposure allows you to more critically analyze all parts of a business. In terms of elective courses, we have electives that are geared toward VC/impact investing. And, we have various co-curricular activities for VC/impact investing. There is a Center for PE & VC that brings in speakers, and 2nd year students can be "Fellows" with the Center to be even more involved. Tuck also has a Tuck Social Venture Fund (TSVF) that invests actual $$ into early stage companies. Students can serve as directors on the fund to source opportunities, conduct due diligence, pitch investments to an Investment Committee (faculty involved with the TSVF), and stay involved with the advising of portfolio companies. Tuck also participates in the MIINT program (MBA Impact Investment Network), a program run out of Wharton. Tuck's MIINT competition allows students to form their own teams and similar go through the process of sourcing companies, conduct due diligence, pitch companies, etc for the chance to compete in finals at Wharton to win $25K in funding for the company that their team is representing.

Hi Anisha! No worries, it won't affect your application if you cannot come on campus for an interview. The decision for last round is May 9th. Thanks Tara, that's incredibly helpful
Hi all! I am interested in Tuck, particularly for its tight-knit culture and focus on consulting. As follows, my question is - what is one thing that you wish prospective candidates did not assume about your school? Another way to ask the question is - what is one thing that you believe is underrated about Tuck? To give you some background on myself, I currently work for Tableau, a visual analytics software company, as a consultant and am interested in pursuing social impact, to return to my undergrad roots and passion for international development.

@Helly - Hello! Tuck doesn't require a minimum number of years of work experience. It's the quality, not the quantity! That said, as with any applicant, it's up to you to demonstrate the value you've added to your organization, progression/growth, and professional maturity. The reason we do require some amount of full-time work experience is 1) so you're able to contribute to class discussions, and 2) as a student, you'll have a better frame of reference from which to work from and likely have a richer academic experience.

Hello Tara, Currently, I work with Teach for India as a fellow and am interested in applying to Tuck. I would want to understand how open is your program to candidates with up to 1.5 years of work experience? How is it that you would look for in the application of a young candidate?

Thanks Stephanie!

Does applying for round 1 deadline strengthen my chance of acceptance into the program? A word of advise you would have for me as a candidate to strengthen my chance of admission?

Kaitlin, just to give you more information, to fulfill the international experience, you can do either a GIX (Global Insight Expedition), FYP-GO (First Year Project abroad) or an exchange term. FYP can be done on campus or abroad. For the international projects (FYP-GO), you form a team of 5 students then submit an application.

Hi all! Dartmouth'16 here. Would you be able to speak to the types of recruiting opportunities has? In undergrad everything was skewed heavily toward finance and consulting recruiting and was wondering if it was the same at Tuck. Thanks!

Yoana Cervantes from Atlanta! I am curious to know if any of your students have participated in JPMorgan's Early Advantage or Winning Women Program?

@Cihan, thank you that's helpful.

@Melinda - I think the Centers on campus are underrated. We have 7 different research centers on campus (https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/getting-to-know-tucks-industry-specific-centers) that serve as co-curricular opportunities for students. These centers bring in interesting speakers, have research opportunities for students, and provide "hands on" opportunities for students to practice what they're learning in the classroom. Given that you have a passion for int'l development, the Center for Business, Gov't, and Society (CBGS) might be of particular interest to you. The executive director of the center formerly worked for Acumen and BlackRock and brings a ton of experience in bridging the public-private divide to help companies become more "impact" oriented.

@Tara, thanks! I'll check out the Centers, especially CBGS.

@Helly - Applying as early as possible used to be the conventional wisdom, but I think it's less relevant now. We plan to make a similar number of offers in Round 1 and Round 2. I would however encourage you to shoot to apply before Round 3 - it's just a much smaller round than the others.

Hi Yoana, I haven't participated, but one of our classmates have participated in the Winning Women Program and she really enjoyed it. She is going to intern at JP Morgan this summer, following this program.

@Dana - there are various recruiting routes at Tuck, including On-Campus and Off-Campus. Regarding On-Campus recruiting, the earlier opportunities that pop up during the Fall are primarily in rotational leadership development programs, general management, finance (banking), consulting, and technologies (big tech companies). However, in the Winter/Spring, opportunities pop up in other areas as well, including CPG, retail, start-ups, etc. If you're interested in something a little more off the beaten path, you can also choose to do Off-Campus recruiting and work with the CDO (Career Development Office) to develop a personalized target list of firms that are interesting to you, how to network with Tuck alumni, etc.

Hello, thanks for taking the time to answer questions. What are some qualities that admissions look for to gauge cultural fit at Tuck?

Thank you Tara. That is very helpful. Have a lou's donut for me!

Hi there, can you speak to any Energy focus you may have on campus, whether that be through classes or recruiting?

Hi admission reps, thank you so much for taking the time to chat with us today. I am interested in the Tuck full time MBA program and am looking to apply in Round 1 this year. I was wondering if Tuck hosts any weekend events for prospective students?

@Cihan, would it be possible to connect me with your classmate that participated in the Winning Women Program?
Another question - is there a favorite class/experience/professor that students always rave about?

@Jasmine - Thanks for joining us! The best place to start is by reviewing our admissions criteria; smart, nice, accomplished, and aware; https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/criteria.

Hi all! Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions. I was wondering what clubs/groups Tuck has for women? Do you also have particular courses focused on women?

Hello! My name is Sowa and I am considering applying to start in the 2020 academic year. Building off of previous recruitment questions, how soon does recruitment begin upon starting school? Does it vary for less traditional routes such as tech and start-ups?

Hi @Nandini - Thank you for joining us! We don't do any on-campus weekend visits. We will be traveling all around the world though to host Info Sessions and Coffee Chats...and deploying student and alumni ambassadors to do the same! Thats helpful. thanks!

Hello! Can one of you speak to 1) why you chose Tuck, and 2) what is the one thing that Tuck prides itself on?

Make sure you're signed-up for our emails and you'll receive an invite when we're in town!

Hi@Yoana. There are many ways to pursue an energy pathway at Tuck. While I am not pursuing energy personally, I do know that the primary point of contact at Tuck would be the Revers Center for Energy (http://revers.tuck.dartmouth.edu/). The ED of the center is April Salas and she's wonderful - has worked in the field for a long time. There is a second year opportunity to be a fellow which about a dozen second year students do each year. There are electives focused on energy and sustainability that you can take starting year spring and many TuckGo opportunities to learn more about energy in different markets (e.g. the first year G1X to Morrocco). I'd encourage learning more about the center, but it has many opportunities for students interested in that field!

@Yoana - I will check with the Winning Women participant. I’ll DM you.

Hello. Could I get some information on the type of loans offered to international students?

Thank you Tara ! I do know that Tuck's resources are focussed on one course and that really makes it special. Also, I found the first year curriculum exceptionally balanced and robust

Hi Anisha! I’d start by checking out the website (https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/finance-your-degree/loan-programs) and the reach out to the Financial Aid Office directly with follow-up questions; tuck.financial.aid@tuck.dartmouth.edu.

Hey Stephanie, thanks for the link!

Hi all! Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions. I was wondering what clubs/groups Tuck has for women? Do you also have particular courses focused on women?

@Melinda - one of students' favorite classes here is CEO Experience that we can take as an elective starting our first year spring. It is taught by Governor Lynch - former Governor of New Hampshire - and is a case based class that really puts students in the shoes of a CEO.

https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/news/articles/the-ceo-experience

Thank You Stephanie :)

Hi Tuck Representatives! What do you think sets Tuck and the opportunities Tuck provides apart from other MBA programs?

@Lucia - the Women in Business (WIB) club is the largest student group on campus. We hold a variety of events for female students, male allies, and Tuck partners ranging from social, to professional development, to educational. Through the club we also have the opportunity to engage with female alumnae and prospective students. WIB partners with various other clubs to offer a variety of programming. I don't know of any female-centric courses at Tuck, but gender dynamics and diversity certainly play a prominent role in class discussions.

Thanks, Grace! That sounds like a unique class that provides an interesting perspective.

Thank you Julia!

One more question - what is a typical Monday like for a Tuck student, from morning to evening?

I saw that more than 70% of Tuck's graduates give back to Tuck every year. What do you think are the main qualities in Tuck's program that inspires so many graduates to give back?
Hi @Sowa - When recruiting "starts" depends on what you are hoping to recruit for. For consulting and banking, networking, information sessions, and coffee chats start mid-September - a few weeks after you get to school, while big tech starts in October. Recruiting for larger and on-campus employers wrap up sometime in the winter and then off campus and startup recruiting happens primarily in the spring.

Hi Tuck, thank you to the team for spending some time with us today. A question for the current students - can you talk through your experience with faculty/professor accessibility? And as a follow up to that, what has been your favorite classroom experience so far and why?

Thank you @Grace!

@Haley Freeman and @Alexa: Personally, I think the answers to both of your questions are the same. Tuck is located in the Upper Valley, a rural area that lends itself to complete immersion. The community that we have at Tuck is unlike one that I saw at any other business school -- students get to know each other and learn from one another within and outside the classroom, without the distractions of a big city. Because we have this formative, shared experience, we also have a very strong connection with out alumni. I have never waited more than 24 hours for a response from an alum, even if she is a CEO, because that is just how the Tuck community is.

@Melinda - Outside of class, Mondays at Tuck are always changing, especially depending on what you are involved in on campus. To give you an example - a Monday for me in winter term would have been Strategy & Marketing class before lunch, meeting with the CDS associates to have a discussion on the future of wearables in the afternoon, then meeting with my study group to work on a Corp Fin assignment due later in the week. Then at night - my tripod hockey game!

Thank you so much, Julia! That's very helpful.

@Jasmine - Hello! Yes, our alumni network is incredible and distinctive! A big part of this is the culture on-campus--we're all about supporting each other. If you come to Tuck, it's probably at least in part because you see the value in that. It's really important for our alums to pay-it-forward, just as others paid-it-forward for them. Not only do alums support the school financially, but they also give a lot of their time--to the school, to current students, to other alums.

Thank Stephanie!

Grace - hello! Thanks for sharing a (Mon)day in your life. How would you describe your (school) work/life balance?

Thank you, Julia! The network at Tuck truly sounds like one of a kind.

Thanks, Grace! I figured schedules always vary, but was just wondering what it might be like, so thank you! CDS - one of the centers that was mentioned above! Just googled tripod hockey and that looks fun!

@Denise Professor and faculty accessibility is actually one of the reasons why I decided to come to Tuck and has been one of the main things I've enjoyed here at Tuck. If I ever have a question about a topic or assignment, I can go to the professor's office hours, but otherwise it's fun to drop by for an informal chat. For example, in the winter I stopped by my professor's office hours because I had to miss class one day and we ended up having a long discussion about multi-channel strategy for luxury retailers. The professors are a wealth of information beyond what they teach you in the classroom!

@Denise - I can tell you about a favorite classroom experience! Our classes are taught in a socratic style, and professors do a good job engaging students through opinions and stories of past experiences. One of my favorite exercises was a firing workshop, during which we practiced having difficult conversations by "firing" our classmates. Another experience that put me outside my comfort zone was management communication. We were in a classroom of 12 students, and we presented a speech in front of our classmates and a video camera each class. It was pretty painful to watch those first couple of videos, but I gained a lot from reflecting on each.

Another question - how does Tuck consider referrals from Tuck alumni? I know some schools have a specific referral process and wanted to see if Tuck had one as well.

@Katherine Work / life balance at Tuck is really dependent on what you sign up for, but I would describe the overall experience as immersive. Even outside of the academic workload, a lot of students at Tuck are involved in professional clubs, centers, and co-curricular activities that can take up time! @Julia actually co-chaired the WIB conference last fall, for example, and that definitely kept her busy!

@Julia @Grace I love that! Those are exactly the type of experiences that I'd like to be exposed to - thank you both for sharing!

@Denise - Hello! Of course, we greatly value the perspective of our alumni. That said, for the official LORs in particular, it's most important that your references know you well. You can always ask an alum to write in informally, but it is not going to make or break your candidacy.

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@Stephanie That makes sense, thank you Stephanie!

Hello, I would like to inquire about the PhD in marketing program if possible

Hello

Pamela

Hello! My name is Kahsa Teum and I am looking to learn more about how Tuck prepares its first year students for the internship recruiting process, particularly for industries that recruit soon after students arrive on campus.

@Pamela - Thanks for inquiring. Tuck does not offer any PhD programs. The MBA is the only degree we offer.

Hi there! Do you offer an online MBA? And if so, is there a GMAT waiver?

Hello, are there any stats on the portion of Tuck students looking to advance their career vs. students seeking to switch careers?

@Becca - unfortunately we do not have an online program. Our only degree program is the full-time, in-person MBA.

Okay - thanks, Julia!

Julia

thank you Julia!

@Jasmine - I don't know if we have statistics, but anecdotally I can say that many of my classmates are here to switch industries or pivot within an industry. Through our professional clubs and career panels, the school offers a number of ways to learn about a new industry or function and the jobs within them.

Hi there! I'm currently a social media associate, and I'm planning to use an MBA to pivot my strategy. How much support does Tuck have for folks who are switching careers? Also, how much specificity and detail are you looking for in the answers to questions around career goals?

thank you Julia!

@Kahsa There are a few different means through which Tuck helps students prepare for the internship recruiting process. The main resource is the Career Development Office. In the summer leading up to matriculation, you get matched with a CDO coach based on your career interest and they help refine your resume and plan out a high level recruiting strategy (e.g. making a company list etc). Throughout the recruiting process your coach is available to meet with you to prep for interviews and refine your search. The CDO can also pair you with a second year mentor who went through a similar recruiting path the year before who might be able to give even more tailored advice. The second resource are the professional clubs that also have a wealth of information. The consulting, finance, marketing, and technology clubs are all run by second year who offer more in-depth support (e.g. case interview preparation, career exploration, organizing off-campus treks to meet with company leadership).

Thank you, Grace. It's great to hear that Tuck offers this level of support through the Career Development Office.

Sarah Hein

Hi all, once again, I am planning to apply for fall 2020 intake. I wanted to thank you all for taking the time and efforts to be available. The community at tuck that stands out from various events, online interviews, i recently attended one by Luke Pena, and the highly virtuous and focussed program at Tuck with optimum real time project opportunities, has really made it attractive for me. I shall definitely put my best version forward. I can't wait to visit!

Biwa, we look forward to welcoming you to campus!

@Kahsa I forgot to mention that I also found Tuck alumni to be extremely helpful and willing to chat during my internship recruiting process - they not only gave me career advice, but also talked to me about the companies they were at and teams they work on, which was helpful when interviewing!

Hi there - I am looking to plan a visit to Dartmouth and visit my friend who is currently a first year at Tuck. Aside from all the info sessions and events available online to prospective students, do you recommend doing anything else to get a flavor of the program?

@Deshani - This sort of pivot is very common among students at Tuck. We offer resources to help students both figure out which industries they would like to pursue, as well as skills to succeed in those areas. Beginning at Admitted Students Weekend and Orientation we have alumni panels, meetings with career advisors, and industry treks. As far as admissions essays, I think the admissions committee wants to see that you have long-term goals that the MBA will help you to achieve.

Thanks, Julia!

Julia

@Helen Your friend probably has great ideas about who to talk to and meet when you're here! When I was visiting my friends at Tuck, I let them know what I was interested in doing career-wise (that was a real focus for me when applying to schools) and they connected me with a few students in their class who came from similar backgrounds or who were pursuing the same path. These Tuckies were more than willing to grab coffee with me and they really helped me learn more about the recruiting opportunities available to me given my goals.

Thanks, Julia!

Helen

@Helen And say hi when you're on campus!
Hi Tuck team! I am excited to learn more about Tuck today. To tell you more about myself and to get a little targeted advice, during my undergrad, I have transitioned my fine art major to economics and statistics and technology minors and became Digital Business Consultants after school. Throughout my career, I was lucky enough to experience the business aspects from all around the phases. How the strategy was captured from the executives, how to turn those strategy into real projects and execute that ideal into reality, and therefore how to support after the project is finalized. I have moved from a big global company to a start-up company so that I will learn more and get more responsibilities in a project. I am at the point where I would love to gain more knowledge all around to have a strong foundation in business in school. But here is my question. After burning the fuel and having a poor work life balance to achieve my career goals, I would love to have a gap year to recharge myself. When you have an applicant with a gap year, what are the key things that you have found that were helpful for those applicants to become the Tuck member? Something that you can advice for me to also do during my year off?

Kristin Roth
@Elizabeth - There is no one answer to your question. The admissions committee will want to know what you are doing during your gap, so you want to consider how your gap will prepare you for Tuck and how it will add to the class and community. Be sure to explain in your optional essay.

Liz Lavin
@Elizabeth - I know the feeling of being burnt out from work for sure! I know a lot of Tuckies go through the application cycle while working and then take off a few months before school to rest up, travel, or do mini internships. You can think about that as a potential option as well!

Sydney Schuit
Hi all! Liz and I are first year students at Tuck and happy to answer any questions you have. You also have a few folks from admissions, so ask away! Thank you all for the kind words!

Hi team, I'm a corporate lawyer with about 3 years of experience considering an MBA from Tuck. I'd like to know if there were any lawyers in the previous/current class and if yes, would you be able to indicate the sector to which they moved post MBA?

Sydney Schuit
Hi Rini - I'm not sure, but the core curriculum gives you a solid foundation that you can use to pivot. We have a lot of career switchers at Tuck!

Sydney Schuit
Welcome, Binal and Emma!

To follow up on a question, I know that Tuck desires a candidate who can contribute back to the class and community. Can you give me some examples? I know Sydney and Liz are first year students, so would love to hear you stories as well!

Got it Sydney. Is there a way I could reach out to a student who has a similar pre-MBA background as I do?

Liz Lavin
@Elizabeth, so we can give you the best answer, are you asking pretuck or our experiences at Tuck?

@Rini, of course! Visit this site to be connected: https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/tuck-connections

Many thanks Sydney.

@Liz I am seeking your experience at Tuck during your MBA :)

Hey All -

@Elizabeth, there are many ways to get involved in the community! Liz's and my favorite is called Tuck Community Consulting. We each worked on a consulting project for a local business during the fall term and came up with an actionable business recommendation. For example, I developed a strategic business plan for a local juicy! Within the classroom, students frequently share their real-world experience with concepts taught in class.

Hi Lauren!

I was wondering if there are any upcoming MBA information sessions in Chicago or midwest planned in the next ~6 months?

Hi everyone! I have a background in nonprofit management and state-level government (CA) including regulatory affairs for the barbering and cosmetology industry. I saw that about 1% of the 2018 grads ended up in govt/nonprofit industries. What kind of resources do you provide that would be helpful to someone like me who might want to stay in public sector?

Sydney Schuit
@Lauren - we are always updating the event page, especially this summer. If you are subscribed to Tuck emails, you'll get notified when a new event near you is added!

Great - thanks Sydney!

Welcome, Stacy!

Welcome, Ida, Madhuri, and Lorena!
Liz Lavin  
@Lisa - We have a few cool resources that would help you stay in the public sector. Our Career Development Office would be great at helping you identify opportunities and people to talk to. We also have students who are coming from the public sector or HKS who can be helpful. Finally, we have a Business, Government, and Society center that does a lot of interesting events and has some great resources.

Thank you! I am excited to be here and learn more about Tuck. I would love to hear about the community on campus. Is there a club or organization that you feel is unique to the school or sums up the culture?

Hello, I would like to inquire about the PhD in marketing program if possible

@Lisa - You may want to check out this article about Tuck students' participation in the World Government Summit: https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/news/articles/tuck-team-wins-global-universities-challenge

@Pamela - Tuck does not have a PhD in marketing program. The only program we have is the MBA, which really allows our faculty to focus on giving us a tailored experience

Thank you Liz

Thank you so much Liz and Kristin! I'll be sure to read the article and check out the Business, Government and Society center.

@Stacy: two come to mind! Tripod hockey is a really fun Tuck program. Regardless of your skillset, you get drafted to a team and play several times a week. You get to know your team really well, and (attempt to) learn to skate in the process. The other unique Tuck club is called Tuck Talks, which puts on an event every term. Tuck Talks is a platform for students to share a story that makes them unique. Usually five or six students tell incredible stories that allows us to get to know them better. Tuck Talks is so popular that students usually line up hours before the event starts!

That sounds awesome. Thanks for sharing! Would you also be able to share any insight into the career services offered on campus (and for alums)? Is there a particular field that is most popular for recruiting?

@Sydney WOW that sounds awesome. thank you!

Hi. I'm interested in your MBA program. I have BA in Pol. Science and MA in Political Management. Am I eligible to apply?

@Stacy: We have a career development office (CDO) that provides guidance for students during the recruiting process. At the beginning of the academic year, students are assigned a rep based on industry they are recruiting for. The reps all have vast industry experience pre-Tuck and can meet with you on an ad hoc basis to suit your needs. Feel free to look at our employment report to see where most students accept offers: https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/career-services/employment-statistics

Kristin Roth

@Bojana - Yes! Please check out our admissions website for more information about our program, our criteria, and important dates: https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions

Thanks, Sydney. That is very helpful!

Hello all! Thanks for your time today! I'm very interested in Tuck and would love to learn more about the top qualities that Tuck looks for in prospective MBA students? What values or qualities are most important to Tuck?

Hi @Madison. I recommend checking out Tuck's website & blog to read up on admissions criteria. You can start here! https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/criteria

Thanks Sydney!

I am very interested in Marketing and Brand Management. Do you know if many students go into this sector post-Tuck?

Thanks. Kristin. Just additional questions - do u still have scholarship available?

@Madison, we have that in common! I will be interning in a CPG brand management role this summer. Feel free to look at our employment report to see where most students accept offers: https://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/career-services/employment-statistics

I am also a Forte Fellow. Can you share more information about the selection criteria for Forte Fellowships/scholarships?

@Kristin, I do not have a good undergrad GPA. what would you recommend for me to increase my chance?

That is so great, Sydney! Thanks for this information! I'd love to connect with you individually to learn more about your recruiting and class experience!

Have you enjoyed the marketing curriculum thus far?

@Madison: Here is the selection criteria for the fellowship: http://www.fortefoundation.org/site/PageServer?pagename=mba_fellows. I believe it's on a case-by-case, school-by-school basis!

I'm also interested in the Women in Business club at Tuck. When is the WIB conference this year and can prospective students participate?
Kristin Roth
@Bojana - we may offer merit-based scholarships to strong applicants, and we sometimes grant fee waivers depending on an applicant's personal situation.

Thanks so much Sydney!

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Sydney Schuit
@Madison, marketing has been really interesting for me as I have no experience in that area. I am currently taking Marketing Research which is one of my favorite classes at Tuck. We are learning a bunch of different research techniques and then applying them to managerial decisions.

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Liz Lavin
@Elizabeth - I would recommend submitting the very strongest application you can in other areas, such as your work experience, your standardized test scores, and your essays. You should also consider applying as early as you can submit a strong application. We have not set dates for our application cycle for next year yet, but keep an eye on our website for updates.

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Liz Lavin
@Madison, the WIB conference will be in the Fall (date not selected yet) and prospective students are encouraged to attend. We have panels, events, and conduct interviews them as well

Welcome, Nandini and Madeleine!

Thank you Kristin!

Great! Thank you Liz!

Hi Kristin, Liz, & Sydney - thank you for joining us today!

We are happy to be here @Kelly!

Are there international business learning opportunities at Tuck? I am very interested in global exchange and other global learning experiences?

@Madison, We have some amazing international learning experiences! I just got back from a ten day trip to Argentina with 23 classmates where we looked at doing business with a rising inflation rate. It was an amazing trip. We have an international requirement at Tuck so you either have to attend a Global Insight Experience (a ten day trip over spring break), a semester abroad, or Global Insights which is an international consulting program that you do in December.

Hi Georgia!

Hi Liz!

Hi everyone, our volunteers will be here for just about 8 more minutes. Please get your final questions in!

Welcome, Georgia and Christine and Margaret!

Do you have any recommendations for addressing relatively weaker traditional business backgrounds? Is taking courses in accounting and finance a useful strategy?

To all of the moderators - thank you so much! I was on the Tuck chat earlier and I've had a chance to read through some of the transcript. Your answers have helped me personally a lot, and I want to thank you for your time.

Hello Tuck Admissions and current students! For current students, how did you go about choosing a GIX program? Can you do multiple programs during your time at Tuck?

Hi Tuck Admissions and current students! Thanks for hosting us today. My name is Morgan and I currently work in consulting. What do you think sets Tuck and the opportunities an MBA from Tuck provides apart from other programs?

@Christine- additional courses along with a good gmat score can show that you are able to handle the quant aspects of tuck!

Thanks for your help!

@Qianhui: Students chose their GIX for a variety of reasons, including their interest in the particular topic or desire to go to a specific country. For me, I chose Morocco because I was really interested in the culture. You can absolutely do multiple global programs while at Tuck!

@Morgan, I think what sets Tuck apart is the network. I have never met a more friendly group of people than Tuck alumni. This means that when they are deciding who to interview or who to hire, Tuckies really come through and pull for us

Thanks Liz!

@Sydney, thank you so much for the information! Morocco's an amazing country, so glad you get to go! Thanks again :)

Hi Maggie

Hi Rachel

Thanks so much Liz! That's so great to learn!

Thanks for joining us for today's chat! We hope you found this information helpful. Looking forward to getting to know many of you in the next application cycle!

Goodbye Everyone!

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