



Tuck Dartmouth Live Chat Transcript - July 13, 2018

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An Inside Look at Tuck's New Application

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- **Tuck Decision Tracker:** <https://gmatclub.com/forum/tuck-194/app-tracker.html>
- **Tuck Reviews:** https://gmatclub.com/reviews/business_school/tuck-10

Moderator: Hello Everyone, Welcome to the live chat with Amy Mitson, Senior Associate Director of Admissions at Tuck.

AmyTuckAdmissions: Hello to all and thank you for tuning in today. I am a senior associate director on our team and have been at Tuck for many years. This season is particularly exciting as we have streamlined our admissions rounds, our criteria for evaluation, and approached the essay questions in a new way. Hopefully many of you have seen some of the direct communication sent out from our team regarding the application questions. If not, you can take a look anytime: <http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/news/articles/tuck-announces-new-criteria-for-mba-admissions>. While not a big secret, taking some time to REFLECT before beginning the application, especially the essays, will serve you well! We hope to not only learn the facts about you, but also learn about you as a person. The people at Tuck and their unique qualities, experiences, and viewpoints make our community a personal, connected, and very special place!

Canteenbottle: What are the words limits for LOR questions(long questions)?

AmyTuckAdmissions: Recommenders are asked to respond to a combination of short and longer answer prompts. You can see word limits, etc within the article link posted above. Some questions have word limits and others do not.

blkoone: Does the Dartmouth emphasis on Native Americans extend to Tuck?

AmyTuckAdmissions: Dartmouth has a long history of supporting Native American students and that extends to Tuck as well. Many Native Dartmouth graduates have applied and attended Tuck.

Antrixmic: When can I expect interview calls as a round 1 applicant? Are telephonic interviews also available?

AmyTuckAdmissions: Tuck has an open interview policy which means that any candidate who would like to come to campus, may select a date and interview in person. Interviews will be open for registration in late July and the first day of on campus interviews is August 31. If you are unable to come to campus and would like to interview, we will contact you at some point after your application has been received and before decisions are released. Yes, I realize this is a large window of time! And there is some waiting involved! We do not have an EXACT schedule of when you will be contacted for an interview. All interview opportunities are GOOD ones; whether you come to campus or wait for an invitation. All interview opportunities are viewed EQUALLY; whether in person or via SKYPE, WeChat, Google hangout, etc.

Rafaelguimaraes: I would like to know if someone who hold an associate degree could be considered to apply for a MBA at Tuck.

AmyTuckAdmissions: A bachelor's degree is required to apply to Tuck.

Antrixmic: How do older candidates say age 31 perform at Tuck? Do recruiters view them at par with the younger candidates during placements?

AmyTuckAdmissions: The average age for a student starting at Tuck is about 27 and the range is many years younger to many years older. If you look at the class profile, we actually do not publish age ranges anymore. Your experiences and reasons for wanting the MBA are much more informative than your entering age. Employers will also be looking at the combination of your experience and desire to be part of their company.

Himanshu04: Can you please elaborate on the nice and aware attributes?

AmyTuckAdmissions: Regarding NICE and AWARE: Nice is a common theme at Tuck. While it was never specifically written into the criteria before now, this attribute is ever present in our community. Nice is being considerate of others and the community in which you choose to participate. Nice manifests itself in many ways. Nice is the faculty member who goes out of their way to make sure you grasp a concept and nice is the study group who works together to ensure one another's success or the second year who will lead you through mock interviews and talk at length with you about a career choice. Think about when you have extended yourself purely for the benefit of someone else...that is a type of nice.

Aware: Can be seen in understanding of and empathy toward the diverse perspectives of others.

Antrixmic: Can spouses find work - full time or part time at Tuck?

AmyTuckAdmissions: Many students will come to Tuck with a partner and YES, partners are able to find full time work in the Upper Valley. The college and the hospital are two of the largest employers in the area, but there are many more employers. Here is a place to start: <https://searchjobs.dartmouth.edu/> Regarding partner employment, some partners are limited by visa status and will not work when they come to Hanover. If that is the case, there are NUMEROUS areas for partners to be involved on and off campus.

Neo92: What kind of opportunities open up for people from non profit background looking to make a career transition?

AmyTuckAdmissions: There are numerous opportunities for students in search of NON PROFIT careers and experiences. Through our non profit initiatives and coursework you can increase your skill set and awareness of how non profit organizations work. You can take a look at some of our student experiences here: <http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/blog/tag/nonprofit>

Tvpwc: Hello from New York! thank you very much for joining us today. if one candidate can manage to submit his/her application by end of July and have on-campus interview in August 31 (which I believe it is the expected first for on-campus interview), when he/she could expect to hear back the decision?

AmyTuckAdmissions: Good question! No matter how early you submit your application or conduct your interview, all decisions at Tuck are released on the published deadline schedule....December 6 for Round 1!

JosieRod145: The Dartmouth network is legendarily regarded - why does the school forge such strong bonds, other than the small size? In your opinion.

AmyTuckAdmissions: The STRONG BONDS at Tuck are part of our culture. The small size absolutely contributes to people working closely together and knowing one another very well. Additionally, the uniqueness of our campus location contributes to strong bonds. While you will be pulled in many directions during your 2 years at Tuck, there are somewhat fewer distractions when you decide to come to Hanover than in a big city. Our students do not retreat to existing networks, they come together to form a new network at Tuck.

Blkoone: Are there any essay "no-nos" that you can point to that may not seem completely obvious to an applicant?

AmyTuckAdmissions: Hmmmmm. Always PROOFREAD, do not just find and replace. Take your time so you can avoid silly mistakes like "there" and "their", for example. We are aware that you are likely applying to other schools, but do not make the mistake of having another school's name in our essay. Be thoughtful about your references to clubs and organizations that you hope to engage with....while many schools have similar clubs/opportunities, we do not always call them by the same names. Do your research for real and take your time when creating your application!

Neo92: What kind of scholarship opportunities are available at tuck?

AmyTuckAdmissions: All applicants are considered for scholarship when applying to Tuck. You will know if you have received a scholarship when you receive your admissions decision. The amount of scholarship awards vary and scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the admissions committee.

Blkoone: How can an applicant signal their interest in Tuck outside of making a campus visit? Should an applicant cite phone calls with alumni, attendance to chats with admissions council members (like this one) in our application? Or does Tuck keep track of these things?

AmyTuckAdmissions: Whatever connections you make with Tuck, make them genuine! If possible, attend an event to hear directly from alumni; this will inform your perspective on the Tuck network. Continue to tune in to chats like this---while I am not "keeping track" this Q&A could lead to other resources that will thoughtfully inform your application. You do not have to prove your interest to the admissions committee with a laundry list of interactions. Your thoughtful application will reflect your interactions, research, engagement, and reflection!

Blkoone: Whats your favorite thing about Hanover?

AmyTuckAdmissions: HANOVER!!!!!! My favorite things about Hanover are the people and the place. This is a very engaging community where I have the opportunity to interact with everyone. People do not keep one another at a distance and you will always encounter an open door. I have taken classes, volunteered with the Dartmouth Track team, learned mountain biking, rock climbing and ice climbing, I have seen world class music and dance performances at the Hopkins Center, and developed relationships with colleagues and alumni that last. I have found Hanover to be an amazing community for me!

Thank you for your questions and I hope this is just the BEGINNING of your conversation with Tuck! Please come and see us in Hanover or if we are in your neighborhood! <http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admissions/attend-an-event> Best of luck with the MBA application process!