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Moderator: Welcome everyone in this live chat session with Tuck admissions. Before we begin the chat I would like introduce our today's guests:

Amy Mitson - Sr. Associate Director of Admissions

Stephanie Butler - Assistant Director of Admissions

Welcome Amy and Stephanie

Amy Mitson: Good afternoon from Hanover, NH and Tuck Admissions! We are looking forward to answering questions from many of you who are preparing Round 2 or 3(...or beyond!) applications! We know that Round1 applicants are anxiously awaiting decisions. This chat will not be focused on R1 application decisions.....decisions will be available Thursday at 5:00 pm. We are excited to answer your questions this afternoon!

Avorwald: Is there a difference in acceptance rates from applying from Forte or Consortium versus applying directly to Tuck?

Amy: If applying directly to Tuck or applying through the Consortium process. Applicants are evaluated within the entire pool of candidates no matter. Acceptance rates do not differ for candidates who align with Forte and/or Consortium versus the overall applicant pool.

Chetan425002: Does Tuck have some focus on Pharma/ Healthcare sector so as to take career forward in that direction after MBA?

Amy: Absolutely Chetan425002! Tuck's general management curriculum will be a great foundation for your future health care industry goals. There are classes, clubs, and the Center for HealthCare. Please take a look here: [http://healthcare.tuck.dartmouth.edu/st ...e-at-tuck/](http://healthcare.tuck.dartmouth.edu/st...e-at-tuck/)

Addie08: Is there an emphasis on a certain level of work experience for applicants? Say, is 2-3 years with significant project management experience frowned upon, or would it be slightly more acceptable given the specific experience?

Amy: While we have an average for number of years work experience in the entering class, there is a much wider range. Some applicants are ready with 1-2 years work experience and others are not ready for 8 or 9 years. Additionally, your professional experience is evaluated within the context of your overall application. Some candidates are stronger academically than professionally, or vice versa. Both can be successful for different reasons in the application process. You can decide when you are ready and then go for it!

Max.MayankG: Hello Amy and Stephanie! I am really amazed and attracted by the strong knit community at Tuck. I'd like to know how does the tuck admissions committee evaluates applicants in terms of their fit to the Tuck community.

Stephanie: An applicants fit for the Tuck community can be demonstrated through our four admissions criteria; smart, nice, accomplished, and aware. Not only did we choose these descriptors for future Tuckies, but they're also a great way to describe current students and alums. Check out the exact meaning of smart, nice, accomplished, and aware at Tuck on our website!

Gauravhalder87: Are over-aged applicants viewed negatively?

Stephanie: Tuck Admissions in no way takes age into consideration when evaluating candidates. It's up to each candidate to explain why the MBA makes sense for their intended career path, why now is the right time, and how prior experiences will contribute to the class and greater Tuck community. Our executive director, Luke Pena, just answered a very similar question on Business Because--I'd check it out!

Darshi04: I am particularly interested in MBA with a focus on Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Strategy. I have 1-2 years to strengthen my profile. What kind of a professional background is recommended along with a strong GMAT score to get into MBA Entrepreneurship track? Also, specifically, will it help if I start a venture now and continue it for 1-2 years in order to show entrepreneurial drive/experience? Or is it recommended to get leadership experience in startups instead?

Amy: Great question and thank you for the specific question. The Center for Entrepreneurship at Tuck is responsible for bringing programs, projects, classes to students who are interested in pursuing eship. You can see more here: <http://ce.tuck.dartmouth.edu/> You do not have to start a venture pre-Tuck or have a specific set of experiences to be successful. You can focus on your current career path and dive into eship upon arrival at Tuck or you can start now and have even more experiences to share during the MBA.

Jbukawyn: Stephanie/Amy, how is the Commercial Real Estate industry represented at Tuck? Would you please address the question with the following in mind: applicants, curriculum, and career opportunities? Thank you!

Stephanie: While real estate is certainly a minority interest, those who are interested receive a lot of individual support like. As an applicant, RE experience or interest can add some industrial diversity to the class (also assuming the candidate hits the four criteria!). Academically, we recently hired a fantastic new real estate faculty member and offer a handful of elective courses around this topic. There's also a Real Estate Club and of course, support in the Career Development Office. Like the community on campus, Tuck certainly has alums working in real estate--a relatively smaller group, yet a still a strong and supportive one.

Tomandjerry: What would your advice be for someone who's had employment gaps in his resume, owing to reasons that he has had to face depression, and lack of clarity along the path?

Amy: We ask candidates specifically to explain a gap in work experience. It is always valuable when to provide context in your own words versus the admissions committee just wondering why the gap. Please feel welcome to share detail within the application or in the optional essay.

ELC: 10 years ago I studied an MBA in my country, Peru. I am going to apply to Tuck but not sure if my MBA degree in Peru will be a problem in getting an admit.

Stephanie: Having already earned an MBA does not automatically disqualify you from possible admission to Tuck. That said, make sure we understand why you need this additional education/experience/credential.

Max.MayankG: I'd like to know how will a recommendation from mentor/evaluator during undergrad internship be seen as? Is it inadvisable to have such a recommendation?

Amy: In most cases a recommendation from someone who has supervised your full time work post undergrad can be more impactful; this type of recommendation is more recent as well. Please try to have at least one recommendation from a professional supervisor. You could balance this out with the second rec from undergrad internship. If you choose the undergrad supervisor, you may want to sit down with them to ensure they can provide specifics and are prepared to answer our questions(a form letter is not as impactful). Good luck!

Shivam5511: Does working as an entrepreneur and having a startup count as work experience for TUCK MBA aspirants? If yes, how can one leverage this?

Stephanie: Yes, of course! Entrepreneurial experience can add great value to the class. Help us understand the nature of your company, growth, challenges and accomplishments, your specific role, how it will play into your time at Tuck and beyond.

Private: How does Tuck define "wise" that is distinguished from the conventional "smart" or "intelligent" of leadership? What is the school's unique point of view about future leaders?

Stephanie: I think you already alluded to Tuck's unique point of view on future leaders! Tuck's mission is to educate wise (!!) leaders to better the world of business. Wisdom at Tuck means leading with confident humility, empathy, and judgement. Tuck's Dean, Matt Slaughter, just did a webinar for prospective students. If you missed it live, you can catch it here; [http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admission ... fe-at-tuck](http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/admission...fe-at-tuck).

Private: I'd like to learn more about the social enterprise and impact investing community at Tuck

Amy: Tuck's Center for Business, Government, and Society brings programming, classes, and conferences to the community with a focus on social enterprise/impact. You can see details on the MINT competition, our Business and Society conference, and view student profiles here: <http://cbgs.tuck.dartmouth.edu/programs-events/>

Chetan425002: Anything else beyond healthcare club? Which pharma healthcare organizations visit our facility

Amy: Beyond the HC club, faculty consistently bring speakers into class that are relevant to health care topics. Additionally, there are often connections between with health care and technology in which case our Center for Digital Strategies also delivers awesome programming to our community. You can see more on the CDS here: <https://digitalstrategies.tuck.dartmouth.edu/>

Darshi04: Are there international students who complete their MBA in Tuck and find work in countries other their home country OR other than the USA? What is the approximate avg. proportion of such students in each class?

Stephanie: Yes, absolutely! For some, it's a direct path to an international role (whether in your home country or elsewhere). For others, they might be assigned to a particular office within a global firm and then work toward being transferred to their preferred location in the future. Tuck's annual employment report provides some of this data; [http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/caree ... statistics](http://www.tuck.dartmouth.edu/mba/caree...statistics). Finally, our alumni network is incredibly

helpful and help support employment searches in very meaningful ways--it's all about how you utilize the available resources.

Moderator: That should conclude our Live Chat event today! Thank you, Amy and Stephanie, again for answering our questions. We really appreciate your support! I believe everyone now feels even more excited to apply to Tuck.



Meet a Tuck admissions officer, alumni and current students on the road! Stay up-to-date on Tuck's [upcoming events](#) and note that they will be adding more events throughout the admissions season.

We encourage you to [create your Tuck profile](#). This is just the first step in helping Tuck get to know you, so please be sure to update your profile throughout your journey to Tuck.