



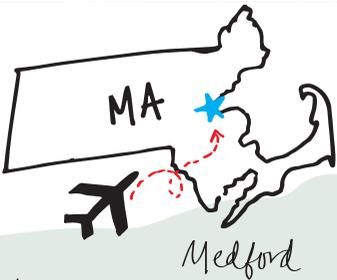
# Start your 'visit' here



*JT Duck*  
Dean of Admissions

"Welcome! We love inviting visitors to our campuses. While we're enamored with our classic New England architecture, our open green spaces, and our proximity to all that metropolitan Boston offers, our favorite thing to do is provide visitors a chance to learn from our students. Tufts students are an engaged, diverse, intellectual group eager to tell you why this place is so special. Since visiting our campuses may not be an option for you this fall, we're bringing a Tufts visit – complete with student voices – directly to you! Let this be the start of your exploration – go online to read our student blogs, take a virtual tour, and flip through recent issues of JUMBO Magazine. Enjoy!"

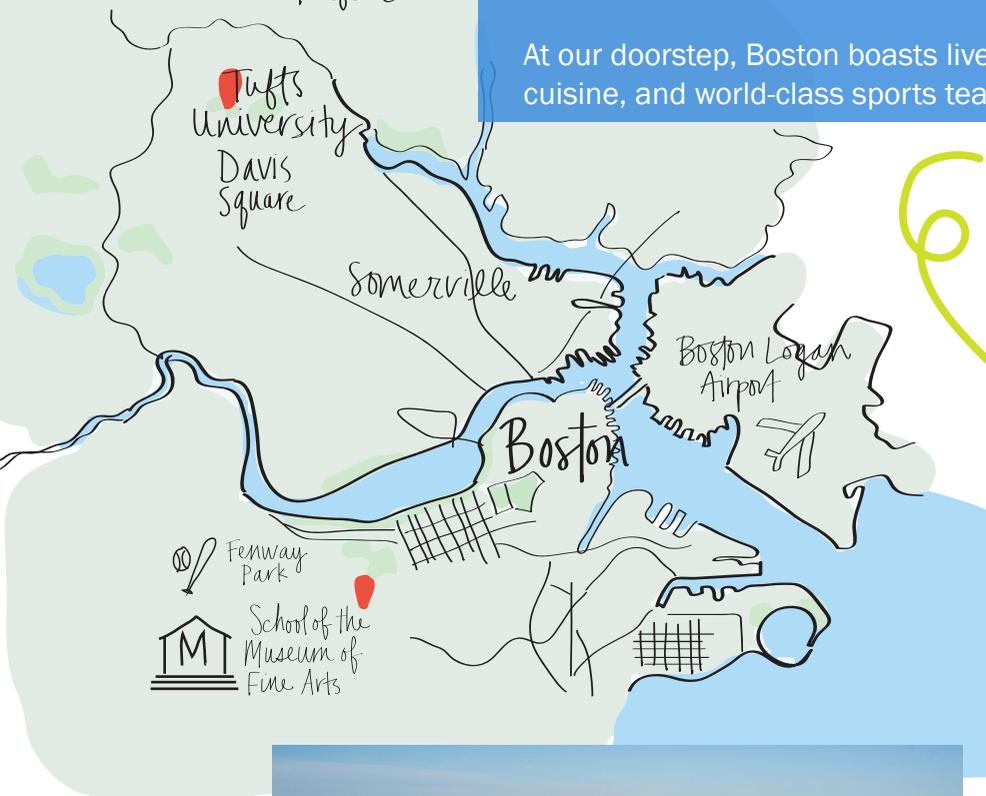
## Our Campuses



The School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering are both located on our Medford/Somerville campus, six subway stops from Boston, on a tree-dotted hill with plenty of cafes, restaurants, and theaters nearby.

The School of the Museum of Fine Arts is located on our SMFA campus in the Avenue of the Arts district of Boston, right next door to the Museum itself.

At our doorstep, Boston boasts lively music and art scenes, cutting-edge cuisine, and world-class sports teams.



*That's Jumbo, our beloved mascot!*



From Medford:  
**5 miles**  
**BOSTON**



5,000 lbs • 12 ft tall • 18 ft long

**Explore campus**



# Explore campus

When you ask students how they picked their college, some say they “just knew” when they stepped foot on campus. Others were more research-based, weighing pros and cons. Whichever approach is right for you, we want to give you a sense of our campus. Here, you’ll see some annotated photos of our favorite spaces on campus alongside student perspectives. We hope you have a good feeling about the Tufts energy!



Harrison '22

“Working in the Tufts Digital Collections and Archives is one of the most rewarding academic experiences imaginable. The files and collections are like puzzle pieces that, when combined, hold the answers to why campus is the way it is today.”

Bendetson Hall  
(our admissions home)

Miller Hall  
(a first-year residence hall)



That's Boston!

5 miles { location of our SMFA Fine Arts }

Davis Square

Fun Outings  
ice cream, bowling, movies

Houston Hall  
(residence hall)



Alekya '21

“Studying together in the morning, going to a protest in the afternoon, and reuniting to see a student band at Arts Haus that evening – the community on campus really leans on each other for everything.”

“My first year, my roommate and I would leave our door open any time we were in the room. My entire floor and many of my friends throughout Houston Hall would spend all of our days (when we weren't in class) just going in and out of each others' rooms, getting meals together, and watching movies/doing homework in common rooms – I made amazing memories and lifelong friends.”



Emily '21

“The nearly-adjacent locations of Granoff and the Science and Engineering Complex represent how the Tufts community fosters development in whatever disciplines you're passionate about. I have always appreciated that I never had to choose between my more analytical and creative sides, and all it takes is a walk from one building to the other to show that different disciplines can live together in harmony.”

Africana Center  
(recently celebrated 50 years!)

Aidekman Arts Center + Granoff Music Center



Ellis Oval



(football + track + field)



Tisch Fitness Center

Science + Engineering Complex

Powder House Square

Davis Square



SMFA campus

Bessie, the rhino mascot

Indigo '21



All kinds of studios: Ceramics, metals, animation, photography – and MORE!  
next to the Museum of Fine Arts

“The SMFA is such a welcoming, intimate community of artists. Whether you're a first-year or a grad student, people are quick to offer support and critique both in and out of the classroom. The best part of my day at SMFA is getting a breakfast sandwich from the cafe and chatting with some friends in the atrium before class!”

Info Session Time

# Information Session



Welcome!

I'm Evelyn, Assistant Director of Admissions, and I'm an alumna of Tufts! I'm happy you're "here" at our information session. Tufts is a liberal arts AND research university. We are home to ~5,800 undergraduate students, coming from all 50 states and 70+ countries. We encourage close student-faculty relationships, foster a culture of research and innovation, and celebrate the diverse experiences of our students, who are known for being intellectually playful, down-to-earth, driven, and civic-minded.

## Tufts Take-Aways

1. You'll be supported here. No matter your interests or identities, there is a place for you.
2. You'll be encouraged to grow — through access to unique majors, incredible research, travel opportunities, and passionate peers.

## Campus Life



Emma '23

"At Tufts, I've worked on economics problem sets with peers I've met at office hours, studied for child development tests with friends from class, and practiced tap dances for tap class in the common rooms of my classmates' residence halls. I'm thankful to be in an environment where students value helping and learning from each other, instead of pushing to come out ahead as individuals."

### At a glance:

#### Our Students

- 33% US students of color
- 12% first-generation students
- 70+ countries represented
- 39% need-based aid recipients

#### Campus Life

- 45% of juniors study abroad
- 90% complete an internship
- 300+ student organizations
- 28 Division III varsity sports



Kamar '22

### Diversities of Tufts

The energy of the Tufts community is due in no small part to the mix of people. Jumbos come from a range of backgrounds. Many are the first in their families to attend college, others the first in their families to live in the United States. Some hail from rural towns, others from the heart of the city. All bring diverse talents, opinions, interests, and experiences to the table. Regardless of where you're coming from, you can find a community to call home.

### Beyond the Classroom

Students spend an average of 15 hours a week in class, leaving plenty of time for interning, mountaineering, a cappella singing, dog-walking, or performing stand-up comedy. They might see a concert at the House of Blues, cheer on the Red Sox at Fenway, or test out a new local restaurant.

### Tufts Traditions

While students forge their own paths here, some experiences unite all Jumbos. On the first night on campus, each first-year student lights a candle, becoming the "Light on the Hill" that our founder Charles Tufts had imagined. Every Jumbo can paint the cannon with their own message or design during the year — as long as the previous painters let up their guard! Ask Jumbos why the President's Lawn was once covered in glitter (Kesha might have been involved), or who is responsible for the pumpkins spread over campus on Halloween morning (but that's a secret they'll probably keep).

"I found community through the clubs that I joined. As a Caribbean student, it brought me so much joy to be able to help revitalize the Caribbean Student Organization by being an executive board member. Many cultural clubs are a safe haven for students to be with other students that they identify with on a cultural basis, and it creates a family away from home."

### Resources and Communities

At Tufts, we also recognize how important it is for students to be able to connect with peers who share their experiences and identities through affinity organizations and gathering spaces. Our Division of Student Diversity and Inclusion includes our six identity-based resource centers. The Africana Center, Asian American Center, FIRST Resource Center, Latino Center, LGBT Center, and Women's Center are physical spaces for socializing and club meetings, and also provide sources of comfort and belonging for underrepresented students at Tufts. The FIRST Resource Center serves as a hub of community and support for first-generation, low-income, and undocumented students through mentorship and advocacy.

Academics



# Academics

## An Interdisciplinary Education

Your interests might not fit neatly within academic disciplines — we find that exciting. Tufts celebrates interdisciplinary learning. Take for instance cognitive and brain sciences, a major that draws on psychology, linguistics, philosophy of mind, computer science, and more!

## Global Outlook

Tufts students think of themselves as citizens of a global world. Many foreign language options, an international relations major, and the Tisch College of Civic Life provide plentiful opportunities to broaden your view. Additionally, you can participate in a First-Year Global Program, study abroad, or do research overseas with the Institute for Global Leadership.

## Research

As one of the smallest and most undergraduate-focused top-tier research universities, Tufts encourages faculty to collaborate with undergraduate students in a wide-range of innovative research spanning every field and discipline. From soft-bodied robotics to urban democracy, microbial communities to musical theater, you can find research that speaks to you.



Chris '21

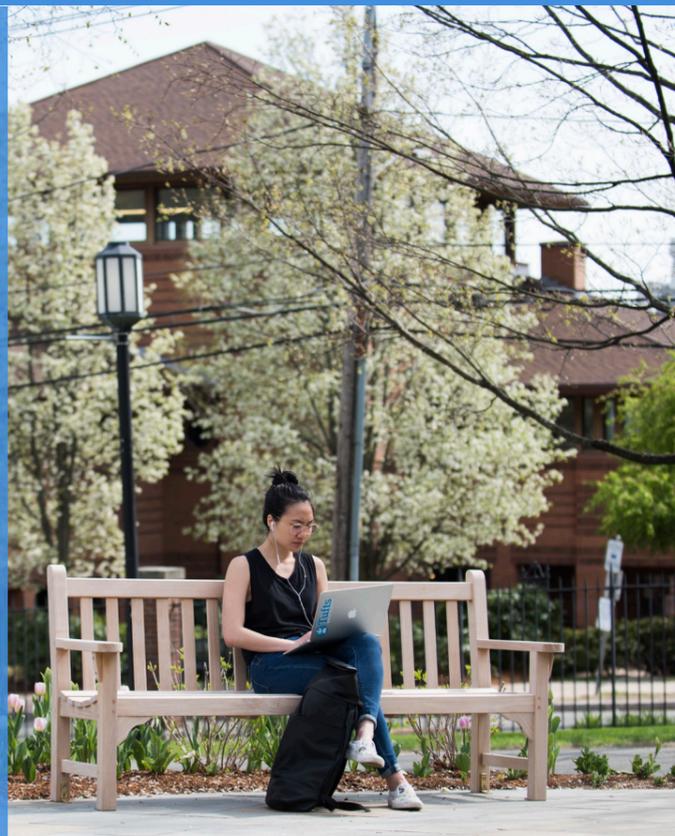
“My major advisor, Howard Woolf, helps me pursue interesting opportunities in film and media studies and the Experimental College. Thanks to Howard, I’ve gotten internships, taken exciting classes, taught my own courses, and started work on a senior thesis.”

## Research Spotlight

Examining the Experiences of Young Girls in STEM Education  
Elizabeth Moison '20  
Major: Sociology

Collecting data from girls in grades 3-6 in workshops hosted by the Tufts Center for Engineering Education and Outreach, Elizabeth Moison sought to understand young girls’ take on gender dynamics in the classroom.

During an elementary engineering class she was teaching, she noticed boys gravitated towards technology they knew and subsequently commandeered others’ work, while girls tended to retreat, not vying for equal authority even when they had initiated the project. While the gendering of undergraduate engineering is well documented, little had been investigated with children, so sociology and education student Elizabeth paired up with a mentor in mechanical engineering. This project inspired her to pursue graduate school to study education and educational policy.



## Career Services and Outcomes

Tufts aims to ensure successful outcomes for each of its undergraduates. The Career Center provides resume and cover letter workshops, one-on-one advising, several on-campus career fairs (with hundreds of employers represented each year), access to a network of alumni working in diverse fields across the world, and more than 175 programs for undergraduates. Post-Tufts employment often begins with school-year or summer internships, many of which are coordinated (or even funded) by the Career Center.

Tufts students have a strong record of placement at top graduate programs and jobs. Many alumni find their way back to Tufts through combined degree programs or the Tufts Plus program, which gives an advantage to Tufts alumni applying to certain Tufts graduate programs.

## Class of 2019 Outcomes

**89%**

completed at least one internship while at Tufts. 68% completed two or more.

**98%**

were employed, enrolled in graduate school, or participating in service or a fellowship within 6 months of graduation

<b>77%</b>	employed full-time	<b>4%</b>	other employment
<b>17%</b>	graduate school	<b>2%</b>	seeking employment

Next steps...



# Applying



# Financial Aid

Tufts University is serious about making sure that all admitted students can afford an undergraduate education.

Tufts proudly meets 100% of the demonstrated financial need of every admitted student, regardless of citizenship status, for all four years. Demonstrated need is the difference between the annual cost of attending Tufts and the amount a student's family is expected to contribute each year.

Students with an annual family income of less than \$60,000 will typically receive a financial aid package with no student loans; students' demonstrated need will be met with only grant aid and work-study funding.

The average annual cost for Tufts students receiving financial aid is \$26,825. Students from low-income families pay even less. This means Tufts could be as affordable as attending a public university in your home state.

## MyinTuition

For a fast estimate of your eligibility for Tufts financial aid, visit the MyinTuition Quick College Cost Estimator on our website.



Get an estimate

## Our Process

We hope something here has hooked you – that you read about our interdisciplinary curriculum, or research opportunities, or the kind and collaborative student community, and you want to join us on the Hill. Great! Let's talk about applying.

We read applications contextually, meaning we seek to understand the context from which you're applying – to understand your family, your high school, your community – and how that impacted your upbringing and educational opportunities. We strive to enroll a class of students who come from a variety of backgrounds with a variety of interests.

## Applicaton Checklist

- Completed Common Application, Coalition Application, or QuestBridge Application
- Completed Tufts Short-Answer Questions
- 2 recommendations: 1 teacher + 1 counselor
- High School Transcript(s) + Senior Grades
- English Proficiency Test Scores (if applicable)
- Art Portfolio for SMFA applicants
- \$75 Application Fee or Fee Waiver
- Optional: SAT or ACT scores, Alumni Interview

## Data + Voice

We evaluate two components of an application.

**Data** – these are the numbers in the application. We pay attention to the rigor of your curriculum (given your high school options) and your performance in your classes. If you choose to submit SAT or ACT scores (they're optional!), we will evaluate those. Together, these pieces of information help us evaluate academic fit.

**Voice** – reading your essays, teacher and counselor recommendations, and Tufts Short-Answer Questions, we seek to learn who you are, what matters to you, and how you'll contribute to the Tufts community. We love getting to know students' stories!

## Dates to Apply

*Early Decision Round 1*  
Deadline: November 1  
Notification: Mid-December

*Regular Decision*  
Deadline: January 1  
Notification: April 1

*Early Decision Round 2*  
Deadline: January 1  
Notification: Mid-February

*Transfer Admission*  
Deadline: March 15  
Notification: Mid-June

## Why Tufts?



Hana '23

"While Tufts was not the only university that checked off all my boxes, it pulled at my gut like a gesture of fate. That tug was the playfulness of the student body, the kindness of the professors, the honesty of the tour guides. How everyone who's involved in this community genuinely wants you to succeed. I chose Tufts because I knew, viscerally and instinctively, that I would be able to thrive here and make it my home."



Sonia '21

"Tufts always stood out to me because among the student community at Tufts, it's not only cool to be smart, it is cool to be kind. It is so unique to be a part of a passionate, academically driven community where students genuinely want to see each other succeed. This collaborative and supportive environment is why Tufts has always been the school for me."



Ishan '23

"Tufts Engineering is, in my eyes, the perfect balance. While all of us are engineers at heart, we all have other passions and curiosities that might differ from engineering or STEM completely. While you are getting amazing engineering knowledge, you can still keep that other fire burning by taking classes outside of your major."

Connect with us!

# ▶▶ Fall Programming

Join us this fall for a month of virtual open house programming...choose-your-own-adventure style! Four weeks of special programs will start broad by introducing you to Tufts and then go deep as you explore your own potential path as a Jumbo. Attend panels and sessions of your choice to learn from current students and faculty about academics, life outside of the classroom, admissions, and more. And who knows, maybe by the end of the month, you'll Fall for Tufts.



## Beginning September 19th, we will explore four themes:

### Week 1: Who Are We?

What does it mean to attend a tier-one research university with the culture and feel of a liberal arts college? Learn more about how Tufts educates its students, and how our core educational values and philosophies help shape our community members as scholars and as people.

### Week 2: Academics at Tufts

Building bridges across disciplines is the norm at Tufts. From linking computer science and international relations to analyze modern cybersecurity to connecting women's, gender, and sexuality studies with sculpture to debunk the gender binary, Tufts students know the power of actively seeking out the intersections across fields of study. Jumbos also lean into the necessity of connecting classroom learning to the world around them.

### Week 3: Community and Engagement at Tufts

Tufts' culture of openness, civic engagement, humility, and global awareness isn't just confined to the classroom. From maker spaces to the dance group for students who can't dance to Division III athletics, Tufts students find community, growth, and joy in all corners of campus life.

### Week 4: See Yourself at Tufts

Research on the rebirth of urban democracy, Sundae Sundays in our dining halls, collaborative engineering — maybe something this month resonated with you and you're already picturing yourself as a Jumbo. Hear from current students and alumni about how they made Tufts their own and where Tufts brought them. We'll close with sessions on financial aid and admissions.

Visit our site to find details and register for programming:

>>[admissions.tufts.edu/fall-for-tufts](https://admissions.tufts.edu/fall-for-tufts)

### October 17-18: Virtual Voices of Tufts Diversity Experience

A two-day online visit program designed to introduce high school seniors to diversity and community at Tufts, which includes unique opportunities to build relationships with current Tufts students as well as other Voices participants. Application required and due by September 18th.

>>[admissions.tufts.edu/voices](https://admissions.tufts.edu/voices)



# ▶▶ Connect, Anytime

## Virtual Information Session



A 30-minute presentation on all things Tufts, including academic opportunities, life on "the Hill," and admissions and financial aid information, followed by a 30-minute Q&A.

## Medford/Somerville Virtual Tour



Follow a current student tour guide through our virtual tour in real time. You will be able to hear from a current student directly about their stories and experiences at Tufts!

## SMFA Virtual Tour



In this live session, you'll get to know SMFA through student, faculty, and alumni artwork, information about the program, and a walk-through of our specialized arts campus and the surrounding city.

## Reach Out!



We are happy to answer your questions via email or over the phone. Don't hesitate to reach out. Our contact information is below.

## Jumbo Chats



Dig deeper after you attend a virtual tour or info session! These casual conversations allow you to connect with a current Tufts student in a smaller virtual setting.

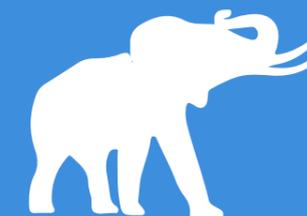
## SMFA Virtual Portfolio Review



Meet one-on-one with an admissions counselor for a conversation about your art practice. We'll provide guidance on portfolio preparation and answer any questions you may have about the application process and SMFA experience.

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We're here for you! ▶▶



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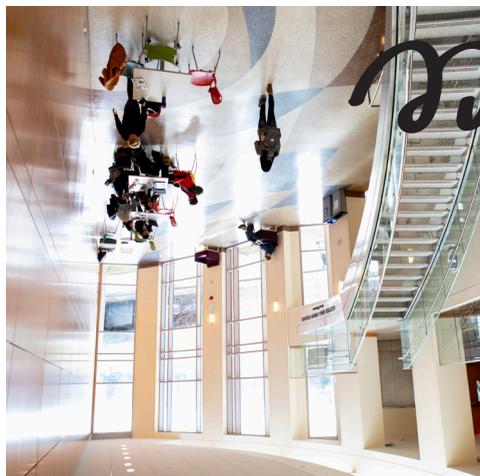




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