Congratulations
ON YOUR ADMISSION TO THE FLETCHER SCHOOL!
On behalf of The Fletcher School, I extend to you a heartfelt invitation to join this accomplished student body, learn from this dedicated and gifted faculty, and connect with our world-wide network of leaders in the professions of international affairs. Finally, let me say, I am not only the Dean but also a proud alumnus. Come join this vibrant community. We are waiting for you!

JAMES STAVRIDIS, PHD
DEAN AND CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS / RAYTHEON DEAN’S CHAIR
ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY (RETIRED)
FORMER SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER AT NATO, 2009–2013
WELCOME

On behalf of the Fletcher community, congratulations on your admission! As you embark on this next chapter of your life, you may find yourself with questions; we hope this booklet will provide you with some of the answers. Within these pages you’ll find important information about our Admitted Student Open House, deadlines, financial planning, housing, and more.

We know that choosing a graduate school is not easy. No doubt you will have many excellent options and numerous questions as you decide which program is best for you. We welcome your questions, and promise to answer them honestly and directly, even if our responses may lead you elsewhere to pursue your academic and professional goals.

We received a large number of excellent applications for the Fall 2015 entering class. The Admissions Committee had a difficult time in choosing the most outstanding and compelling candidates from this highly diverse group of multi-talented individuals. We sincerely hope that you decide to enroll at Fletcher and join our dynamic community. The Fletcher Admissions team looks forward to playing a role in connecting you to Fletcher and helping you become a leader with a global perspective.

Again, congratulations, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,
The Fletcher Admissions Team

Visit the Admitted Student Website
fletcher.tufts.edu/congratulations

The Admitted Student Website provides even more information about Fletcher and the Boston area, along with fun facts about the admitted class. You will also find information about the April Open House and upcoming events around the world.
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The Admitted Student Website provides you even more information about Fletcher and the Boston area, along with information about housing and financial aid. You will also find information about upcoming events for admitted students and the April Open House.

Open House for Admitted Students
April 5 and 6 (See page 4 for details.)

Admitted Student & Alumni Gatherings
In late March and early April we will hold several regional receptions to help connect admitted students with Fletcher alumni. Receptions will be held in:
  - Washington, DC
  - New York, NY
  - Tokyo, Japan
  - Seoul, Republic of Korea
  - Chicago, IL
  - Mexico City, Mexico
  - Delhi, India
  - More to be announced!

Details will be posted on the Admitted Student Website as soon as they are available: fletcher.tufts.edu/congratulations/events.

Online Opportunities
We will host several online chats for admitted students. Dates and times will be announced via email and available on the Admitted Student Website: www.fletcher.tufts.edu/congratulations/events.

Visit Fletcher Anytime
If your schedule makes it difficult to attend one of the planned events, we welcome you to visit campus anytime. To make the most out of your time at Fletcher, we suggest that you organize your visit to take advantage of the opportunities available, including sitting in on classes (the class schedule can be found at: www.fletcher.tufts.edu/Academic/Courses) or attending on-campus events open to the Fletcher community. You are also welcome to make an appointment with an Admissions Officer or just drop in and say “hello!”

Information Sessions
Information Sessions will be held from 12:30 – 1:30pm on March 23 and April 13, as well as 4:00 to 5:00pm on April 2. These sessions will provide an overview of Fletcher and give you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the School. Please register for the Information Session of your choice by visiting fletcher.admissions.tufts.edu/portal/campus-events.

Facebook Group for Admitted Students
Our private Facebook group for all admitted students provides you with the opportunity to make introductions and interact with your future classmates directly. We also use this forum to post updates on events and news. To join the group, search for “The Fletcher School – 2015 Incoming Class” and request to join.

MAKE THE FLETCHER CONNECTION

“Fletcher is one of the most collaborative environments I’ve ever worked in. The students here are competitive but only with themselves. This makes for a community where everyone wants to work together and help one another.”

ANDREW KOCH
MALD 2016
UNITED STATES

Please contact the Admissions Office with any questions:
Phone: +1.617.627.3040
E-mail: fletcheradmissions@tufts.edu
Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (EST)
NEXT STEPS

Pay Deposit and Confirm Enrollment
To confirm your intention to enroll at The Fletcher School, please submit the Decision Reply Form and pay your non-refundable $500 deposit (which will be applied to your first semester’s tuition) using the links found on your application status page. Please note that April 20, 2015 is the date by which you should notify us that you intend to enroll. After that date, we cannot guarantee that your scholarship will still be available. By paying your deposit, you are confirming your intent to enroll at The Fletcher School exclusively, and you should not pay a deposit at another institution.

Joint Degree Candidates
If you are planning on pursuing a joint degree, please complete the joint degree form available on the Admitted Student Website. Please send the completed form via mail to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid or email fletcheradmissions@tufts.edu.

Visit the Orientation Website
You will have access to the Orientation Website by mid-June and will be sent a link to this website via email. The Orientation Website includes important information about the mandatory Orientation beginning August 31, 2015, as well as forms that must be returned to the Registrar’s Office by July 1, such as:

- Class pre-registration information (Please note that registration for classes takes place after Orientation.)
- Faculty advisor selection information, as well as details about Fletcher Faces. (A photo and short bio will be needed from you for inclusion in Fletcher Faces.)
- University Health Services Office compliance requirements

The 2015–2016 Fletcher bulletin will not be available until late August; you will receive a copy at Orientation. If you would like a copy of the 2014–2015 bulletin, you may download it from the Fletcher website at fletcher.tufts.edu/Admissions/request_info/Catalog-and-Course-Bulletin.

The academic calendar can be found at fletcher.tufts.edu/Academic/Academic-Calendar

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Open House 2015

Please mark your calendar and join us at The Fletcher School, Tufts University, for Open House 2015 on April 5 and 6. All admitted students are invited to visit Fletcher to meet potential classmates and to learn more about Fletcher’s programs from faculty, students, alumni, and staff. The Open House begins Sunday night with a reception and Alumni Panel and continues on Monday with day-long programming.

We coordinate our Open House with several peer institutions to allow convenient travel between Boston, New York, and Washington, DC, with our event traditionally coming first. With our Open House scheduled annually for Monday, we are pleased to invite early-arriving Open House attendees to join us for a Reception and Alumni Panel on Sunday evening. Unfortunately, this year’s Sunday session falls during Passover and on Easter Sunday. For those who are unable to attend on Sunday, we hope you will still consider attending the full day of activities on Monday. Of course, if you are unable to attend the Open House, we welcome you to visit campus at any time. Note that we will have appropriate food available for all guests at the reception on Sunday and for Monday’s breakfast and lunch.

How do I register for the Open House?

Please register at fletcher.tufts.edu/Congratulations/events/Open-House by Wednesday, April 1.

Where can I stay?

Fletcher students have generously opened up their rooms at Blakeley Hall and off-campus apartments to visiting admitted students. When you register for the Open House, please indicate if you would like to stay overnight with a student. We will get back to you with the details of your overnight stay. We are able to provide housing for Sunday night only (April 5). The overnight host program is a good opportunity for you to get to know a Fletcher student. However, please understand that accommodations will vary from having your own bed to sleeping on a couch in a sleeping bag. In addition to the overnight host program, there are several hotels and inns in the area. Please visit fletcher.tufts.edu/Admissions/Visit-Fletcher for a list of area accommodations.

Open House – Schedule Overview

The Open House begins Sunday night with a reception and Alumni Panel and follows Monday with day-long programming. There are several options available to choose from during each time slot and class visits are available throughout the day. The full agenda is available on the Admitted Student Website.
How do I get there?

The Fletcher School is easily accessible from Boston via car, bus, train, or airplane. Please visit [fletcher.tufts.edu/Admissions/Experience-Fletcher/Visit-Fletcher](http://fletcher.tufts.edu/Admissions/Experience-Fletcher/Visit-Fletcher) or the Admitted Student Website for more information on getting to campus. Boston’s airport is Logan International.

**BY CAR:** Directions to campus can be found at [fletcher.tufts.edu/About/Contact/Directions](http://fletcher.tufts.edu/About/Contact/Directions). Parking is available in the Dowling Hall garage, entrance on Boston Avenue. To go from the garage to Fletcher take the elevator to the 7th floor. Exit Dowling and proceed across the footbridge—you will come to a campus map, which you may wish to consult before proceeding. Turn right and walk through the Campus Green, past Packard Hall on your right, to the opposite end of the Green. Cross the street to the Olin Center and walk down the hill. The Fletcher School is the next building on the right. Garage patrons should purchase a token for $8.00 before exiting.

**BY SUBWAY:** Tufts University is conveniently located about 10 minutes walking from the Davis Square Red Line MBTA stop. More information and directions from the MBTA station can be found here: [publicsafety.tufts.edu/adminsvc/shuttle-services/mass-transit/](http://publicsafety.tufts.edu/adminsvc/shuttle-services/mass-transit/).

**TUFTS UNIVERSITY SHUTTLE SERVICE:** There is a Tufts University shuttle that runs between Davis Square and Fletcher every 20 minutes, from 7 AM to 4 PM, and every 30 minutes from 4 PM – 12 AM. Exit the shuttle at the Olin Center, which is next to Fletcher.

For other arrival times, you may take the #94 or #96 city (MBTA) bus from Davis Square to the Memorial Steps at Tufts University. Walk up the steps and follow the paved path across the Campus Green until you reach Packard Avenue. Fletcher will be across the street, to the left.

**BY TRAIN:** Amtrak offers service to Boston’s South Station. From South Station take the Red Line train bound for Alewife (“inbound”). Exit at the Davis Square/Tufts University stop. Approximate transit time from South Station to Davis Square is 25 minutes. Follow the directions from Davis Square in the preceding section. From Davis Square, you may walk or take the shuttle, as described above.
FINANCIAL PLANNING

Graduate School is a significant investment, and it is essential that you formulate a plan to finance your education. A variety of financial aid resources are available, including scholarship aid, work-study and on-campus employment, and loans guaranteed by the U.S. federal government or other lenders. The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid is committed to helping you explore and understand your options for financing your graduate education. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you might have.

Fletcher Scholarships

Fletcher Scholarships are awarded based on a combination of merit and need to both U.S. citizens/permanent residents and non-U.S. citizens. Scholarship recipients are notified at the time of admission. Scholarships are renewable in the second year for those students who maintain full-time status and remain in good academic standing. In the event that a student’s tuition charges are reduced, the Fletcher Scholarship will be pro-rated accordingly.

Federal Loan Programs

U.S. citizens/permanent residents are eligible to borrow through a variety of federal loan programs. Program and application information follows. Eligibility for all federal loan programs is determined by Tufts Student Financial Services. In addition to reading the information below, please be sure to visit the Tufts Student Financial Services website at uss.tufts.edu/finaid/gradaid/ for complete program details and procedures.

Direct Stafford Loan

- Students may borrow up to $20,500 per academic year
- Interest accrues from the time of disbursement
- Standard repayment is ten years
- 6.21% fixed interest rate for the life of the loan
- Lenders will charge up to a 1.073% origination fee. This fee will be subtracted from the amount borrowed
- Repayment begins six months after graduation or when students withdraw or drop to less than half-time status

GradPLUS Loan

- Students may borrow up to the cost of attendance less any other financial aid
- Students are required to apply for the maximum Direct Stafford Loan first
- 7.21% fixed interest rate set by the federal government
- Interest accrues from the time of disbursement
- Lenders will charge up to a 4.288% origination fee. This fee will be subtracted from the amount borrowed
- Standard repayment is 10 years
- Repayment begins six months after graduation, or when students withdraw or drop to less than half-time status

Federal Work Study (FWS)

- Federally subsidized employment program
- Wages are paid through a combination of federal and employer funds
- Students may work on-campus or off-campus in community service jobs approved by the Tufts Student Employment Office (uss.tufts.edu/stuemp/)
- Students secure their own employment

How to Apply for Federal Loan Programs

Step One: Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- **FAFSA**: In order to receive U.S. Federal aid (for U.S. citizens or permanent residents), a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be submitted electronically at the FAFSA website (www.fafsa.ed.gov). FAFSA applications for the 2015–2016 academic year became available on January 1, 2015 and should be submitted as early as possible, or before April 15, 2015 if you wish to be considered for work study funds. You will need a PIN number to complete a FAFSA application online. You may apply for a PIN by logging on to www.pin.ed.gov. Tufts FAFSA Department of Education code is 002219.

- Within 5 to 7 business days, a copy of your FAFSA report will be sent to the email address provided in your FAFSA application. You may apply for a PIN by logging on to www.pin.ed.gov. Tufts FAFSA Department of Education code is 002219.

- If you are selected for Verification by the Federal government (this information can be found on your paper or electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) which you receive after submitting
your FAFSA), you will need to log into your FAFSA and use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT). You can only do this if your taxes have been submitted to the IRS at least 2 weeks prior. If you cannot use the IRS DRT, you will need to request an IRS Tax Transcript ([www.irs.gov/Individuals/Order-a-Transcript](http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Order-a-Transcript)) from the IRS and have it sent to Tufts. You must also submit an Independent Student Verification form. Any aid awarded is tentative, and no loans can be disbursed until the Verification process is completed.

**Step Two: After Admission**

- After submitting your FAFSA, you will receive an electronic Financial Aid Award Notification from Tufts Student Financial Services. This award notification will inform you of your federal loan and work study eligibility. If you have not completed and submitted a FAFSA, or if your FAFSA information is incomplete, Tufts Student Financial Services will be unable to provide you with Federal Aid award information.

- GradPlus Loans and Alternative Loans: If you need to borrow in addition to the loans shown on your award letter, go to [uss.tufts.edu/finaid/gradaid/GradPlus.asp](http://uss.tufts.edu/finaid/gradaid/GradPlus.asp), for details about terms, rates, and application procedures for GradPLUS loans and alternative loans. Most students will find that the federal GradPlus loan is their best option.

**Step Three: Accepting your Loans**

- Direct Loans: Even if you are a prior borrower of a Direct Loan, a new Master Promissory Note will be needed. You may go to the NSLDS site to review your loan history at [www.nslds.ed.gov/nslds_SA/](http://www.nslds.ed.gov/nslds_SA/).

  Students who have never had a Direct Loan will need to sign a new Master Promissory Note. To complete this required process please follow the instructions found at [uss.tufts.edu/finaid/gradaid/DirectLoan.asp](http://uss.tufts.edu/finaid/gradaid/DirectLoan.asp).

  All entering graduate students, as well as first-time borrowers at Tufts, must also complete an Entrance Loan Counseling interview online. This link can be found at [uss.tufts.edu/finaid/gradaid/DirectLoan.asp](http://uss.tufts.edu/finaid/gradaid/DirectLoan.asp).

**Step Four: After Enrollment**

- Tufts partners with Higher One for student refund disbursements. You will receive a green envelope in the mail during the summer from Higher One with a personalized refund code in order to set up your eRefund account at www.higheronerefund.com. You will have the option to enter your own personal banking information or sign up for a Higher One account as a refund preference. Paper checks will only be mailed if no electronic choice is selected (paper checks may take up to 21 days to arrive at your address).

Log into SIS and select “Request Refund” on the Bills & Balances tab. If a valid credit balance exists on your student account you will be able to submit the refund request for processing. Approved refunds will be electronically deposited into your bank account that has been activated at www.higheronerefund.com within 7-10 business days of your online request in SIS.

For more information please visit: [uss.tufts.edu/bursar/refunds/](http://uss.tufts.edu/bursar/refunds/)

**What if I have applied for federal loans already?**

Students with a complete and submitted FAFSA will receive information about federal loan program eligibility via email from Tufts Student Financial Services in the coming weeks.

**Alternative Private Loans**

Several private lenders offer educational loans for financing graduate school education. Most private lenders require a U.S. co-signer for international students. Detailed information on Alternative Private Loans can be found on the Tufts University Student Financial Services website at [uss.tufts.edu/finaid/gradaid/altloans.asp](http://uss.tufts.edu/finaid/gradaid/altloans.asp).

"What you’ve heard is true! Fletcher is one of the most diverse schools in the country. It is not uncommon to walk through the Hall of Flags and overhear a conversation about summer internships across the Horn of Africa while a second group of students chat in German. Fletcher attracts the most amazing and intelligent people from around the world, and this richness of backgrounds, cultures, and opinions is the ‘value added’ of a Fletcher education."

TAMEISHA HENRY
MALD 2014
UNITED STATES & BARBADOS
Student Employment

In addition to teaching and research assistantships, many part-time jobs are available at The Fletcher School and Tufts University under regular student employment budgets and for those who qualify through the Federal Work Study (FWS) Program. Students with jobs typically work between 10–12 hours per week. International students with an F-1 visa may work up to 20 hours per week on campus. More information on student employment can be found on the Tufts Student Employment Office website at uss.tufts.edu/stuemp/.

Teaching and Research Assistantships

Fletcher students may serve as teaching assistants at Tufts University in the undergraduate departments of Political Science, Economics, History, International Relations, and Modern Languages. These assistantships are normally awarded to second-year students, though occasionally first-year students are selected. Students interested in teaching assistantships should make inquiries directly to the individual departments at Tufts University as early as possible for full consideration. At Fletcher, research assistantships and a limited number of teaching assistantships are available, with TA positions generally reserved for second-year and doctoral students. Professors choose their own assistants. Teaching and research assistantships are considered a form of student employment at The Fletcher School, and do not reduce tuition fees.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

The Tufts Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) is designed to assist Fletcher graduates employed in the public and non-profit sectors to repay educational loans incurred while studying at Fletcher. This assistance is available to both U.S. and non-U.S. citizens, and the LRAP grants vary in size. The LRAP committee will consider each applicant’s income, level of indebtedness, and overall need in determining award amounts. Fletcher graduates may apply for LRAP funds on an annual basis as long as the criteria of the program are met. The Loan Repayment Assistance Program for graduates of The Fletcher School has been made possible through a generous donation from the estate of George B. and Helen J. Hargens and interest generated by the Omidyar Tufts Microfinance Fund. More information can be found at lrap.tufts.edu.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES
2015 – 2016 Academic Year (September – May)

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† Rates subject to approval by the Trustees of Tufts University.
* Several meal plans are available — this fee reflects 10 meals/week for one academic year.

“Reading through the Fletcher course catalog was simultaneously thrilling and maddening: every single class looked great, but I could only take four! But, one great thing about the Fletcher curriculum is its flexibility, so you have freedom to take classes that don’t directly align to your fields. Plus, Fletcher’s breadth requirements ensure that you touch all three areas of the curriculum, so you have to explore.”

ANNA MCCALLIE
MALD 2015
UNITED STATES
For international students

Welcome! I look forward to meeting you, and I hope that your experience at Fletcher is productive and rewarding. This section covers information that international students need to prepare for study in the U.S. (For these purposes, international students are those who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents.) Please review it, and do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Reiko Morris
International Student Advisor and Assistant Registrar
reiko.morris@tufts.edu

Obtaining a Visa

F-1 Student Visa
Most Fletcher international students will obtain an F-1 student visa. To apply, you must first complete the Certification of Funds form available on the Admitted Student Website and return it, no later than May 1, 2015, along with a photocopy of the pages of your passport that show your photograph, biographical information, and passport expiration date. Once all information is received, you will be issued the "I-20 Form" needed to obtain the F-1 visa. Any delay in submitting the Certification of Funds form could impact your ability to obtain your visa in time to travel to the U.S. for the start of your Fletcher studies.

J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa
Students whose studies are sponsored by certain agencies, such as Fulbright or Asia Foundation, may be issued a J-1 visa. To apply for a J-1, you must receive a "DS-2019" form from your sponsor. (Check with your sponsor to learn the requirements to receive the form.) If the DS-2019 is to be issued by The Fletcher School, you must complete the Certification of Funds available on the Admitted Student website, and return it no later than May 1, 2015, along with a photocopy of the pages of your passport that show your photograph, biographical information, and passport expiration date.

Certification of Funds Form
Please be sure the Certification of Funds form shows exact amounts in U.S. dollars and that it is signed by the proper authorities. The Fletcher School makes all scholarship awards at the time of admission. The amount of funds you certify on this form must be available to you, in full, upon your arrival at The Fletcher School. If your spouse and/or dependents will accompany you, you must certify additional funding for each, as stated on the Certification of Funds form. In addition, you must provide each person’s name, date of birth, place of birth, and citizenship. Note for same-sex married couples: Following recent changes to immigration and visa policies, the U.S. government will recognize same-sex marriage as legal for visa issuance, irrespective of where the couple plans to reside, as long as the country where the couple married recognizes the marriage as legal. The Fletcher School may issue a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS-2019) to your same-sex spouse for his/her F-2 or J-2 dependent visa application, once the marriage is verified. Please submit a copy of your marriage certificate (must be written in English or with a notarized English translation) along with your Certification of Funds form.

SEVIS I-901 Fee
Visa applicants are assessed a fee by the U.S. Government’s SEVIS program. The fee of $200 for F-1 visas, or $180 for J-1 visas must be paid before your visa appointment, and you must bring your payment receipt to the Consulate appointment. Without the receipt, you will not be granted a visa. Further information regarding the fee, along with the necessary I-901 Form, can be found at www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.jsp.

Next Steps
Once you receive either the I-20 form for an F-1 visa, or the DS-2019 for the J-1 visa, go to the nearest United States Embassy or Consulate with the following:

- Your passport
- Receipt from paid SEVIS fee
- Copies of financial documentation
- Evidence of intent to depart the U.S. after completion of studies
- Form DS-160 “Non-Immigrant Visa Application” (available online at travel.state.gov/visa/forms/forms_1342.html)
- Photograph
- Visa Application Fee of $160

Please be aware other fees may apply in your home country. Please check the U.S. Embassy website in your country to confirm.

Other Types of Visas
If you will be entering the United States under a different visa category (i.e. “A” or “G”), please indicate so on the Certification of Funds form. DO NOT enter the United States on a B-2 Tourist Visa. The B-2 visa does not permit full-time study, and you will have difficulty changing your visa status at a later date.
ON-CAMPUS HOUSING INFORMATION

Blakeley Hall is The Fletcher School’s co-educational dormitory for single students or married students attending school without their spouse and children. On-campus housing is not available for couples or families. Residence at Blakeley Hall is especially useful for students who cannot arrive early to secure housing or who do not want to commit to a 12-month lease (a requirement of most off-campus housing).

Located immediately next to Fletcher, Blakeley Hall is a non-smoking residential facility which houses 83 students. Residents occupy suites with one or two other students and share a common living room. Each student has a separate bedroom, equipped with a bed, mattress, dresser, desk, and chair. Residents will need to provide all other furnishings, including their own bed linens, blankets, towels, fan, lamp, telephone, and bookcases. Residents share bathrooms with three or four other students. The dormitory also has a communal kitchen, coin-operated laundry facilities, and a lounge, with cable television. Because kitchen space is limited, you may wish to purchase at least a partial meal plan. On-campus parking is available for a fee.

The Blakeley Hall housing fee for the 2015–2016 academic year is $5,900, which will be charged to your Tufts Bursar’s bill in two segments in July and November. Utilities (water, heat, electricity), local phone service, basic cable television, and high-speed internet are included in the housing fee. Upon check-in, residents must pay a refundable $100 key security deposit (see the Blakeley Hall Housing Contract Policies).

To apply for a room in Blakeley Hall, you must submit the following two items to the Blakeley Hall Resident Directors by May 1, 2015:

1) Signed Blakeley Hall Housing Contract (Please read this carefully and keep a copy for your records.)
2) Room Request and Suitemate Preference Form (Room assignments cannot be made without this form.)

Blakeley Housing forms and contracts are available on the Admitted Student Website. Please note that a $400 deposit will be due within two and a half weeks of confirmation if you have been offered a spot in Blakeley Hall.

Important Dates for Blakeley Housing:

- **May 1**  Blakeley Hall Housing Contract and Suitemate Questionnaire due
- **June 20**  Confirmation of room will be sent
- **July 8**  $400 Deposit due
- **July 19**  Deadline to cancel Blakeley Hall Room request (or forfeit deposit)
- **August 17**  Shipments may arrive
- **August 29**  Blakeley Hall opens
- **August 30**  Blakeley Hall Orientation (mandatory)

Please send all forms to:

**Blakeley Hall Resident Directors**
The Fletcher School  
Tufts University  
160 Packard Avenue  
Medford, MA 02155  
Email: blakeley-rd@tufts.edu  
Phone: +1.617.627.7440

Beginning June 20, 2015, if you have been granted a room, the housing confirmation will be emailed to you along with Blakeley Hall orientation and check-in information, and your $400 deposit will be due within two and a half weeks of confirmation if you have been offered a spot in Blakeley. Students who wish to cancel their reservations must do so in writing no later than July 19, 2015 or forfeit the $400 deposit. Students applying for residency after the application deadline should contact the Blakeley Resident Directors to inquire if rooms are still available or if they can be placed on a waiting list. The request for on-campus housing usually exceeds the number of available rooms. Do not assume that you have a room guaranteed unless you receive confirmation from the Blakeley Hall Resident Directors.

**Blakeley Hall opens for residency at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 29, 2015.** Your room assignment will be available when you arrive. Packages, shipping boxes or trunks can be sent beginning August 17, 2015 addressed to: Your Name, Blakeley Hall Resident, c/o HILL HALL MAILROOM, Tufts University/ Fletcher School, Medford, MA 01255. Your shipment must NOT arrive prior to August 17, 2015 or it may be refused.
OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING INFORMATION

The Fletcher School is located in a densely populated urban area a few miles northwest of downtown Boston. The communities in which Fletcher students usually live are MEDFORD, SOMERVILLE, CAMBRIDGE, ARLINGTON, and MALDEN. Many apartments in this area are accessible by walking or by public transportation. Students with cars can live farther away from campus where housing may be less expensive. The student population in the Boston area is enormous, and good housing tends to disappear well before the first of September. We therefore recommend that you visit the area to secure an apartment several months before the semester begins.

With the Tufts University campus located partially in SOMERVILLE and partially in MEDFORD, these two towns are the most convenient options for many Fletcher students. SOMERVILLE is home to Davis Square which features many cafés, restaurants and the Davis Square stop on the Red Line of the “T” (Boston’s subway system). MEDFORD is more residential with the town center slightly farther removed from Fletcher. From there, CAMBRIDGE and ARLINGTON are the next closest options with good public transportation to and from Fletcher. CAMBRIDGE is located closer to Boston, and its many bookstores and restaurants create a vibrant student-oriented atmosphere. (For these benefits, however, you must pay the price of higher rent and parking fees.) ARLINGTON, which is more residential, is another nearby option. BELMONT, WINCHESTER, MELROSE, STONEHAM, WOBURN, and LEXINGTON are mainly residential areas. These towns are usually limited to students who have cars, since there are no direct bus routes to Fletcher from these areas.

Rent varies according to the area you choose, but generally a studio/one-bedroom apartment will range from $900 to $1200 each month. Rent often does not include the cost of utilities, which can run over $200 each month per apartment, averaged over the 12-month period. Generally, Fletcher students who share accommodations (2, 3, or 4 bedroom apartments) pay an average of $600–$900 a month without utilities.

In addition to the first month’s rent, many landlords require that you pay the last month’s rent plus a security deposit, which is held by the landlord and returned to you when you leave if the property has not been damaged. Massachusetts State Law requires your landlord to deposit this money and to regularly show you the interest statement. Massachusetts State Law also stipulates that the amount of “up front money” cannot exceed 3 months rent. It is wise to get a written, signed statement from the landlord concerning the condition of the apartment before you move in to ensure that you will not be charged for damages for which you are not responsible.

Additionally, you may be expected to sign a lease. Before signing anything, read the document carefully to check whether you will be held responsible for rent if you decide to leave before the lease expires (usually one year). Some landlords will negotiate shorter-term arrangements or allow you to sublet for the balance of a lease period. Since a lease is a contract, you may wish to consult legal counsel.

Where to Look

The Tufts Off-Campus Housing Office offers a valuable website that includes complete information on how to find an apartment in the local area, links to area newspaper ads, and a list of available apartments and homes. The website address is ase.tufts.edu/och.

Additionally, students often use the admitted student Facebook group to look for roommates. You’ll start to see an uptick of posts in late spring. Current students will also post notices regarding open rooms on the Facebook page. Students have also found success using Craig’s List (www.craigslist.com) where there are a number of ways to search for rooms, apartments, and houses for rent.

To give you a sense of where some Fletcher students live, and where some local businesses are located, we have created an interactive housing map located within the Admitted Student Website: www.fletcher.tufts.edu/congratulations.

“Fletcher is known for its collaborative and collegial atmosphere. Here, we don’t compete against each other, but rather support, encourage, and help each other.”

RIZWAN LADHA
MALD F’12, PHD CANDIDATE
UNITED STATES
BLAKELEY HALL RESIDENT DIRECTOR
PRE-FLETCHER PREPARATION

Non-native English Speakers
International students who are not native English speakers should certainly give thought to English language ability. Even if you submitted a score above 100 on the TOEFL or above 7.0 on the IELTS exam, you should continue to hone your English skills. Consider watching English language TV or listening to U.S. radio stations. The stronger your comprehension of standard spoken American English, the easier your adjustment will be when you arrive.

Native English Speakers
Native English Speakers should ask themselves if their foreign language proficiency is at a high enough level to pass the language proficiency exam. Information about the language requirement can be found at fletcher.tufts.edu/Academic/Foreign-Language-Requirement. Just as non-native English speakers can watch American TV, English speakers can read newspapers or listen to radio programs in the language of their choice. We recommend that students take the language proficiency exam as soon as possible after arriving at Fletcher (typically the end of September/early October). Note that Fletcher’s Committee on Admissions relies on applicants’ individual assessments of their foreign language skills. If you are uncertain if your skills are truly advanced or intermediate, please plan to prepare before orientation. Copies of previous exams are available for most languages at fletcher.tufts.edu/academic/foreign-language-requirement. These sample exams can be very useful in helping students understand the level of proficiency that is required.

Quantitative Preparation
If you have limited exposure to quantitative coursework, you should plan to prepare for the economics and quantitative requirements of the program. Students often chose to take on-line or in-person classes in statistics, microeconomics or macroeconomics to prepare. We suggest visiting fletcher.tufts.edu/Academic/Courses/Breadth-Requirements and fletcher.tufts.edu/Academic/Courses/Equivalency-Exams to find useful information about equivalency exams and meeting the breadth requirements in economics and quantitative reasoning.

Health Insurance
In order to enroll at The Fletcher School all students, in compliance with Massachusetts State Law, must have adequate health insurance, as determined by the Tufts University Health Service Office. A health insurance fee is automatically charged to all enrolled students. If you can prove that you are enrolled in another U.S.-based health insurance plan, you may choose to waive the Tufts insurance coverage. The details on insurance coverage, as well as waiver procedures, can be found on the Tufts University Health Services website: ase.tufts.edu/healthservice/businessInsurance.htm. If you will be accompanied by dependents, you must request insurance coverage for them from Tufts University Health Services.

Set up your Tufts Email Account
In June enrolling students will receive a series of emails about setting up a Tufts email account. It is important to create a Tufts email account in order to receive important updates and information from Fletcher. Your Tufts ID number is displayed once you have successfully set up your Tufts email account, and you will need your Tufts ID number to create your E-Billing account.

E-Billing
In July 2015 your student tuition bill for the Fall 2015 semester will be accessible electronically through the E-Billing system. You will receive an email notification when a new bill has been generated, and you will have the ability to pay your bill online. You will not receive a paper tuition bill. If you have any questions about E-Billing, please contact Tufts Student Services directly at uss.tufts.edu/stuserv/contact/.

Orientation (August 31 – September 4)
The Fletcher School will host a mandatory Orientation for all incoming students beginning on Monday, August 31. Details can be found on the Orientation website in late Spring: fletcher.tufts.edu/Orientation

MIB Pre-Session (August 17 – August 28)
All MIB students are required (and others are invited) to enroll in an intense, case-based Strategic Management course. Over the course of the two week class, students will be invited to a variety of social activities and lunchtime lectures as well.
PRE-FLETCHER PREPARATION CHECKLIST:

☐ Arrange for final official transcripts to be sent directly from the college/university you attended to The Fletcher Admissions Office by June 1. This is only necessary if official copies were not sent already as part of your Fletcher Admissions Application.

☐ Visit the Orientation Website at fletcher.tufts.edu/Orientation for detailed and helpful information about your upcoming studies. It will be updated frequently starting in late Spring.

☐ Obtain your visa (if applicable). Certification of Funds form due by May 1.

☐ Set up your Tufts email – details available in June.

☐ Pay first semester tuition by August 1.

☐ Secure housing.
  • Use the Admitted Student Website (fletcher.tufts.edu/congratulations) for housing options and tips.
  • Check the Admitted Students Facebook page.
  • Contact the Blakeley Resident Director at Blakeley-RD@tufts.edu if you are interested in living on-campus in Blakeley Hall.

☐ Finalize loans and finances.

☐ Carefully review the Health Insurance Plan. Further details and instructions will be sent from the Registrar in June.

☐ Submit your Fletcher Faces Information and Faculty Advisor Preference Form – available in June.

☐ Begin reviewing course offerings online. Please note that class registration takes place after Orientation.

☐ Make travel arrangements to arrive for the mandatory Orientation on August 31. Many students find that arriving one week in advance is useful.
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