Congratulations
ON YOUR ADMISSION TO THE FLETCHER SCHOOL!
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“I chose Fletcher because I wanted to integrate my experience from working in Afghanistan with an education that is highly ranked in the international arena. The Fletcher alumni, academics, and journalists I spoke to in Kabul and Brussels had great views about the curriculum, reputation, and professional network.”

ABACEEN NASIMI
MALD 2013
AFGHANISTAN
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 a number of questions and 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.

As you know, 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 all of your questions. We 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 2013 entering class. The Admissions Committee had a difficult time in choosing the most outstanding and compelling candidates from this highly diverse group of dynamic, multi-talented individuals. We sincerely hope that you decide to enroll at Fletcher and connect with this amazing group. 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 hope to see you soon!

Warm regards,
The Fletcher Admissions Team

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

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Open House for Admitted Students
April 7th and 8th (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 – March 27
- New York, NY – March 28
- Tokyo, Japan – April 12
- Los Angeles, CA – April 15
- San Francisco, CA – April 16
- 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 as well as online career center presentations. 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 organized events, we welcome you to visit campus anytime. To make the most out of your time at Fletcher, we suggest that you plan your visit to take advantage of the opportunities available. We invite you to sit in on classes (the class schedule can be found at: www.fletcher.tufts.edu/Academic/Courses) or attend 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 at Fletcher on the following Mondays from 12:30 – 1:30 PM: March 25, April 1, April 29. 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 admissionsinformationssession.eventbrite.com.

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 – 2013 Incoming Class” and request to join.

“The Fletcher community’s warm and cooperative atmosphere drew me in. I wanted to be part of a community of scholars and practitioners who are passionate about what they do and are eager to share, and Fletcher provides just that.”

NINA ALTAGRACE SKAGERLIND
MALD 2014
SWEDEN

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

Pay Deposit and Confirm Enrollment

You may confirm enrollment by paying the deposit two ways. To pay by check you can use the Enrollment Reply Form available on the Admitted Student Website or you can respond online with your credit card via the Tufts Graduate Application Management System: grad.admissions.tufts.edu/APP/login.aspx. If you no longer have your username and password, please contact fletcheradmissions@tufts.edu to have it resent to you. To view your decision letter and pay your deposit, log in and then click “View your decision.” At the top of your letter is a link to “Click here to use the online reply form,” which will lead you to the form where you can pay your deposit with a credit card. Please be aware that your enrollment deposit is due by April 20, 2013 if you have received a Fletcher Scholarship. All other candidates must reply by May 1, 2013. By paying your deposit you are confirming your enrollment at Fletcher only, and you should not 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.

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 26, 2013 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 2013–2014 Fletcher bulletin will not be available until late August; you will receive a copy at Orientation. If you would like a copy of this year’s bulletin, please call the Admissions Office at +1.617.627.3040. You may also download the Fletcher bulletin from the Fletcher website at fletcher.tufts.edu/Admissions/Download-Catalog-and-Course-Bulletin.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 20 $500 Non-refundable enrollment deposit due for Fletcher Scholarship recipients
MAY 1 $500 Non-refundable enrollment deposit due for all other candidates
MAY 1 International Students Certification of Funds form due in the Office of the Registrar
JULY 1 Pre-registration forms due (forms available online in June)
AUGUST 1 Tuition payments due for fall semester
AUGUST 12 MIB Pre-Session begins
AUGUST 26 Mandatory Orientation begins
SEPTEMBER 4 Fall semester classes begin
Please mark your calendar and join us at The Fletcher School, Tufts University, for Open House 2013 on April 7 and 8. All admitted students are invited to visit Fletcher to meet potential classmates and 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 follows Monday with day long programming.

How do I register for the Open House?
Please register at fletcheropenhouse2013.eventbrite.com by Monday, April 1.

Where can I stay?
Fletcher students have kindly opened up their rooms at Blakeley Hall and off-campus apartments to visiting 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 7). 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. We hope this tentative schedule gives you a sense of what to expect on Monday, April 8. There are several options available to choose from during each time slot and class visits are available throughout the day. The full agenda will be available on the admitted student website.

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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/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 here: fletcher.tufts.edu/About/Contact/Directions. Parking is available in the Dowling Hall garage, entrance on Boston Avenue. 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. Walk through the Campus Green, past Packard Hall on your right, to the opposite end of the Green (you will pass the Jumbo elephant statue on your left). Cross the street to the Olin Center and turn left. The Fletcher School is the next building on the right. Garage patrons should purchase a token for $5.00 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/.

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

For other arrival times, you may take the #94 or #96 city 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: You may take an Amtrak train to Boston’s South Station. From South Station take the Red Line train bound for Alewife. 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**

A Fletcher education 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 assisting 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/](http://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
- 6.8% fixed interest rate for the life of the loan
- Lenders will charge up to a 1% 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
- 7.9% fixed interest rate set by the federal government
- Interest accrues from the time of disbursement
- Lenders will charge up to a 4% 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/](http://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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)). FAFSA applications for the 2013-2014 academic year became available on January 1, 2013 and should be submitted as early as possible.

  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](http://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](http://www.pin.ed.gov). Tufts FAFSA Department of Education code is 002219.

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  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) 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, 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/.

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.

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.

Step Four: After Enrollment

- All loans are disbursed directly to your student account in two installments, one in the fall semester and one in the spring semester.
- Refunds: If a credit appears on your account, you may apply for a refund online via Webcenter at webcenter.studentservices.tufts.edu. If you are seeking a refund made payable to a third party, you must submit a signed Refund Request Form to the Student Services Desk in Dowling Hall. More specific refund instructions can be found at uss.tufts.edu/bursar/refunds/.

Refunds will be processed only when an actual credit appears on your account. If the amount of your credit consists of an expected source of funding, such as an expected Direct Loan, your refund will not be processed until those funds are received or finalized. You may receive a partial refund of funds actually received. (Be sure to submit another refund request for the balance of your credit.)

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.

“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 between some Fletcher students in German, and another about summer internships across the Horn of Africa. 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, various 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 a week. International students with an F-1 visa may work up to 20 hours a week on campus. More information on student employment can be found on the Tufts Student Employment Office website at www.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, a limited number of teaching and research assistantships are available to second-year and doctoral students. Professors choose their own assistants. Teaching and research assistantships are treated as student employment at The Fletcher School. Assistantships 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. Available to both U.S. and non-U.S. citizens, LRAP grants vary in size but may cover up to the full amount of each year’s student loan payment for debt incurred while at Fletcher. 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
2013 – 2014 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.

“I have always thought that graduate school is not only about the classes, but also about the living experience outside of the classroom. I just love how supportive all my classmates are. Whenever I feel like I am having trouble with a class or a concept, someone is always willing to give up their valuable free time to help me figure things out. Additionally, there is always someone who is eager to help jump-start or support someone else’s project or interests. I never realized how important my classmates were going to be in my graduate school experiences.”

GERMAN FERNANDEZ
MIB 2014
MEXICO
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.

Carol A. Murphy
Assistant Registrar and International Student Advisor

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, 2013, 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, 2013, 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. Please note: partners through common law marriage and/or intended marriage are not recognized as equivalent to a spouse by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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
- Copies of financial documentation
- Evidence of English ability sufficient for the course of study
- 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
- Consular Fee for visa processing ($140.00)
- Receipt from paid SEVIS fee

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.

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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, cable television, and DVD player. 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 2013–2014 academic year is $5,600, 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 reserve a room in Blakeley Hall, you must submit the following two items to the Blakeley Hall Resident Directors by May 1, 2013:

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 weeks of confirmation that 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 15**: Confirmation of room will be sent
- **July 10**: $400 Deposit due
- **July 19**: Deadline to cancel Blakeley Hall Room request (or forfeit deposit)
- **August 12**: Shipments may arrive
- **August 24**: Blakeley Hall opens
- **August 25**: 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 15, 2013, 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 weeks of confirmation that you have been offered a spot in Blakeley. Students who wish to cancel their reservations must do so in writing no later than July 10, 2013 or forfeit the $400 deposit. Students applying for residency after the application deadline should contact the Blakeley Resident Directors to see 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 24, 2013.** Your room assignment will be available when you arrive. Packages, shipping boxes or trunks can be sent beginning August 12, 2013 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 12, 2013 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 is generally 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 close alternative. BELMONT, WINCHESTER, MELROSE, STONEHAM, WOBURN and LEXINGTON are mainly residential areas. These towns are usually limited to students who own 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 a month. Rent often does not include the cost of utilities, which can run over $200 a 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.

Once you have decided to enroll at Fletcher and have paid your deposit, you will be given access to the Orientation website. The website includes a discussion board where incoming and returning students can post messages about housing and connect with each other about finding roommates/apartments. Craigslist.com frequently posts ads for roommates/apartments. craigslist.com frequently posts ads for roommates, houses, apartments for rent, etc.

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.”

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MALD F’12, PHD CANDIDATE
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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/foreignlanguagereq.shtml. 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 uncertain if your skills are truly advanced or intermediate, please plan to preparation before Orientation. Copies of previous exams are available for most languages on the admitted student website. 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 online or in-person classes in statistics, microeconomics or macroeconomics to prepare. We suggest visiting the Orientation website: fletcher.tufts.edu/Orientation to find useful information about equivalency exams and meeting the breadth requirements in economics and quantitative reasoning.

Optional Summer School (May 20 – June 27)
The Fletcher School Summer Session is available to incoming students. It is not mandatory; however it is a good way to get a jump start on your studies at Fletcher. The Summer Session runs from May 20, 2013 until June 27, 2013. For more information visit: fletcher.tufts.edu/Summer-Session.

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 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/business-insurance.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 an email from the Admissions Office 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 2013 your student tuition bill for the Fall 2013 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 +1.617.627.2000.

Orientation (August 26 – August 30)
The Fletcher School will host a mandatory Orientation for all incoming students beginning on Monday, August 26. Details can found on the Orientation website in late Spring: www.fletcher.tufts.edu/Orientation

MIB Pre-Session (August 12 – August 24)
All MIB students are required (and others are invited) to enroll in this intense, case-based Strategic Management course. Over the course of the two week class, students will also be invited to a variety of social activities and lunchtime lectures.
PRE-FLETCHER PREPARATION CHECKLIST:

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

- **Visit the Orientation website** for detailed information. It will be updated frequently starting in late Spring: [www.fletcher.tufts.edu/Orientation](http://www.fletcher.tufts.edu/Orientation).

- **Obtain your visa** (if applicable).

- **Set up your Tufts email** – available in June.

- **Pay first semester tuition by August 1.**

- **Secure housing.**
  - Use the admitted student website for housing options and tips.
  - 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 class registration takes place after Orientation.

- **Make travel arrangements** to arrive for mandatory Orientation on August 26. Many students find that arriving one week in advance is useful.
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