



**Tufts**  
UNIVERSITY

School of  
Dental Medicine

**Important Notes:**

- **Apply early!**
- AADSAS will accept applications for the class matriculating in August 2013 from **June 2012** until **February 1, 2013**
- Visit our website to learn more!  
**dental.tufts.edu**
- Check out the **Frequently Asked Questions** and **Virtual Tour** sections online!

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## Why Tufts Dental?

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine is world renowned for academics, clinical preparation, research and commitment to community service. Established in 1868, Tufts now boasts over seven thousand alumni from all 50 states and 39 countries.

The dental school maintains the second largest pre-doctoral student enrollment in the United States. Each student becomes a part of the Tufts family from day one. This familial atmosphere is unrivaled.

Students at the dental school work with the most dedicated and accomplished professors in the field. They are also exposed to state-of-the-art techniques, equipment and curriculum.

The dental school is located in downtown Boston and is easily accessible by public transportation. The school recently completed a vertical expansion project which added 5 floors to the top of the existing building. This project yielded nearly 100,000 square feet of additional space and became occupied in December 2009.

## Statistics and Class Composition – D’2015

The application cycle has grown more and more competitive each year. The class of D’2015 presents very impressive undergraduate grades and DAT scores. This class also represents a variety of backgrounds and cultures.

-Applications Received	4,475	-49% Female, 51% Male	
-1 <sup>st</sup> Time Enrollees	181		
		-Asian/Pacific Islander	43%
-Average Cumulative GPA	3.44	-Hispanic/Latino	7%
-Average Science GPA	3.34	-African American	1%
-Average DAT Exam Scores		-Average Age	24
Academic Average	20	-Age Range	21-38
Perceptual Ability	20		
Reading Comprehension	21		
Total Science	20	-Representing 29 states	

## Application Timeline

- **June** - Submit application materials to the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS).

- **July-March** – Applications are received from AADSAS and reviewed by the Admissions Office.

- **October-February** – Interview invitations are released. Applicants selected for an interview will be notified in writing.

- **November-March** – Interviews are conducted during this time period.

- **December 1<sup>st</sup>** – Admissions decisions will begin to be released. This date is standard across all dental schools.

*Acceptances are issued on a rolling basis*

*The class typically fills by late February or early March.*



## Pre-requisite Courses

The pre-requisite courses include:

- 2 semesters/3 quarters (8 credits) Biology
- 2 semesters/3 quarters (8 credits) General Chemistry
- 2 semesters/3 quarters (8 credits) Physics
- 1 semester/2 quarters (4 credits) Organic Chemistry
- 1 semester/1 quarter (3 credits) Biochemistry
- 1 semester/2 quarters (4 credits) Humanities

- All coursework must be completed at a four-year institution. Community college & AP credits are not accepted.

- Bachelor's Degree is required prior to matriculation

- Recommended upper level Biology courses include, but are not limited to: Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Pharmacology and Histology

## Dental Admissions Test (DAT) Requirement

In addition to strong grades, a competitive applicant must achieve strong scores on the Dental Admissions Test (DAT).

*Minimum requirements are as follows:*


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|-------------------------|----|
| - Academic Average      | 16 |
| - Perceptual Ability    | 17 |
| - Reading Comprehension | 17 |
| - Total Science         | 16 |

The most competitive applicants will typically score between 19 and 20 on these four important sections.

The Admissions Office will only consider the first **3** DAT attempts. All 4 Minimum scores must be achieved on the exact same DAT examination.

To learn more about the DAT exam, visit: [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)

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 AADSAS may take between 4-8 weeks to process an application after receiving all transcripts. Be sure to prepare your materials early to stay competitive.



## Other Requirements: Letters of Evaluation and Dental Shadowing

The Admissions Office has specific requirements regarding the letters of evaluation, please see below:

- 1 letter from a **Biology** professor
- 1 letter from a **Physics, Biochemistry, Chemistry** or **Math** professor
- 1 letter from a **General Dentist** providing proof of at least 30 hours of dental shadowing experience  
*\*Please note that this letter must include approximate number of shadowing hours*

Tufts welcomes additional letters of evaluation from professors, employers, or dentists to further enhance the application; however they will not be sufficient to complete an application.

A pre-professional *composite* committee letter will satisfy the required professor evaluations.

### *Dental Shadowing Requirement*

Although only 30 hours of dental shadowing is required, applicants are encouraged to



become involved within the field of dentistry as much as possible. In addition to the shadowing, students can participate in dental research and/or community service opportunities.



For Financial Aid information please visit:

[dental.tufts.edu/financial\\_aid](http://dental.tufts.edu/financial_aid)

## How to be a Competitive Candidate

The Admissions Committee looks for applicants with a strong academic background and a solid commitment to the field of dentistry.

To be competitive within our large pool of applicants, candidates should strive for 19 or 20 on the DAT and between 3.4-3.5 for both cumulative and science GPAs.

Although the GPA and DAT scores are significant factors, all aspects of the application will be reviewed, including the personal statement and letters of evaluation.

Tufts University is also committed to serving the community, therefore volunteering, especially within the dental community, is also highly valued.



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## DMD Program Application Checklist

- A complete AADSAS application
  - Including a personal statement articulating motivation for a career in dentistry
  - Visit [aadsas.adea.org](http://aadsas.adea.org) for more information
  
- 2 letters of recommendation
  - 1 from Biology professor
  - 1 from a 2<sup>nd</sup> science professor (Biochemistry, Math, Chemistry, or Physics)
  
- A letter from a general dentist providing *proof* of at least 30 hours of shadowing experience (please include approximate number of shadowing hours)
  
- Official DAT score report
  - Visit [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org) for more information
  - The Canadian DAT is also accepted
  - \*Please note minimum requirements\**
  
- Prerequisite courses
  - 2 semesters/3 quarters (8 credits) Biology
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  - \*Please review community college and AP policy\**
  
-  Applicants will be informed of supplemental requirements, including an application fee, once the Admissions Office receives their application from AADSAS.
  
-  Tufts reserves the right to request additional information at any time to complete an assessment of a candidate's abilities and capabilities.