

Fall 2009

Dear Grad Student:

Congratulations on your acceptance to Tufts University and welcome to our community. This packet contains vital information regarding your entry to the university. Please read all the accompanying information carefully and follow the steps below:

- Complete the history portion of the Health Examination Report and ask your Health Care Provider to fill out the Immunization Section OR attach a copy of your personal immunization record(s).
- Please take special care to review the TB testing requirements with your health care provider; a clinician's signature is required on this page. Tufts University requires that all students who may be at increased risk of Tuberculosis (TB) receive a PPD/Mantoux (or Chest X-ray) prior to enrollment. One of the major risk factors for TB is having lived or worked in areas of the world where TB is common (see list of countries on our Health Examination Report Form). All students coming to Tufts from one of these countries must show documentation of recent TB testing.

The completed Health Examination Report should be received at the Health Service by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Graduate students do not need to submit a recent physical (it is optional) but we must receive proof of your immunization status.

You will also be receiving information this summer about student health insurance under separate cover. A note of caution: many of the insurance plans that market themselves to graduate students do not meet Mass. state requirements (HTH and PSI are two examples). If you purchase a plan that does not meet state requirements, unfortunately, it will be rejected. You may seek information on our web site at [ase.tufts.edu/healthservice](http://ase.tufts.edu/healthservice).

We look forward to hearing from you in the coming months and are happy to answer whatever questions you have about our stated requirements.

Sincerely,

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