**Which aspects of the Tufts undergraduate experience prompt your application? In short, "Why Tufts?" (100-150 words)**

The student guide on my campus tour, Aliza Keegan, said at Tufts you can explore whatever subject you want. This was confirmed when I talked to other friendly students that took diverse classes and had a genuine passion for learning. This is when I knew at Tufts, my identity will be embraced in a supportive and collaborative community. I can pursue economics while delving into social psychology and environmental science in order to create a change in the community. As a passionate environmentalist and founder of an eco-NGO (Bumi Bersih), I was overjoyed when they had an entire college dedicated to civic engagement. In Tisch College, I can access Tisch College Community Research Center to continue my research on rainwater-harvesting to solve problems related to water scarcity.

Any student eco organizations that you’re interested in? Since community is your main thing, this might be something worth looking into.

Hey Brian,

You might want to restructure this to make it flow better from point to point.

Start with what you’re looking for in a university – academically, personally, and professionally. If a flexible curriculum is what you want, tell us why. What are your future goals? This needs to be more specific than just ‘creating a change in the community’.

Then you want to show us which part of Tufts can help you achieve this goal.

The structure overall should look like this:

* What you’re looking for: point 1
* How Tufts fulfils that: point 1
* Repeat

**Now we'd like to know a little more about you. Please respond to one of the following three questions. (200-250 words):** **It’s cool to love learning. What excites your intellectual curiosity? (250 words)**

Noticing the amount of waste being produced daily from disposable hotel soap bars, I created an organization to create a more sustainable planet, our first project being to decrease hotel waste by recycling soap.

After seeing how chocolate was made at a café, I extrapolated its principles into recycling soap. Just like crushing cocoa beans, we grated our soap. We added chlorine and water to the gratings like how sugar, water and milk are added to crushed beans. Then, we let it set in the sun after molding it with the layer cake press. The perfect water/chlorine-to-soap ratio was necessary to adjust its viscosity, which allowed the soap to set perfectly and painstakingly discovered through trial-and-error. After a week of experimentation, we emerged victorious covered in soap gratings with the perfect batch. Now that we weren’t dependent 2 stovetops, we could produce more.

The Intercontinental Hotel agreed to supply us with soap and we taught underprivileged women how to recycle soap so they could sell it for extra income.

To me, intellectual curiosity is being curious about everyday things, learning more about them and using that knowledge for something else. In this case, my curiosity about a chocolate bar allowed me to create a new solution to a problem and allowed me to contribute, however small, to a more sustainable future.

Hi Brian,

This is a relevant story for this essay, but at the moment, its focus is a little bit off. You’ve included distracting details about the recycling procedure and the project that take our eyes off your intellectual curiosity in this context. Make sure that each paragraph is geared towards emphasising your curiosity. You can flex about the other details of the project elsewhere in your application.