



THE FLETCHER SCHOOL  
TUFTS UNIVERSITY

PROCESS FOR REQUESTING A DEFERRAL

The Fletcher School will grant a deferral for up to two semesters on a case-by-case basis to admitted students who wish to pursue unique professional opportunities, special fellowship programs, approved joint degree programs, or who have experienced family or medical emergencies.

To request a deferral, please provide us with the following information in writing so that the Committee on Admissions can thoroughly review your request:

1. Outline the reasons why you would like to defer your enrollment at The Fletcher School. Please include specific information on the work or study you will pursue during the period of your deferral.
2. Tell us what semester you would plan to start your studies. Fletcher terms start in September and January. (Please note that only MALD students may begin in January.)
3. Please provide any additional details that may help the Admissions Committee decide whether to grant you a deferral.

Students granted a deferral must submit deposits totaling \$1000. Of that amount, \$500 represents the deposit to accept Fletcher's offer of admission, and the additional \$500 deposit holds your place in a future class. All deposits are non-refundable, but are applied to the first semester's tuition. Students who prefer not to submit the \$1000 deposit have the option to decline the offer of admission and apply again at a later date.

Deferral requests must be submitted *in writing* to the Director of Admissions at The Fletcher School. In general, deferral requests should be made *before May 1, 2011*. Requests for a deferral due to unanticipated changes in student circumstances will be accepted until June 1, 2011.

Please be aware that approval is not granted automatically. The granting of deferrals beyond one year is extremely rare. Also, please note that students requesting a full-year (two-semester) deferral will need to reapply for scholarship assistance before matriculating.