

Research Facilitator Program

Funding Criteria for student internship and conference participation

Quantitative criteria

1.College Ranking

[Overall Ranking gives us an idea of the relative quality of the university]

Ref: <http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2015>

2. Host sponsorship

[Universities provide sponsorship to a certain extent. This gives a positive message about the value given to the student by the university. We encourage students to scout for opportunities which provide part-sponsorship, be it free accommodation, stipend etc]

3. Course Ranking - *Mapping opportunity with university/faculty member strength*

[While the overall university ranking is a factor, universities tend to specialise in certain disciplines. Working under a renowned researcher or faculty with the best facilities is important for the success of the internship]

Ref: <http://www.topuniversities.com/subject-rankings/2015>

4. Total expenditure

[Internships at reputed institutes can be expensive. We encourage students to look for opportunities where there is greater return on investment]

Qualitative criteria

1. Statement of Purpose

[Reasons the student wants to pursue the internship at a particular university/industry should be beyond the obvious ones – namely, adding weight to resume, better chances in MS/MBA applications, meeting new people. Students need to answer questions like - why this college/company, country, field, professor etc.]

2. Student's previous work in related field

[This is not mandatory but previous experience will add weight to the application]

3. Financial status

[We want to fund as many students as we can. Given that this is a loan, everyone will have to repay. Preference is given to those who cannot immediately afford to take the opportunity]

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