

# 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.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/2014-15/subject-ranking/subject/engineering-and-IT>

### **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/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2014/engineering-civil-structural>

### **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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