

APPING DATABASE

Personal Details

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CPI/DR: 9.59/ DR 1 (Dual)

GRE Score (Vocab+ Quant+ Essay Writing): 1450 (650 + 800 + 4.5)

TOEFL Score : 113

Any papers published/How many? And what are they? Title and publication

None

Professors from whom recos are taken/for what did he give recommendation/How good the reco was/ Ne comments on the reco given by your professor?

1. Prof. Kannan Iyer: DDP guide, mini project guide, seminar guide, 2 courses (Flumech I, Heat Transfer).
2. Prof. U. N. Gaitonde: 1 course (Basic thermodynamics) during summers with a small project, also TA under him for the same course in 5th year
3. Prof. John Abraham: 1 course (Combustion) during semester exchange program at Purdue University

I didn't read the recommendations or ask my professors about them but they must have been good. Prof. Iyer will give you very good recos if he is satisfied with your work. If you take a project under him, be prepared to work hard (it might be demanding but it will pay off eventually).

Universities

Which universities did you apply to and for which program (*Please list in the decreasing order of the importance you gave to universities?*)

University	Field	PhD/MS/ <input type="checkbox"/> Combined	<u>TA/RA/Fellow/admit</u> <u>t/<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/other</u>
MIT	Mechanical	MS	RA
Stanford	Mechanical	MS (They suggested me to convert to PhD)	Reject
Berkeley	Mechanical	MS + PhD	Admit
UMich	Mechanical	MS	Admit
Purdue	Mechanical	MS	Admit

3) On what basis did you choose the universities? USNEWS/Peers/Professors/Visited all sites?

I wasn't a hundred percent sure about applying, so I decided to apply to fewer universities, based on rankings and peer reviews. I chose to apply to Purdue because based on my experience during the student exchange program.

4) Also if you have any comments regarding what are the characteristics of that particular school for ex. Good research opportunities, good faculty, high imp to GRE, etc

University	Future Related Comments (Good research, etc)	Selection related comment (GRE score)
MIT	Great research	Not much important
Stanford	--	Not much important
Berkeley	--	Not sure
UMich	--	Not sure
Purdue	--	Somewhat important

5) Did you send such mails? How useful are they? Any fundae regarding those? No

6) What were the other options open for you? JOB(where), IIM? Etc

Got placed in Worldquant Inc., had an interview call from IIM B.

7) Which app are you choosing? Why?

MIT (wasn't a difficult choice since it was my first preference and since most universities don't give funding to MS applicants). I was a bit confused about whether to go for a job or higher studies, but I eventually chose MIT.

8) What was your BTP/DDP/MTP Topic? Who was your guide? Seminar Guide? Why chose him?

My DDP topic was “Parabolic modeling of laminar bubbly two phase flows”. My guide was Prof. Kannan Iyer. I did my seminar under him, I liked it and so continued under him for my TFE project and my DDP.

9) If you can share you SOP? Please send it to me.

Please ask anyone who wants it to send me an email

10) Any other inputs/comments concerning app?

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11) Your contact information (Mail Id)

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