

APPING DATABASE

Personal Details

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CPI/DR: 8.94/10 (while apping) 9.1/10 (graduating CPI) DR 3 in Mech DD and DR 2in TFE

GRE Score (Vocab+ Quant+ Essay Writing): 630+800+3.0

TOEFL Score : 107/120

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

:No

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.R.P.Vedula (DDP guide):

Really aweome professor to work with.Encourages for apping.Gave me a nice reco.Although it was closed reco, I guess it must have been written very well.Generally do not ask him for inputs in Essays and personal letters.He will ask you to write SOPs at own.

2.Prof. M.V.Rane(Mini project guide+ AA in course):

I guess he is the only prof in insti who gives open reco.!! He asked me to write reco letter for myself.This might appear like cakewalk for app junta, but keep in mind that this works only if you had worked hard under him and overall good CPI and good grades (AA/AB) in his courses.Those who plan to take reco from him, make sure that you do NOT describe yourself as an exceptional student.Prof Rane,calls you in his office and goes through each line of your reco.If he finds that your reco letter is way out of actual caliber, he will end up cutting/changing most of your reco.

3.Prof.K.N.Iyer (Seminar guide+course prof+ Approved Purdue student exchange)

I do not know about reco he gave, but might not be too bad .I didn't have great image of mine in front of him(for many reasons) .But , those who worked under him for +3 years and did well, can expect awesome reco.He can single handedly get you in Purdue with funding, but it totally depends on your quality of work.DO NOT PAIN him for reco if he was only course professor, as you might end up getting simple reco.

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	TA/RA/Fellow/admit/ <input type="checkbox"/> Reject/other
<u>University of California, Berkley</u>	<u>Thermal and Fluids Engineering</u>	<u>PhD</u>	<u>Reject</u>
<u>Stanford University</u>	<u>Thermal and Fluids Engineering</u>	<u>PhD</u>	<u>Reject</u>
<u>University of Texas at Austin</u>	<u>Thermal and Fluids Engineering</u>	<u>PhD</u>	<u>Admit with RA</u>
<u>University of Minnesota</u>	<u>Thermal and Fluids Engineering</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>Admit with Fellowship</u>
<u>Purdue University</u>	<u>Thermal and Fluids Engineering</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>Admit (Knew profs here for funding but did not try as I had funded offers from other places)</u>
<u>Penn State University</u>	<u>Thermal and Fluids Engineering</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>Admit with TA</u>
<u>University of Florida</u>	<u>Thermal and Fluids Engineering</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>Admit with partial funding</u>

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

I decided on following factors:

- 1.USNEWS ranking
- 2.Location(city/small town)

3.Chances of funding.

4.Campus activities

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)
UCB,Stanford	Good research n overall nice weather	Selects rank 1 , 2 mostly
Penn state	Very good for combustion and well known for party culture	Descent CPI (>8) and good recos.funding is not difficult.
Purdue	Overall good and well known for thermal sciences.located in remote village .Not known for campus fun , believe me I have been there for 1 sem on student exchange	IITians are plenty here , but funding is an issue even for PhD ⊗ somehow IITians get funding but it is upto you to take risk
U of Minnesota	Situated in Twin cities (safe and urban location).Very good for Turbine Heat transfer research and solar	Good CPI and convincing Persoanl essays. This is one place where not only SOP but personal

	energy related research	essay is given equal importance
University of Texas at Austin	Very good overall reputation and awesome place for those who want to go to party school.Very cheap place to live and enjoy life.good weather throughout the year.	Gives importance to very good CPI(>8.5) .Only apply for PhD here if you want funding.Very bad scene for MS funding.

5) Did you send suck mails? How useful are they? Any fundae regarding those?

I did not send any SUCK mails , as simple as that.Just followed application procedure.

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

Job at KARVY CAPITAL (Finance job)

7) Which app are you choosing? Why?

Currently I am doing job.

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

My DDP was under prof. RPV on “Heat transfer measurements for curved surfaces with air jet impingement and film cooling”. I chose this because I knew that there is lot of scope in US Univs for experimental heat transfer.

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

As told by seniors, I will repeat the same “SOP is personal and each should write his own”

10) Any other inputs/comments concerning app?

Do not panic and take decisions. Always apply to safer schools where you would definitely get into. Even if you do not intend to do PhD, apply for it and in some cases you might get considered for MS (admit) if not PhD.

Funding is very big issue so do NOT go by hardcore Usnews rankings as rank 5 and rank 10 DO NOT differ a lot in reputation (Research/job/etc). You might get fundoo app (Stanfy) but no funding and descent app (like GATech) with funding. I would suggest that go for one with funding as it will later remove the issue of Bank statement /loan documents etc. Believe me, it is very painful to produce financial ability documents (Have seen some non IIT engineering friends doing that). Finally, fee waiver, free health insurance and stipend of 2000 USD per month matters a lot (this is general funding split up). Vs No funding case.

11) Your Contact Information (Mail Id)

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(I will get back to you on weekends)

Do not ask me for:

SOP, personal essays, etc. Please. I hope you understand