

APPING DATABASE

Personal Details

- Name / Roll no : Viraj Vajratkar / 05D10021
- CPI/DR : 8.53/4 (among duals, I think)
- GRE Score (Vocab+Quant+Essay Writing) : 620 + 800 + 5/6
- TOEFL Score : 116/120
- Any papers published/How many?and wat 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? Took from Manik (DDP), Seshu, SSJoshi (seminar). Manik apparently gave a good recco as I had seen it myself. Cant say abt rest but yeah Seshu has a good name and experience...

Universities

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

University	Field	PhD/MS/ Combined	<u>TA/RA/Fellow/admit/ Reject/other</u>
<u>UMICH</u>	<u>Automobiles/Design</u>	<u>PhD</u>	<u>Reject</u>
<u>Virginia Tech</u>	“ –	“ –	<u>Admit</u>
<u>Ohio</u>	“ –	“ –	<u>TA</u>
<u>UC Davis</u>	“ –	“ –	<u>Admit</u>

3) On what basis did you choose the universities? USNEWS/Peers/Professors/Visited all sites? Also if you have any comments regarding what are the characteristics of that particular school for ex. Good research oppurtunities, good faculty, high imp to GRE, etc
Mainly check in LATEST US News and whether ur desired branch is there in the univ (don't blindly app in any Univ just becos of name only, check for dept. 5 yrs u hav to spend ... so spend it in a branch/field u like...)

University	Future Related Comments (Good research, etc)	Selection related comment(GRE score)
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5) Did you send suck mails? How useful are they? Any fundae regarding those? Sent a few, but ditched later on... Useful only in the sense that you might get to know if positions are available or not for the year and hence save money by not aping if no vacancies. Doesn't strengthen ur chances or anything I think

6) What were the other options open for you ? JOB(where), IIM? Etc Job→ currently at JP Morgan... in the end chose finance job over apping 😊

7) Which app are you choosing? Why? Would have chosen Ohio but dint go...

8) What was your BTP/DDP/MTP Topic? Who was your guide? Seminar guide? Why chose him? DDP guide was Prof. manik, with topic as active control of automobile vibrations, chose him as I liked the field of cars/design a lot, Seminar guide: SSJ, mainly bcos had heard tht he really GUIDES well and I can vouch for that

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

(You may say that SOP is to be written by self which is absolutely true. But after writing a SOP by self, it can be very well polished by looking at other SOPs, I plan to put a word of caution for all the people (juniors) not to copy our SOPs blindly and advise them to write it on your own and use our SOPs only for reference.) : sent it

10) Any other inputs/comments concerning app?