

## APPING DATABASE

### Personal Details

- Name / Roll no : Abhishek Shiwalkar
- CPI/DR : 9.29/5
- GRE Score (Vocab+Quant+Essay Writing) : 710/800/4.5
- TOEFL Score : 116
- 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? I took recos from Prof Salil Kulkarni (BTP + 1 course) , Prof Atrey (Seminar + 2 courses) and Prof Ramesh Singh (EDP) Closed recos so no idea but they must have been good

### 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>Stanford</u>	<u>ME</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>Admit</u>
<u>Michiqan Ann Arbor</u>	<u>ME</u>	<u>PhD</u>	<u>Reject</u>
<u>UIUC</u>	<u>ME</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>Admit</u>
<u>Purdue</u>	<u>ME</u>	<u>PhD</u>	<u>Reject</u>
<u>Georgia Tech</u>	<u>ME</u>	<u>MS</u>	<u>Reject</u>
<u>Cornell</u>	<u>ME/TAM</u>	<u>PhD</u>	<u>RA</u>
<u>Texas Austin</u>	<u>ME</u>	<u>PhD</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

University	Future Related Comments	Selection related
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	(Good research, etc)	comment(GRE score)

**I primarily used US news, also talk to your guide he is the best mentor to you. I had a very cool BTP guide he told me a lot of things abt grad life etc. Depends on what you want to do PhD or just an MS**

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

**I did not send any suck mails but they are probably useful if you are good at it with connections etc**

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

**Job at J&J medical**

7) Which app are you choosing? Why?

**Stanford because I did not want to commit to PhD at this stage so I ditched Cornell RA.**

**Also Stanford is an awesome place if you want to build a network/ get into industry**

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

**Prof Salil Kulkarni because I wanted a solid mechanics / controls btp (it was on finite element modeling) and most of the controls profs were either on sabbatical or not accepting BTP students Seminar guide was Prof Atrey and he is an awesome guide if you are determined to work hard esp in experimental thermal engineering**

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.)*

Write SOP on your own give it a personal touch.

10) Any other inputs/comments concerning app?

**Don't apply for PhD just because theres funding Think if that's really for you  
Funding situation was pretty bad last year. It could pick up slightly this year.**

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