

1) Personal Details

- a) Name : Rohit Bharill
- b) CPI/DR : 8.41 (6 semesters), 8.49 (7 semesters)
- c) GRE Score (540 + 800 +4.5)
- d) TOEFL Score 290
- e) Any papers published/How many? No
- f) Professors from whom recos are taken/For what did he give reco/How good the reco was/ Ne comments on the reco given by your professor?

Reco1: <prof. N. Rangaraj> <BTP> / Reco: very good /< Prof.: very nice>

Reco2: <prof. M. V. Rane> <Seminar> / Reco: very good /< Prof.: very nice>

Reco3: <prof. I. Pashby> <Internship> /Reco: Not sure /< Prof.: very nice>

2) Which universities did you apply to? Which field/department in that university?

Which program (Plz list in the decreasing order of the importance you gave to universities)

<i>SNo</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Phd/MS</i>	<i>TA/RA/Fellow/Reject</i>
1.	MIT	MEMS	MS	Reject
2.	Stanford	MEMS	MS	Reject
3.	Berkeley	MEMS	MS	Reject

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

USNEWS

4) Also specific information about the universities (comments like Good faculty/Good Research/Easily gives admit/Gives high importance to GRE Score/Any

professor in our department whose reco is valuable in this university etc etc →
Kindly answer this question comprehensively as this part will be very helpful

<i>SNo</i>	<i>University</i>	<i>Information(answer the above question in this column)</i>
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Everyone knows that everything is good in these univs ☺ Apping was my last preference (after Job and CAT respectively) and the only reason I chose to app in these God univs is because they were worth a try. I was experimenting: I had no projects/courses in MEMS and my internships/BTP/Seminar were all in different fields (Thermal, Manufacturing, IE & OR, Robotics, Fluids...). The only reason why I dared to apply is because my recos very really nice and 2 of them were from abroad (US and UK), so I thought it was a very good cocktail (of both projects and recos) and could have been a hit or a miss. Result... refer to the last page! ☺ But I would say, these univs are worth it!! So do apply there!!

5) Did you send suck mails? How useful are the suck mails? Ne fundae about these?

Its important to send suck mails. Sometimes you get really +ve replies. I got one from the Northwestern univ (ranked 10th) where he nearly assured admission at that time only (Of course after looking at my SOP, grade sheets and resume). If you have frequent email/phone call exchanges with a prof. you can write about it in your SOP as well. In fact, some univs even ask this question in their forms (if you have been in touch with any faculty here), so I guess its important.

6) Which app are you choosing? Why?

I have got no offers ☹

7) What is you BTP Topic? Who is your BTP guide? Seminar guide? Why chose him?

BTP: ‘Yield management in railway operations’. Prof. N. Rangaraj. He is simply cool, would never pain you for anything, and would always give you a good grade. Very helping, good knowledge of the subject, would give you infinite choices.

Seminar: Prof. M. V. Rane. He is a nice Professor, knows a lot. For those people who are planning to fool their guides.... He is not the person for you. He is patient and if you do what he wants (which is not very much for a seminar. Although, he expects a lot from your BTP) + your report is nicely formatted, you get a good grade.

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

Please write it yourself ☺ I have a 100% reject record, why would anyone copy it!!

9) Any other inputs/comments concerning app?

Take many inputs from a variety of ppl. If you are very serious, then plan strategically (not the way I did), as in, Profs. PR and the value of his reco, the field your recos are from (1 of my Profs was from Manufacturing, 1 from IE & OR and I apped in MEMS, just because I didn’t care much. If apping is your 1st priority, playing like this is not worth it.) etc.

I ditched aping after I got placed in Lehman Brothers (as I said, Job was my 1st priority). But another option could have been to apply in all the univs decided earlier (ex Northwestern, from where I was almost sure to get a call) and then defer the admission by 1 yr. or more; who knows when your mindset changes and you end up hating your job, in which case you might turn back to apping. I did not do it, but I think I should have done that.

10) Your contact info (Mail id which you will be using after passing out) ?

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