APPING DATABASE

1) Personal Details

Name-Rishabh Kumar Jain (050100130)

DR-1

CPI-9.24 after 8th sem

DR-2 & CPI=9.33 at the time of applying

GRE score-(just took it once)

english-530

maths-800

essay-3.5

total-1330

toefl(just took it once)

speaking -23

writing -28

reading-29

listening-28

total-108

no research papers published

took recos from-

Prof. SK Maiti-BTP+1 course

Prof Kannan iyer-UROP+3 courses

Prof P.seshu-Seminar and 3 courses

Also had summer intern prof as backup for reco

I waived my right to see the reco.So I dont know how good it was.But all these profs had written recos for some seniors before.If u plan to take reco from these profs,please provide them with atleast 2 weeks for writing the reco.

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)*

SNo	University	Field	Phd/MS	TA/RA/Fellow/admit/Reject
1	MIT	Mechanical	MS	Reject
2	Stanford	Mechanical	MS	Reject
3	Berkeley	biomechanics	MS+PhD	Rejected after teleponic interview
4	Caltech	Mechanical	MS	Reject
5.	UIUC	mechanical	MS	RTA(Became RA)
6	Purdue	Mechanical	MS	RA on condition of PhD(had conversation with prof through emails)

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

Took advice from my guide .Also looked for rankings and from the previous apping database and univ websites u can get a good idea of univs u shud apply to.

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**

All the above univ have good faculty and also ranked highly for research.What matters most is the prof with whom who will work.he may be a faculty at the worst univ but might be a genius in his field.I had a telephonic conversation with my Prof . And It helped me decide that I would like to work with him.

I don't know how much imp is given to GRE score.

When u ask a prof for reco ,ask him if he has given reco for someone else in the past and where that person got admit from.Also experience of faculty u are taking reco from

matters a lot. For example, Prof . Kiyer , Jb doshi, Maiti,A. W date are well known for their work.

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

NO

6) You went for app. What were your other options, like job, IIM e.t.c?

I got a job at NTPC.I did not appear for CAT

7)Which app did you choose? Why?

I chose RA at UIUC .

Reasons-

funding

Good prof

interesting topic of research.

Population of indian students at uiuc

Low cost of living

Roommates whom I knew from IIT days

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

BTP topic-solution of forward and inverse problems in biomedical neonatal imaging(optical tomography) using FEM.

Guide-Prof. S.K.Maiti

Seminar Guide-Prof .P.Seshu

Both are good profs in the field of FEM

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.)*

SOP should be written by applicant himself/herself.You will only get confused/tempted to copy after seeing SOP of seniors.

10) Any other inputs/comments concerning app?

Decide if u want to do MS or Phd and also your field of interest.It will help u to decide the univ u shud apply to.

U might not get any reply from caltech if u apply for anything other than PhD

11) Your contact info (Mail id)

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