

## APPING DATABASE

### 1) Personal Details

- a) Name : Jasvipul Singh Chawla
- b) CPI/DR : 8.14 - 5/18 (CADA)
- c) GRE Score : (800+540+5.0)
- d) TOEFL Score : 283
- e) Any papers published/How many?and wat are they? Title and publication.  
No papers, but won ASME student design competition.
- 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. Shashikanth Suryanarayanan - DDP+Course - Wrote a good reco, but not of good value as he isn't renowned  
Reco2:Prof. P Seshu - DDP Examiner, 5 courses - Peaceful prof, can help a lot in decision making regarding univs.  
Reco3:Prof. Ukadgaonkar - FacAd for ASME project - Wont give a well composed reco, but will never give a negative one (some profs do).

**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	Offer/Reject
1.	Cambridge (UK)	Vehicle Dynamics	PhD	Admit - HeavyVehicleDynamics
2.	Cranfield (UK)	Motorsport	MSc (1yr)	Partial Schol
3	Clemson	Vehicle Dynamics	PhD	RA – Hybrid Energy
4.	Virginia Tech	Vehicle Dynamics	PhD	Reject
5.	Texas Austin	Vehicle Dynamics	PhD	Reject
6.	Texas A&M	Vehicle Dynamics	PhD	Partial Schol for MS
7.	PennState	Vehicle Dynamics	PhD	Reject

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

Facilities and Research in my field (Vehicle Dynamics/Motorsport) – Visited all sites.

**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.**

- Clemson is very low ranked university, good (or decent) only for Automotive Research. Do not apply to Clemson for anything else. In general, do not apply to low ranked Universities.
- Virginia Tech intake is very low.
- Very very difficult to get scholarships in UK.
- Texas A&M is a big university, and has scope for every field except automotive. Scholarships are easy to get in aero related projects. Gives admits easily.

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

Yes, they give a general idea about the univ. Also if a prof replies very positively, you will mostly get into the univ.

**6) Are you going for app or not? What were your other options, like job, IIM e.t.c?**

Yes. Job.

**7) Which app are you choosing? Why?**

UK, not decided yet between Cranfield/Cambridge. Research in my field is better in UK.

**8) What is you DDP Topic? Who is your DDP guide? Seminar guide? Why chose him?**

DDP - Side Slip Estimation in Vehicles, Prof. Shashikanth Suryanarayanan.

Shashi will give you a challenging problem, but will not help you with solving it, which is quite good as you will be thinking on it yourself. He has lots of fundaes in controls, but none in mechanical design.

Seminar – Advances in Gear Design. Prof. N Ramakrishnan

Seminar is done in 3<sup>rd</sup> year, which has very little significance for DD students for apping.

DD students usually do much more projects than B.Techs till they graduate.

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

Do not ever look at other's SOPs. I screwed up mine cos I did that. Do not try to follow any pattern. Its YOUR SOP – Your reasons for doing the particular course. Let your personality reflect in the SOP.

**10) Any other inputs/comments concerning app?**

- Being specific in your field helps.
- For DDs, give GRE around Oct. You are pretty free for 2 months before and 1 month after that.
- Send suck mails around Nov (or Oct for those univs which ask you to apply in early dec.)
- Arrange recos well ahead in time.
- Transcripts for 9<sup>th</sup> sem are updated in mid – Jan. So if you can afford, don't wait for the 9<sup>th</sup> sem grades to be included.
- Try to complete your apping before last dates. Some univs like Virginia Tech have rolling evaluation. Still if you think you cant send your packet till the last date, pay online till the last date, and send the packets soon. Americans are only concerned about money ;)
- Arrange for a lot of money – GRE & Toefl cost around 7k each. And univ application costs vary from 2.5k to 6k (appx.) Score reporting is also costly. All the money is paid through Credit Card. If possible, get your own card. Coax some seniors to sponsor a univ or two.
- Apping procedure for UK is quite different. Go through the sites very carefully if you want to apply there.
- Suck mail is the way to get into European Univs.
- Erasmus Mundus is a good scholarship scheme started by EU. If your field is included, then Erasmus would be a rich experience.

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

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