

## APPING DATABASE

### Personal Details

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CPI/DR: 8.45 / No idea (>10)

GRE Score (Vocab+ Quant+ Essay Writing): 750 + 800 + 5.5

TOEFL Score : 113

Any papers published/How many? And what 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?

Prof. Ramesh Singh : For Baja, no idea about reco.

Prof. Anuradda Ganesh (ESE) : BTP Guide, should have been good.

ITC Intern Guide : Had a PPO. He showed me the reco afterwards, and it was very good, only written a bit from a B-School perspective. (Focused more on teamwork, leadership etc., rather than technical stuff) Still, I guess it worked.

### Universities

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

University	Field (same for all)	PhD/MS/ <input type="checkbox"/> Combined	TA/RA/Fellow/admit/
			<input type="checkbox"/> Reject/other
Ohio State	Controls (Automotive Powertrain)	MS (Same for all)	Fellow
Purdue			Fellow with Direct PhD admit
Penn State			TA
UIUC			Admit
Virginia Tech			Admit
Stanford			Reject
UMich Ann Arbor			Reject
UCSD			Admit

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

US News Rankings + Specific professors and their research; Had visited all sites and made a spreadsheet with 12-15 univs, rating each on what was important to me. Finally chose 8.

4)Also if you have any comments regarding what are the characteristics of that particular school for ex. Good research opportunities, good faculty, high imp to GRE, etc

<b>University</b>	<b>Future Related Comments□(Good research, etc)</b>	<b>Selection related comment(GRE score)</b>
<b>Purdue</b>	<b>Lots of energy/sustainability related research funding/focus</b>	<b>Lowest admission criteria IMO (At least among top 10 univs), very good chance of admit.</b>

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

Only after admits, for funding, and only 2-3. Mostly got tentative responses, nothing concrete. Pre-admission, IMO its unadvisable.

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

7) Which app are you choosing? Why?

Purdue. Exact domain I want to work in + Fellowship + young dynamic professor who convinced me on phone that this is the right time to do a PhD :)

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

BTP : Fuel additives for vegetable oils in CI Engines

Guide : Prof. Anuradda Ganesh

Reason: Only prof in ESE/ME who had any Engine related projects at the time I was looking.

Later it turned out she has good contacts with my current professor and Purdue, which probably helped with the admit/funding. Plus she is ESE HoD.

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

Anyone who wants it is free to contact me directly. Already shared with a few people.

10) Any other inputs/comments concerning app?

For PhD. prof and research domain is most important. If you are even slightly interested in engineering/r&d/tech go for MS/PhD. Most 'tech' jobs on/off campus available in India at our level are not very technical. Good Luck!

11)Your Contact Information (Mail Id)

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