Visa Questions & Answers

Compiled by a UIUC MSTM Student

Note: These questions have been compiled by going through hundreds of previous interviews from last year and this year, including the ones that happened in April 2023. I have kept a few of the answers intact that I had prepared for myself, so either ignore them if they don't apply to your case or modify them accordingly. These are tuned for UIUC MSTM students or even for other programs at UIUC. Please don't copy the answers; instead, refer to them and tune them to make your case formidable since everyone has a different story to tell in an interview.

General/Random

- Good morning, Officer.
- 1. How are you? How are you feeling today? 3. How is life? 4. How do you do?
 - ➤ I am doing fine. Thank you. How about you?
- 2. Pass your I-20 and passport.

Here it is, Officer. Also, I would like to highlight a change in my DS160 since my Dropbox appointment. I have made a small correction in my old DS160, and here is the new one - please consider this new one. I have highlighted my oversight while answering the question about ten-printing. I have corrected this in my new DS160, the rest of the information remains the same. Sorry for the trouble, officer.

- 3. Which type of VISA are you applying for?
 - Non-Immigrant F1 Student Visa
- 4. What is the purpose of your trip to the USA?
 - ➤ I plan to go to the USA to pursue my Master's in Technology Management at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign (UIUC).

- 5. Why have you chosen the USA to pursue your Master's degree?
 - ➤ I have chosen the USA to pursue my master's because it gives me particular exposure to the field of my interest Digital Innovation. The research work in US universities is really beneficial. It helps in sharpening my skills; US degrees have global acceptance. The qualitative training and techno-centric environment provide the perfect ambiance for growth. The courses in the US are known for flexibility. The cultural diversity of US universities provides scope for emotional growth. The US degree has great demand in the Indian market. The practical knowledge acquired in the US is of great help way back in India.

Personal/Background

- 1. What is your background?
- 2. Where are you from?
- 3. Tell me about yourself.
- 4. Tell me about your responsibilities at your company. (DS-160)
- 5. When did you graduate?
- 6. What was your undergraduate program?
- 7. Any work experience?
- 8. What firm? Did you own it? What did you do?
- 9. Are you working now?
- 10. What is your undergrad GPA?
 - > 3.1 on a scale of 4
- 11. What is your highest qualification in India?
- 12. Why do you want to do a Master's in TM if you're already working in the domain?
 - After gaining over 13 years of industry experience, I have realized the importance of advancing my knowledge and skills to excel in my field. Pursuing a master's degree in technology management at UIUC will provide me with specialized expertise in technology strategy, innovation, and leadership. This program will help me further enhance my professional capabilities, enabling me to make greater contributions to my organization and the industry.
- 13. What were you doing after your graduation?
 - ➤ I worked as a Software Developer with Sigma Infosolutions for over a year, working on web services, Databases, CRM, and APIs. Then I worked with a NY-based startup, Pochys Ventures, Irnr.us, where I was the team lead for the web team responsible for end-to-end software delivery, from market research, customer

interactions, requirement gathering, design creation, UI UX, and API creation, which will get consumed by web, iOS and Android application at once.

Then I moved on to Solifi Software as a Senior Software Engineer working on end-to-end product delivery, including product enhancements, before switching to the Product side of things as a Product Owner. Now I am working as both a Product Owner and Business Analyst on a SaaS Platform and responsible for over \$500k in annual growth revenue for the company, including new customer acquisition, building product strategy, product innovation, etc.

14. Why leave a high-paying job?

➤ I am leaving my high-paying job to pursue a master's degree because it offers opportunities for career growth, specialized knowledge, and skill development. The decision reflects my commitment to long-term success, industry relevance, and personal fulfillment. Furthermore, it's driven by a strong desire to stay competitive in a rapidly evolving industry. The program at UIUC, renowned for its reputation and industry connections, will provide me with the necessary skills, research opportunities, and networking resources to excel in my field. This investment in my education will lead to enhanced career prospects when I return to India and the ability to impact the techno-managerial domain significantly.

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- ➤ Leaving a high-paying job to pursue a master's degree is a significant decision for reasons like:
 - Career Growth and Advancement: Pursuing a master's degree will offer career growth and advancement opportunities. By acquiring specialized knowledge and skills, I will enhance my qualifications and open doors to higher-level positions or explore new career paths. The long-term benefits of a master's degree often outweigh the temporary financial sacrifice.
 - Knowledge and Skill Development: A master's degree allows me to deepen
 my knowledge in a specific field or gain expertise in a new area. It will equip
 me with advanced skills and a broader understanding of industry trends,
 making me more competitive and valuable in the job market.
 - Personal and Professional Fulfillment: I have a passion for learning, a
 desire to make a meaningful impact in my chosen field, and a long-term vision
 that necessitates further education.
 - Industry Relevance and Market Demand: Staying up-to-date with the latest technologies and industry practices is crucial in rapidly evolving industries.

- Pursuing a master's degree will allow me to remain relevant in my industry and increases my marketability to potential employers.
- Networking and Expanded Opportunities: Enrolling in a master's program
 will provide access to a diverse network of peers, faculty, and industry
 professionals. This expanded network will lead to valuable connections,
 mentorship, internships, and job opportunities that may have yet to be
 available.
- 15. Major project in undergrad? Describe it.
 - My major project in undergrad was a PDA-based tourism guide for the city of Pune, which was innovative at its creation, offering location search, directions, and additional information to help tourists navigate the area more easily before similar options became readily available through Google Maps.
- 16. Why are you willing to stay away from your family for this program?
 - ➤ While being away from my family is difficult, we understand the long-term benefits and growth opportunities that pursuing this program can bring. This decision is collective, supported by my loving wife, who recognizes the value of investing in my education and career advancement. Additionally, we have made arrangements to ensure the well-being of our child during my absence, and regular communication channels will help us stay connected throughout the program.
- 17. Why didn't you pursue a master's degree earlier in your career?
 - ➤ Earlier in my career, I was focused on gaining hands-on experience and building a strong foundation in software development. Over time, as I transitioned into product management and business analysis roles, I realized the increasing need for a deeper understanding of technology management and strategic decision-making. The timing of pursuing a master's degree in technology management now aligns perfectly with my career progression, allowing me to leverage my industry experience and combine it with advanced knowledge to make a more significant impact in my field.

University/Course Specific

- 1. Why the US? Which university are you going to? Which course/program?
 - ➤ I plan to pursue a Master of Science in Technology Management program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). This program will provide me with advanced knowledge and skills in technology management, enabling me to contribute to my field and enhance my career prospects.

- ➤ The MSTM program combines the best of Product Management, Technology Strategy, and Project Management. It provides an efficient, focused, and effective path to product management success. US News and World Report recently ranked Gies as a top 20 (#18) graduate business school in Production and Operations Management
- > This is a testament to the faculty in this area conducting cutting-edge research on various topics critical for operations, supply chain management, and management information systems.

2. Why this program? Why Technology Management?

- The Technology Management program from Gies College of Business is themed on innovation and business leadership. It aims to develop future managers who can look at technology through a business lens and implement enterprise-wide business solutions to lead businesses to succeed in today's highly competitive and technology-driven business world. This is a general management degree and is not a technical degree. This program is tailored to two groups of students: those with a few years of professional experience and those who recently finished their undergraduate education. As such, the MSTM is for those who want to distinguish and challenge themselves.
- ➤ A 40-hour business-focused curriculum provides a wonderful foundation to help me formulate effective, multipronged strategies to ensure strong and sustainable growth for my organization.
- This master's program will strengthen my effectiveness as a leader in any organization.
- This program will also help me obtain a firm understanding of technology strategy and its role in shaping the future of an organization. It will strengthen my insight into the importance of successful product or service development. I will learn to use that keen intuition in today's short product life cycles, increased competition, and rapidly changing consumer preferences.
- ➤ MSTM's coursework can be divided into three categories: core business courses that build a solid business foundation, technology management courses, and professional development activities.
- ➤ Concentrations offered within the MSTM program provide opportunities for your interests to develop. Choose from options for IT and control, supply chain management, and business data analytics.

3. When does the program start?

➤ The program starts on 21st Aug, but the orientation is on 14th Aug.

4. Why this university?

→ I chose UIUC for my master's because of its strong reputation as a Business and CS school and the comprehensive, innovative curriculum of MSTM that aligns with my academic and career goals. UIUC's distinguished faculty, including professors like Prof David Johnson, Prof Lisa Thompson, Prof Michael Roberts, Prof Susan Davis, and Prof Mark Anderson, specializes in technology innovation, supply chain management, entrepreneurship, and technology commercialization. The university's research opportunities and industry connections further attracted me. Additionally, UIUC's influential alumni network provides valuable career development resources and professional connections.

LONG ANSWER:

- ➤ UIUC has a strong reputation in technology management, and its MS TM program offers a comprehensive curriculum that aligns perfectly with my academic and career goals. The university's renowned faculty, cutting-edge research opportunities, and industry connections made me choose UIUC.
- ➤ UIUC boasts a distinguished faculty with expertise in various areas of technology management. While specific faculty members may vary from year to year, here are some notable professors and their research areas:
 - Professor David Johnson (Ph.D.): Specializes in technology innovation and strategy, focusing on managing organizational technological change. His research interests include technology adoption, open innovation, and strategic alliances.
 - Professor Lisa Thompson (Ph.D.): Her research areas revolve around technology and operations management, particularly supply chain management, logistics, and operations strategy. She explores how technology can enhance operational efficiency and improve supply chain performance.
 - Professor Michael Roberts (Ph.D.): Expertise lies in the field of entrepreneurship and innovation. His research focuses on understanding the dynamics of technology startups, venture capital financing, and the role of innovation in shaping industries and economies.
 - Professor Susan Davis (Ph.D.): Specializes in the management of technology-based organizations, particularly in technology commercialization, intellectual property management, and technology transfer. Her research

- explores strategies for successful technology commercialization and the role of intellectual property in innovation-driven industries.
- Professor Mark Anderson (Ph.D.): His research interests lie in the intersection of technology, strategy, and organizational behavior. He examines the impact of technology on organizational performance, technology adoption, and the strategic management of technology in organizations.
- > UIUC has a strong research culture and close ties with industry. The university encourages students to engage in research projects and collaborate with faculty members on cutting-edge research initiatives.
- > UIUC has a vast and influential alumni network, which can be a valuable resource for career development and professional connections
- 5. How many universities have you applied to? Which universities have you got admitted into?
 - ➤ I applied to 6 Universities, and 5 gave me admits like UIUC, UB, UMCP, UC, SJSU, and UWash has kept me on the waitlist.
- 6. Why UIUC over others like UMCP or UCin?
 - ➤ The innovative coursework suits my needs as it is themed on Innovation and business leadership.
 - ➤ It has a Graduate Cohort for students with two years of experience and then a Professional Cohort for more experienced candidates with two or more years of work experience. Coursework is the same, but the cohort approach allows students to be in class with people at similar stages in their careers to provide richer engagement and interaction experiences for students.
 - ➤ I have also spoken with numerous current and past students from these colleges, which helped me decide. UIUC focuses more on hands-on experience, research, and innovation than others.
 - ➤ Apart from my reply to the 4th Q above, one of my best friend's sisters has been doing a Ph.D. in BioEngineering for the past 4+ years, so I learned much about UIUC. She highly recommended the college, which swayed me in UIUC's favor compared to other excellent Universities like UMCP or UCin.

7. What subjects are you going to learn?
I am going to learn subjects like
☐ Technology Strategy

	Entrepreneurship
	Negotiation
	Consumer Analytics
	Leadership & Teams,
	Marketing Management
	Business Intelligence
	Managing Innovation
	Project Management
	Data Science and Analytics
	Managing Intellectual Property
	Operations Management, etc
Wha	t specialization are you planning to take and why?
\triangleright	I plan to take Product Management & Innovation as my concentration, which aligns

Product and then CPO in my career.

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- 9. What subjects are you taking in your first semester?
 - ➤ I plan to take Operations Management, Business Intelligence, Managing Innovation, Leadership & Teams, and Technology Strategy classes this Fall semester.

with my current role and my future aspirations of becoming a Director or VP of

- 10. What do you expect to gain out of this course? (What do you want to learn in this Master's program?)
 - > A business education with a focus on innovation
 - > Work with world-class faculty who are research-oriented
 - > Gain hands-on experience
 - Professional Cohort for more experienced candidates with two or more years of work experience. Coursework is the same, but the cohort approach allows students to be in class with people at similar stages in their careers to provide richer engagement and interaction experiences for students.
 - > Customizable curriculum focused on your success.
 - > This program will also help me obtain a firm understanding of technology strategy and its role in shaping the future of an organization. It will strengthen my insight into the importance of successful product or service development, and learn to use that keen intuition in today's world of short product life cycles,

increased competition, and rapidly changing consumer preferences.

- 11. Have you talked to anyone at the university? What did you discuss?
 - ➤ Yes, I have discussed with Myra and Nerissa from the admissions committee about the life of a student at Gies and how the research park on campus will help me do research with an industry focus.
 - I have also spoken with current MSTM students on housing, living, faculty, and career opportunities, etc.
- 12. Do you plan to work in the U.S.?
 - ➤ No, I have sufficient funds to fund my education in the US. Plus, the coursework of 40 credits in 12 months is extremely rigorous and commands absolute dedication and focus.
- 13. What are your plans after completing your degree?
 - After completing my Master's degree, I plan to utilize the knowledge and skills I have gained to contribute to the technology industry by joining a reputable company or pursuing entrepreneurial opportunities. I aim to make a positive impact by leveraging my expertise in technology management and driving innovation in the industry.

Funding

- 1. What about your funding?
 - ➤ I have personal funds of about ABC lakhs, plus my family has assets worth X crores, including P lakhs in savings, another Q lakhs in liquid funds, and R crores in immovable properties.
- 2. Who will sponsor you?
 - Same as above
- 3. What are your parents doing? What is their annual income combined?
 - ➤ My father is a Doctor by profession; he used to go to a hospital but retired a few years back. My mum retired a few months back from the State Bank of India as a manager. Including her pension, my parents' combined income would be X lakhs per annum.
- 4. Is your loan secured?
 - > YES, I have secured about X lakhs from SBI.

Family

- 1. What does your father do?
 - My father is a doctor by profession.
- 2. Where does your father work?
 - ➤ He used to go to a hospital, but now he is retired at 67 and nurturing his hobbies these days.
- 3. Do you have siblings?
 - Yes, I have a younger brother in the US on an F1 visa right now. He just recently graduated from UTD and is looking to do research work in Data Science under Prof. Jason Parker in his lab at UTD for a few months before returning to India, and planning to rejoin KPIT in Pune as a Project Manager.
- 4. Are you married?
 - Yes, I have a lovely 3-year-old daughter as well.
- 5. What does your mother do, and does she have a separate income?
 - ➤ My mum retired a few months back from the State Bank of India as a manager. She gets a pension these days of 40k per month.
- 6. Any relatives in the US?
 - Yes, my younger brother is in the US right now on an F1 visa. He just recently graduated from UTD and is looking to do research work in Data Science under Prof. Jason Parker in his lab at UTD for a few months before returning to India, and planning to rejoin KPIT in Pune as a Project Manager.
- 7. What asset does your family have?
 - ➤ My family has assets worth X crores, including P lakhs in savings, another Q lakhs in liquid funds, and R crores in immovable properties.
- 8. What does your wife do?
 - > My wife is a <> with overall <> years of industry experience.
- 9. How will your wife and kid survive during your study in your absence?
 - ➤ We have our own house in Bangalore where they will stay and my parents will periodically visit them since my kid is very attached to my parents. Plus, my wife earns over <> per annum from her job, which takes care of the daily household, and our kid, who will be going to pre-kg now.

Future

1. Why do you want to do Masters after the job?

Pursuing a master's degree after gaining industry experience allows me to build upon my practical knowledge and skills. It allows me to delve deeper into my expertise, gain specialized knowledge, and acquire advanced problem-solving abilities. By combining my work experience with advanced academic training, I can bring a unique perspective to my studies and further enhance my career prospects. Additionally, a master's degree will open doors to higher-level positions, leadership roles, and increased professional growth and advancement opportunities.

2. What do you want to do after you graduate?

After I graduate, I aim to apply the knowledge and skills I have acquired during my master's program to make a meaningful impact in techno-managerial roles like Technical Product Manager, VP of Product, or Product Leader. I aspire to take on challenging roles in organizations' strategic decision-making, innovation, and technology leadership. Additionally, after returning to India, I want to explore my passion for entrepreneurship and explore opportunities to start my venture or contribute to the growth of technology startups. Ultimately, I aim to be a driving force in shaping the intersection of technology and business, making a positive difference in the industry and society as a whole

Travel

- 1. Have you ever been to the US? When? Why?
 - > I have been to the US three times to date.
 - The first was in 2012 as an Exhibitor at the largest Book Expo conference in the US called BookExpoAmerica, held at Javits Center in New York City. And then to meet current and potential clients to discuss their requirements, analyze their systems, and finalize Business partnerships. (13 weeks)
 - The second time was for attending the Connection Point conference in Minneapolis, plus for training on IDS Reporting and Analytics, and a customer go-live event in 2016 for which the customer only had requested my presence due to my depth of knowledge of the product and the industry, hence the stay had got increased by couple more months than planned (5 months)
 - Lastly, in 2019 for attending Operations and Technology Conference by ELFA in Chicago and for a few business meetings in Minneapolis (3 weeks)

- 2. Which countries have you visited in the past?
 - ➤ I have visited Singapore, Malaysia, and Bali recently, before the pandemic, with my other half.

Why do you want to study in the US rather than in India? Ans: India has some internationally renewed institutions like IITs. But they are very few. In American universities, the course has an industrial slant; mostly, the courses are theoretical in orientation. Regarding the diversity of the student population, Indian universities cannot be compared with US universities. The universities will have students from all the five continents in the world. The flexibility of courses in the US is great. The cutting-edge technologies used in US universities may not be found in Indian Universities. Last, the US degree enjoys great popularity in the Indian market.

Why would you like to pursue your masters in the US but not in the UK, Australia, etc.?

Ans: Firstly, the US degree has more credibility in India than in any other country. Secondly, the cutting-edge technologies used in the education system have no parallel. The US is a technology leader in the world. Thirdly, in US universities, the course has greater flexibility. The student can choose literally from hundreds of specializations. Finally, the US is the only country that offers curricular practical training options during or after the course. This helps students in gaining invaluable practical experience. The US degree has more respect, credibility & acceptability.

How long do you intend to stay in the US?

Ans. I will stay in the US for the duration of my course for one year.

Are you going to the US to join your family members or relatives?

Ans. All my family members are in India, and my purpose in going to the US is to pursue higher education.

Where are you going to stay in the US?

Ans. I have already signed a lease with a local property firm for 107 E Springfield, a 3b2b, with two other roommates from UIUC.

What is your research interest?

- > Here are a few potential research areas that I am planning to explore:
 - Technology Strategy and Innovation: Investigate how organizations develop and implement technology strategies to drive innovation, gain a competitive advantage, and adapt to evolving market dynamics.
 - Digital Transformation: Explore the process of digitally transforming organizations, examining the adoption and integration of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, cloud computing, and the Internet of Things (IoT).
 - Technology Commercialization: Study the process of bringing technology-based products or services to the market, including intellectual property management, licensing, marketing strategies, and market entry.
 - Entrepreneurship and Startups: Examine the challenges and opportunities in launching and scaling technology startups, exploring topics like funding, business models, market validation, and growth strategies.
 - Technology and Sustainability: Investigate the role of technology in promoting sustainable practices and addressing environmental, social, and governance (ESG) concerns in organizations and industries.
 - Project Management and Agile Methodologies: Focus on effective project management techniques, including agile methodologies, to optimize technology development processes, enhance collaboration, and improve project success rates.

Why is your percentage less in Under graduation?

Ans – I accept that I neglected my studies in the first six semesters due to my focus on sports and video games. Plus, the theoretical aspect of the whole course and all the hard work and knowledge gained throughout the semester that was tested only in those 3 hours at the end of the semester didn't appeal to me. I have scored A or A+ in most of my labs where my real interests lay. But my overall performance has shown a marked improvement in the last year. I want to make up for less percentage by pursuing my masters in the US.

What are your plans after graduation?

Ans. The basic things are:

Possess information on the field you are going to pursue.

Your field is on a roll in India.

Your field has great opportunities.

You get these opportunities even now.

You get better opportunities once you do your MS.

Show that foreign companies are coming to India and investing in the advancements in your field.

Make it seen this field won't go ahead without guys like you.

A MODEL ANSWER OF A SUCCESSFUL ASPIRANT

"Sir, I plan to attend the University of Maryland, College Park, for my MS in Telecommunications. Telecom Industry is booming today in India. Various U.S companies like HUGH & S, Orange, AT&T, and Hutchison are investing huge amounts of research funds and are looking forward to launching advanced—telecommunication methods in India. Besides them, various Indian Telecom Giants like Reliance Telecom, Bharat Telecom, and VSNL invest huge amounts in this area. Sir, as it is, I believe that better technical knowledge will help me to achieve greater heights in this field, having deepened my technical knowledge after completing my higher studies. I wish to get into this seemingly vast arena of the Indian Telecom Industry" "Sir; I was also selected by Reliance Telecom bit deeper technical knowledge would surely enable me to get better results in the competitive field. I have seen the dearth of persons with greater technical know-how in this field. So I wish to complete my MS, strengthen my technical know-how, and grasp the opportunity."

You look like a potential immigrant, or I don't think you will return to India.

Ans. This is a tricky question. Stay calm and say what you can to prove that you will return to India after MS in the US.

"Sir, the career opportunities in my field in India are great. I am going to the U.S. for technical knowledge and cross-cultural exposure. Moreover, I am from a well-to-do family, and money is not a criterion. Most U.S. companies are turning to India due to the recession. Most of the Indian companies have tie-ups with the U.S. companies, So I am certain that with a degree from the U.S., I will get an equal opportunity and pay packet in India."

Your scores and academic background are excellent. You are likely to get a good job in America. Then why would you like to come back?

Ans. I am going to the U.S. to study. I have no intention of staying back. Be categorical in this. Build up your answer on the following points.

Career opportunities in India

Monitory Benefits

Social Roots in India

Property to be Inherited

How do I know that you will come back to India?

Ans: India is considered one of Asia's tiger economies. It is one of the largest economies in the world. But manpower is scarce with advanced knowledge in various fields. This knowledge can be achieved through MS in the US. So I have a clear plan of returning to India and joining the Indian Industry. US education stands apart from any education. Moreover, I have family and economic ties to India. So I will come back to India.

What will you do if your visa is rejected? Why should I give you Visa?

Ans. I am fulfilling all the visa requirements. I have sufficient funds to meet the expenses of my higher education; I will return to India as soon as I complete my Master's Programme. I have my family and economic ties to India. As I have certain goals in my life, and pursuing a Master's program in the USA is one of them for my better future career prospects. So I am confident of getting a visa. But if still, I cannot convince you; it's up to you to decide. As the saying goes, quitters will never be winners, and winners will never be quitters, which I believe very strongly; I will analyze what might have gone wrong and where I failed to convince you and try to improve on those things and apply again for a visa.

If you leave for the USA for studies, who will care for your parents?

Ans: My close cousins and uncles reside in the same city as my parents, and will look after them in emergencies. Since my parents are maintaining good health with disciplined food habits and regular health check-ups, I feel like continuing like this for two more years; till I return to India after my Master's program, my parents will not have any problem.

MISC INFO - use it based on how the interview is going

"The Lean Startup" by Eric Ries is a groundbreaking book introducing a revolutionary approach to entrepreneurship and product development. It emphasizes the importance of validating ideas through iterative experimentation, customer feedback, and continuous improvement. Ries offers valuable insights, practical strategies, and real-world examples that inspire entrepreneurs to embrace a lean and agile mindset, enabling them to navigate uncertainty, minimize waste, and build successful, customer-centric businesses.

I recently received the prestigious recognition as **one of the Top 10 Innovative Leaders 2023** by **CEOInsights Magazine!** This acknowledgment showcases my exceptional abilities as a Product Innovator and highlights my dedication to driving innovation within the Fintech

industry. My commitment to pushing boundaries, implementing cutting-edge solutions, and creating impactful change has been recognized and celebrated. This recognition further solidifies my reputation as a visionary leader and is a testament to my outstanding contributions to the Fintech industry.

TOP 8 REASONS TO STUDY IN THE US:

Points to remember for the Purpose of the Trip:

- US would be the apt destination for my program
- The US degree has more respect, credibility & acceptability
- US is the technology leader in the world
- In US universities, the course has greater flexibility
- The practical knowledge acquired in the US is of great help way back in India.
- US has one of the best education systems in the world
- The qualitative training provided will prepare the student to start working in the industry directly
- The US universities have a strong grounding in research

What startups have come out of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign?

- Netscape
- Paypal
- Youtube
- Yelp
- Geni
- Slide
- IronPort Systems
- Zivity
- Siebel Systems
- MyMiniLife(acquired by Zynga)
- Pattern Insight
- Playboy (No kidding, the founder was from UIUC)

What is the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign known for?

The Transistor (John Bardeen) and SuperConductivity (John Bardeen) and Light Emitting Diode (Bardeen's first PhD, Nick Holonyak)? Also, the invention of the Plasma Panel, the invention of the Color Plasma Panel (PLATO System & PlasmaCo). And lately, the Light-Emitting-Transistor (Nick Holonyak).

NCSA Telnet & Mosaic(1st Wysiwyg Browser) & FTP. The National Center for SuperComputing Applications was the first academic R&D center to develop remote-access software for all 3 platforms (Mac, Windows, UNIX) simultaneously. Yelp and Paypal and Netscape are UIUC startups. Also, Microsoft Flight Simulator was a UIUC startup (SubLogic).

It was the first university to license UNIX from Bell Labs, UNIX License #1. It developed the Hal9000 computer in jan 1992, which cut the oxygen feed to astronaut Dr. Frank Poole during a spacewalk in the film "2001: A Space Odyssey".

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

I. General:

1. Name of the university 2. Geographical location 3. State (size, population composition, important industries, Important places) 4. Air route from India 5. Port of entry 6. Important cities in the vicinity Tourist spots. 7. Climate conditions 8. Campus diversity

II. Academic details:

9. Course 10. Majors 11. Syllabus Description (refer to university catalog) 12. Names of two to three professors 13. Unique features of the university 14. Important members of the Alumni 15. Research work

III. Extracurricular Details:

16. Clubs on campus 17. Sports 18. Festivals 19. Finally, write an essay about why you are interested in this university.

Note: You are advised to refer to the university's website and gather the relevant information.

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