

College Admissions – Frequently Asked Questions

Receiving proper admissions counselling while applying to colleges for higher education is vital for your future. This is because nowadays there are so many options to choose from, that it has become very confusing to decide to which universities you should apply. There are several top-tier colleges all over the world that may meet your requirements and it is crucial for you to make the right decision as the country you go to and the college you attend will play a major role in shaping your life.

Moreover, we have active and long-standing partnerships with 1,000+ premier universities across the world and have obtained application fee waivers for our students from many of them, which you can benefit from immensely as application fee for each college ranges from \$70 to \$250, depending upon the university and course.

What do you do in admissions counselling?

I will help you shortlist colleges in consultation with you based on your future plans. I will also help you in preparing your documents to enable you to put your best foot forward when it matters the most. Moreover, after you receive an offer of admission from a university, I will guide you with the pre-departure formalities and interviews, if any.

How will you help me in shortlisting colleges?

I will have a detailed discussion with you where we will analyse your profile and your future plans. Thereafter, based on your personal goals, we will come up with a list of colleges that will be suitable for you depending on your choice of course and country.

I firmly believe that each individual is unique and therefore, the process of shortlisting colleges is a little more nuanced than it sounds. Some students are very particular about the country that they want to go to, while others are determined to pursue a particular specialization regardless of the place.

Hence, we will prepare a list of colleges keeping all these factors in mind to ensure that you make an informed decision about your future.

What are the documents that I will need for college applications?

You will need to prepare the following documents for college applications:

1. Letter of Motivation
2. Letters of Recommendation
3. Resume / Curriculum Vitae

Additionally, you will have to ensure that you take the required tests and have the following documents issued:

1. Academic Transcripts
2. A valid language proficiency test report (IELTS / TOEFL / PTE)
3. A valid aptitude test report, if applicable (GRE / GMAT/ SAT)
4. A valid passport
5. Proof of funds, if required by the university at the time of application (Bank Statement)

How should I prepare my motivation letter?

Your motivation letter, also known as a statement of purpose, is the backbone of your application to top-tier universities. It is a 1-2 page document giving details about your academic, extra-curricular and personal experiences. It should also highlight your reasons for choosing the university and your future plans. You must take great care while preparing your letter of motivation so that stand out in the crowd and get noticed by the admissions committee of the university.

I will help you in planning an outline for your motivation letter and in writing it, which is a very time-consuming and tedious task otherwise.

How many recommendation letters do I need and from whom?

Most of the universities require you to produce 3 letters of recommendation. If you are fresh out of college, then all the recommendations should be provided by your professors, while if you have work experience, then 1 letter should be professional and the other 2 academic. It also depends on the duration of your employment. For example, if you have more than 5 years of work experience, then you may be better off providing recommendations from your employer and clients instead of your professors. This will also depend on the guidelines issued by the college.

I will help you in editing your recommendation letters, so that your major achievements are highlighted in the best possible manner.

How should I prepare my resume for college applications? Is it different from a professional resume?

Your resume for college applications should be ideally be a 1-page document highlighting your educational qualifications, work experience, certifications and extra-curricular achievements. A resume prepared for academic purposes such as applications is also called a curriculum vitae. It is different from a professional resume, which focuses more on your soft skills, technical skills, career objectives and what value you can bring to the organization.

Will you help me in applying for scholarships?

Yes, I will help you in shortlisting scholarships relevant to your course and assist you in preparing your documents including scholarship essays. It is very important to write a strong essay so that your application stands out and your chances of securing a scholarship increase.

For how many colleges will you help me apply?

There is no upper limit on the number of colleges you can apply to, however since each college application may involve an application fee and is a time-consuming process, usually students apply to 6-8 universities of their choice in a country of their preference. It is advisable that you apply to 2-3 colleges that are top-tier and another 3-4 colleges that are good and meet your requirements.

What happens after we submit the applications?

After we submit the applications, there is a waiting period of 4-8 weeks while we wait for the universities to process your application and arrive at a decision. Subsequently, after you receive

offers of admission, I will help you choose the best university from your options, and guide you with the documentation and visa process until you depart for your destination abroad.

How can I get in touch with you?

You can reach out to me via e-mail or phone for further details. Subsequently, we can connect using platforms such as Skype, Google Hangouts, Zoom, etc.

I hope that I have answered most of your questions and that you have a good amount of clarity about the admissions counselling process.