



Applications to Graduate Programs Abroad:

Finding the Right Program, Submitting a Competitive Application and Financing the Degree

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Finding the Right Program

- Web research – school websites & reputable publications, forums
- Contact Admissions Offices directly
- Attend Admissions events in your city (fairs, panels, workshops, etc.)
- Speak to alumni & current students
- Rankings (but...)



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Finding the Right Program

- Program Class Profiles
 - Published on web, brochures/flyers
 - How does an applicant compare to the average in critical areas?
 - Test scores
 - Academic records (GPA, exams)
 - Internships
 - Full-time work experience (if applicable)
 - Publications (if applicable)



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Finding the Right Program

- What is “fit”?
 - School location
 - Class/program size
 - % international students
 - Areas of expertise
 - Career opportunities
 - Campus & school culture
 - The “rainy Monday” test



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Submitting a Competitive Application

- Application rounds and deadlines
- Official test scores
 - Preparation
 - Test re-takes
 - Timing
- Official transcripts
 - Translations
 - Original copies
 - Credentials verification services



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Submitting a Competitive Application

- Letters of recommendation
 - Selecting recommenders
 - How many letters to submit?
- Resumés
 - Different than a *c.v.*
 - Preferred formats vary by type of program
- Essays and personal statements
 - Specific questions vs. open topics
 - Submitting additional essays



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Financing the Degree

- Merit-based scholarship awards
 - How admissions committees make award decisions
- Need-based scholarships
 - Demonstrating need as an international applicant
- Public vs. private institutions
- Third-party scholarship opportunities



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Questions



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