

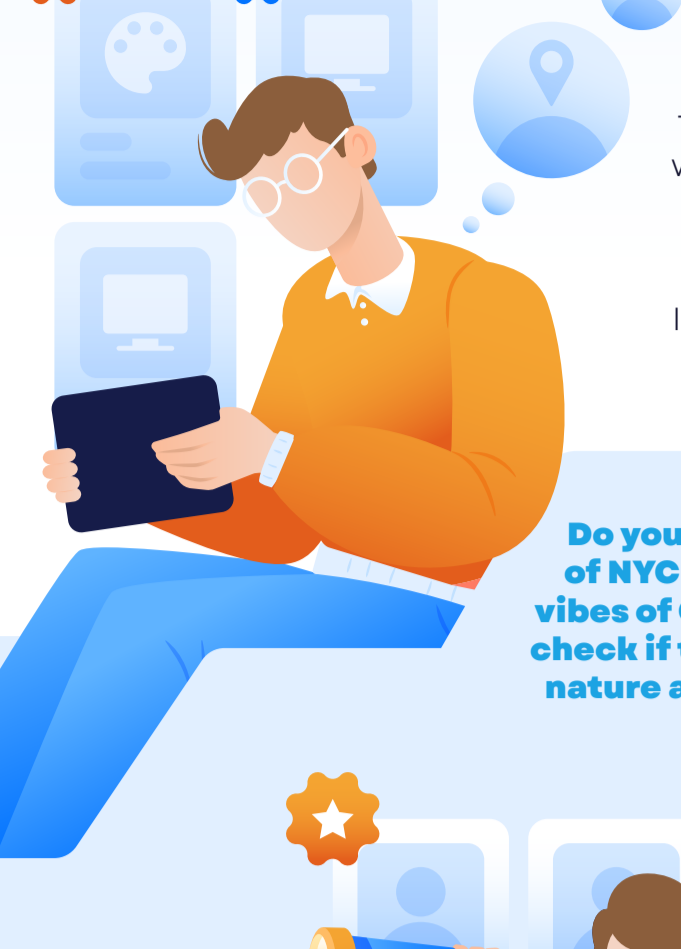
Choosing

The Right University:

Important Things to Think About

Picking programs:

Look at universities with many different subjects you like. For example, if you like computers and art, find a place that offers both.



Location & vibe:

Think about the city where the university is. Is it a fun place? Do you have friends close by? Imagine city life and adventure.

Do you want the hustle of NYC or the laid-back vibes of California? Also, check if the weather and nature around are good.

How are the teachers?

Find a school with clever teachers. From professors that worked at huge companies to top researchers in their field to professors that wrote textbooks. Look for a place where teachers are experts in their fields.



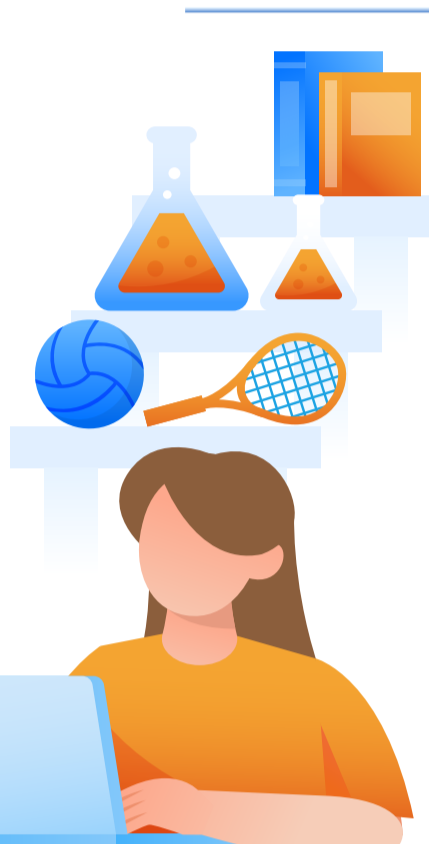
School ranking:

This is what a lot of us use to start researching which university we want to go to: "Best universities for computer science in the US" It should not be a sole decider, but it matters. So aim for universities that rank well in what you want to study.



Research

Search for schools where they do cool studies related to what you like, especially if you like research. Some places let you join these studies and learn exciting things. You could be working on these cool projects and earning money while doing so!

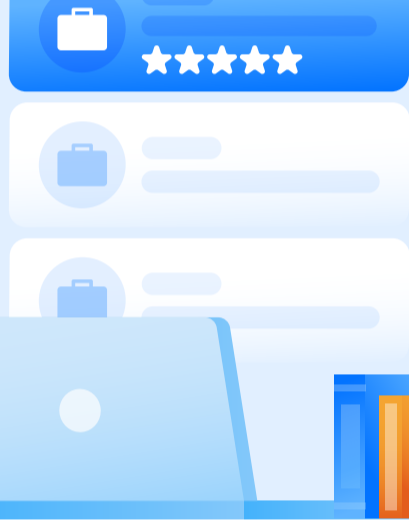


School facilities:

Check if the school has good libraries, labs, computers, and places for sports. Also check out if the buildings and dorms are in good condition. This helps you learn better and have fun.

Jobs and learning:

Find out if the school helps you get jobs after learning. Look for schools that work with companies and let you do work outside class. Do students in the university get internships and co-ops? Do they require co-ops? Do companies you want to work at come for the university career fair?



Graduates:

Check if the people who finished from this school did awesome things. When previous students do well, it means something. You can just google "X University Alumni"



What will it cost?

Think about how much money you need for everything. Look at school fees.



and other school material, going out with friends, emergency, etc. and if the university gives you any help.

Grants, scholarships, and loans:

See if the university offers any sort of financial aid for students. These can be through grants or scholarships. Some schools give special gifts to people who do well in studies.



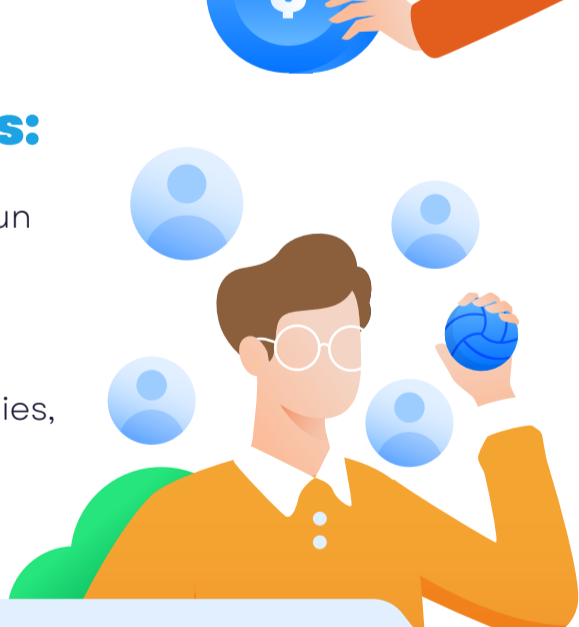
There are scholarships available for international students (from private universities, some public universities, and private companies).



You could also consider taking a loan but you may need an American cosigner if taking the loan from the US. Some companies or universities will have scholarships or financial aid for people from different countries, so make sure to check if you can find one of those.

Cool activities:

Find out what fun stuff happens outside class. If you like clubs, games, and different activities, choose a place that has them.

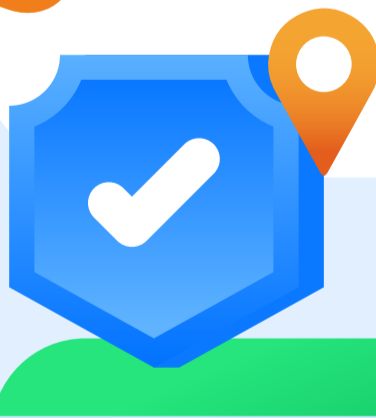


Friends from everywhere:

Choose a school where people from many places go. Diversity is important when going abroad, fostering respect and an inclusive environment. It makes learning special and helps you make friends from around the world.

Safety first:

Check if the school and the place around it are safe. Google crime rates in areas near the university. Safety is very important for a good time.



Help When needed:

Pick a school that helps you when you need it. From financial aid when going through a rough financial period, to academic advisors helping you register for classes, to student tutors helping you explain those questions that seem impossible to solve. Good universities help you.

Help for international students:

Find a school that welcomes students from other countries. Do they have a dedicated international office? International advisors? How is the diversity in the university?



Small classes, big learning:

Search for places where classes are small and teachers are small and attentive. This makes learning easier and more fun. Look up how many people the university has and if this suits you.

Sign up smart:

Check the deadlines for sending your application and what documents and info you need. Being prepared makes the application process much easier.



Making a good choice:

Feel free to use these tips to make a smart choice about the university you want to go to. It's important to think about these things before you decide.