

## Tips on applying for higher education abroad

Below are some very useful links that detail the process of applying to North American universities:

[http://www.facweb.iitkgp.ernet.in/~niloy/studentcorner/index\\_files/Page348.htm](http://www.facweb.iitkgp.ernet.in/~niloy/studentcorner/index_files/Page348.htm)

Please download from the above link and go through the file named 'Peaceful Apping.pdf'. It is a very useful and friendly guide to the whole process. Even though it has been written keeping Computer Science students of IIT Kharagpur in mind, it is highly applicable to a student of any branch of any college.

Here are some good sources of information regarding the standings of various universities in the United States:

<http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/grad/geo/search>

Here you will find the ranking of various graduate school programs in Earth Sciences.

*A word of caution:* these rankings are not holy, and are based upon many other parameters like infrastructure, the size of the university, etc. You should use this mainly as a source to know about the different universities that exist in the US.

Another source that lists the earth science departments all over the world is:

<http://www.geos.iitb.ac.in/universities.html>

To know about how good the graduate school is, it is always a good idea to go to their homepages, check out the various research groups/research interests of the Professors and also importantly, contacting them to let them know about your interest in applying to their group (This is talked about in detail in the file 'Peaceful Apping.pdf' ). Another important factor is the funding, and the funding procedure varies from one university to other. It is good to contact the Professor/Head of the respective department to know about the opportunities for funding. Last but not the least, 'appers' should contact any Indian graduate student (you will know about the graduate students from the webpage of the department) for advice and suggestions.

Good luck !