

University: The perfect Sales guys!



The tuition of schools is generally close to \$ 10,000 per year. Schools that offer these partial waivers keep their fee at \$14,000 and give you a waiver of \$4,000.

A student in India will feel that he has saved 2 lacs and will go to that school. Please don't do such mistakes. It's just a Trap!

University gives 2000\$ waiver /50 % fee waiver; how good is this?

Just ask your self the following Questions –

- Why will some one give you free money? Taking a 1000\$ Scholarship means that you are leaving your chance of getting a Research Assistant or Teaching Assistant. Schools, generally school which offer partial waiver, do not offer many assistantships.
- 50 % fee waiver is Out of state waiver. Tuition fee for a school is generally 5000-6000 \$, Instate fee is 2000 \$ and out state fee is 5000\$ (3000\$ extra to Instate). Now 50 % of this extra 3000 means > waiver of 2000, this still means you pay 2000 instate fee + 40 % of out-state fee that is 4000 \$ a semester.

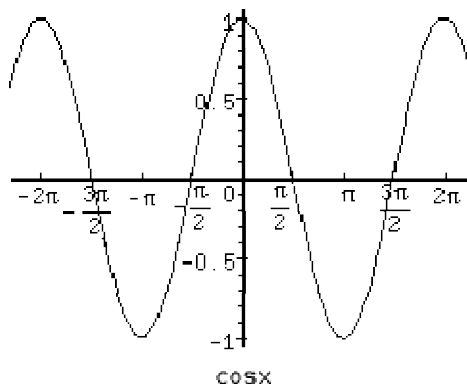
Schools are in here to make Money, Education Sector is a huge business in US and makes as much as what INDIA makes in IT/Software Industry (2004 facts). So don't be in a hurry to go to useless schools. Not all schools are that way, but some are!

Remember a cosine curve, up and down! Recollect it?

Ok now, funding in Mid-ranked schools (70-120) is also like that. A good year follows with a bad year and a bad year follows with a good year.

A Good year is when the professors/school have/has grants; then many students get aid, work, and projects and thus they don't graduate school as quickly as needed. Students stick to school. 1-2 such good years will yield to new students not getting aid as old students have aid. So 2 good years is followed by a bad year.

In this 2 years (good years) people come to know about that school and apply to it and instead of 40 students coming 100 students come that year. Result Bad year! Now 1-2 such bad years means, students transfer after one year and students don't come to that school that means less students and in 1-2 years again positions under Profs will get vacant. Hope it makes sense! So please do some research before deciding the final school.



Which one to pick? A good school or a school with scholarship?

A teaching assistant or research assistant means complete fee waiver, both instate and out state. Plus over that you make 700 \$ to 1000\$ a month for working under a Professor. Hope you see the difference. You save 5000+ Make 5000\$ a semester. So total net \$ 10,000. This is called Financial AID, not that 1000\$ scholarship. Schools which give such 1000\$ -2000\$ don't have research or any thing; they do it to attract students. Be sensible and matured; try to email Profs, get in touch with them.

Bottom line:

Don't pick worthless schools only bcas they offer partial waiver, be sensible and apply to good schools! I can understand how we Indians think; we think we are saving some money for our parents by going to schools offering partial waiver? But just sit and think are we really saving? Think !

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