

2. Researching

Learn as much as you can about schools that interest you to see if they are right for you. You should learn a lot more than just if or not they offer your possible major. Empower yourself by getting the necessary information to make knowledgeable decisions. Learning about colleges has never been easier. The information you should be looking for is usually just a click away.

Some questions to help you get started

- t How much does it cost to attend and might you qualify for financial aid? (The schools' online Net Price Calculator is a good place to start, but contact the admission/financial aid office to discuss aid options).
- t What types of financial aid are available?
- t What resources are available? How do they support students with learning differences or who is physically challenged?
- t What activities and clubs are available?
- t What are your housing options?
- t Does the college have a career guidance and placement center? Pre-professional advising (pre-med, pre-law, pre-vet, etc.)?
- t Your counselor will be able to help you think of many more questions that you should be considering.
- t And if you can...visit the college or university. There is no substitute for first-hand experience.

Resources to help your research

Financial Aid www.studentaid.ed.gov

Campus Safety <http://ope.ed.gov/security>

General Information About Schools:

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>

www.collegeresults.org

<http://nsse.iub.edu>

www.nationalcollegefairs.org

Applying

Actually applying for admission to a college is not as intimidating a task as you may think. Yes, you will need to