



## **How Do I Find The Right School For Me?**

When deciding on which college is right for you, you need to look at a number of factors. Don't base your decision on rankings alone, this is only one point of reference. You need to identify and evaluate other criteria too. Some may play a larger role than others, so prioritize what's important to you.

Some examples of factors include:

- **Facilities:** Are you looking to pursue Robotics? Are you looking for a minor in Theatre and Drama? Are you passionate about Tennis? It's important to choose a college that not only offers these options but also has a reputation in this area.
- **Location:** If you have a family that you want to stay with in New York, which is on the East Coast, choosing a West Coast university means that you are over a 5 hour flight away.
- **Size:** If you flourish in a small classroom environment with personalized attention, choosing a large university with a class size of over 3000 students or average course size of over 300 students will hinder your learning experience. Check the school website and brochures to find out what the student: teacher ratio is.
- **Campus or City University:** If you prefer college grounds to encompass everything you need, from where you study to where you eat, then a campus university may be a better fit. However if you are more inclined towards a city life, and are comfortable with public transport, then a city university may be for you.
- **Cost:** If attaining financial aid is a priority, then you need to select colleges that are known to offer scholarships to international students. Some private Universities do not offer aid at all, while some are very generous with funding.
- **Employment Opportunities:** If you are looking to find a job in investment banking in New York, will the college career service be able to help you with that? What types of companies are recruiting at the college and for what types of opportunities? You should factor this into your decision, based on the potential career path you have in mind.

Make sure you can answer these questions: Why do I want to go to THIS University? Does it meet not only my academic needs, but also my personal strengths and preferences? Your college experience lays the foundation for your future, so it's imperative you find an environment where you can thrive.

