College Research Guide

A workbook for finding, comparing, and building a college list.

1. Start With YOU

There is no single “best” college. The goal is to find schools that fit your academic interests, budget, location preferences, campus environment, and goals.

My priorities:

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Things I want in a college:

- My intended major or possible majors
- Location/setting I prefer
- Campus size and environment
- Budget and financial-aid needs
- Internships/career opportunities
- Study abroad or special programs

2. Build Your College List

School	Major	Cost	Deadline	Admission Category	Notes

3. Research Checklist

- Admission requirements
- Majors, minors, and special programs
- Tuition + housing + food + fees
- Scholarships and financial aid

- Internships, research, and career services
- Housing and dining
- Clubs, activities, and athletics
- Study abroad opportunities
- Transportation/location
- Application deadlines

4. Compare Your Favorites

Factor	College A	College B	College C
Academic fit			
Cost/financial aid			
Location			
Campus life			
Career opportunities			
Overall fit			

5. Action Plan

Top schools right now:

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Questions I still need answered:

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- Research official college websites
- Verify costs and deadlines
- Research scholarships
- Schedule a visit/virtual tour
- Discuss choices with a trusted adult