

# Researching Colleges

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## *Advice and Articles on Where and How to Start Your Search*

**What Factors Should Be Considered When Choosing a College?**

<http://www.collegeguide.com/choosing-a-college>

**Choosing Your College: The Basics**

<http://www.petersons.com/common/article.asp?id=474&sponsor=1&path=uq.fas.advice>

**Which College Is Right For You?**

<http://collegefortexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=6316E4DD-C14F-738B-0D78B8A1D99D9DC8>

**Competition for College Admission**

<http://www.petersons.com/common/article.asp?id=477&sponsor=1&path=uq.qs.advice>

**Build Your Credentials**

<http://www.petersons.com/uqchannel/file.asp?id=912&path=uq.qs.build&sponsor=1>

**College Application Requirements**

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/the-application/115.html>

## *Resources for the College Search*

*College For Texans*

<http://collegefortexans.com/>

Comprehensive site for students considering colleges in Texas including college locator, college matching, applying, financial aid, and more.

*College Board College Match Maker*

<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp>

Search by location, majors, cost, and more to find colleges that fit -- from a database of 3,800+ schools.

*College Confidential*

<http://www.collegeconfidential.com/>

Excellent site to research colleges, college admissions, financial aid, and read about college life.

*Peterson's*

<http://www.petersons.com/>

Comprehensive college search site with a great student college planner tool.

*Any College*

<http://www.anycollege.com/>

Utilize the college and university search tool to discover the school of your dreams based on criteria you select, such as location, school type, degree programs offered, religious affiliation, and available sports programs. Once you find a university that seems like it may offer the education experience you're looking for, use the college information request form to get more detailed information and guide your decision.

*Campus Compare*

<http://www.campuscompare.com/>

These fast and easy tools make it a breeze to find a college that you're compatible with. Find out your chances of getting in, compare colleges side by side, and calculate your total college costs.

*Campus Explorer*

<http://www.campusexplorer.com/>

Search over 6,000 schools by location, major or degree. Site includes two and four year colleges in addition to certificate programs in vocational or technical training.

*Campus Security Data*

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

Sponsored by the Office of Postsecondary Education of the U. S. Department of Education, this site provides data about crime on over 6000 campuses throughout the United States.

*Campus Tours*

<http://www.campustours.com/>

Provides links to virtual and interactive tours of college campuses throughout the United States. A comprehensive overview of cost, degree options, and campus information is also provided.

*College Prowler*

<http://collegeprowler.com/>

Subjective information and opinions about college campuses around the country written by current and recent students. Find out the inside scoop about colleges you're interested in attending.

*Collegiate Choice Walking Tours Videos*

<http://www.collegiatechoice.com/>

These non-promotional, amateur DVD's of actual campus tours provide a nonbiased view of what college campuses look like across the country for a nominal fee. This is a great idea for seeing what colleges really look like if you are unable to visit in person.

*Know How 2 Go*

<http://knowhow2go.org/>

This site provides guidance about how to prepare to go to college from middle school through senior year, with special emphasis and assistance for first generation college students.

*What Will They Learn*

<http://www.whatwilltheylearn.com>

This free resource focuses on seven key areas of knowledge. It's designed to help you decide whether the colleges you're considering prepare their graduates to succeed after graduation.