

Career & Profile Building

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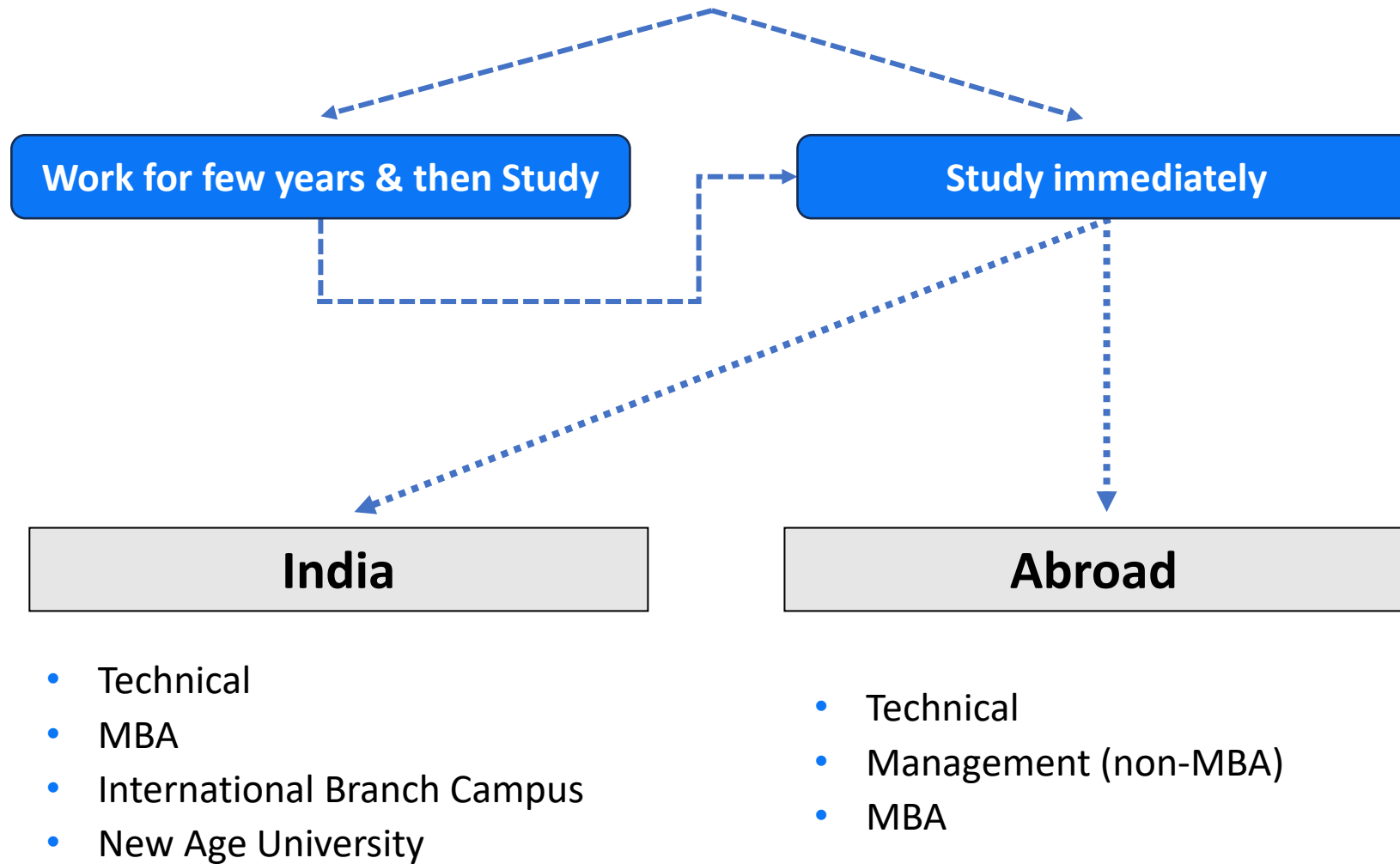


AGENDA

- Options after Graduation
- Maximizing Career Growth
- How to Choose A Career?
- Where Do I Start?
- Building a Strong Profile
- Different Countries and their Admission Requirements
- Preparing for Entrance Exams
- Overview of the Application Process
- Planning your Educational Finances



OPTIONS AFTER GRADUATION





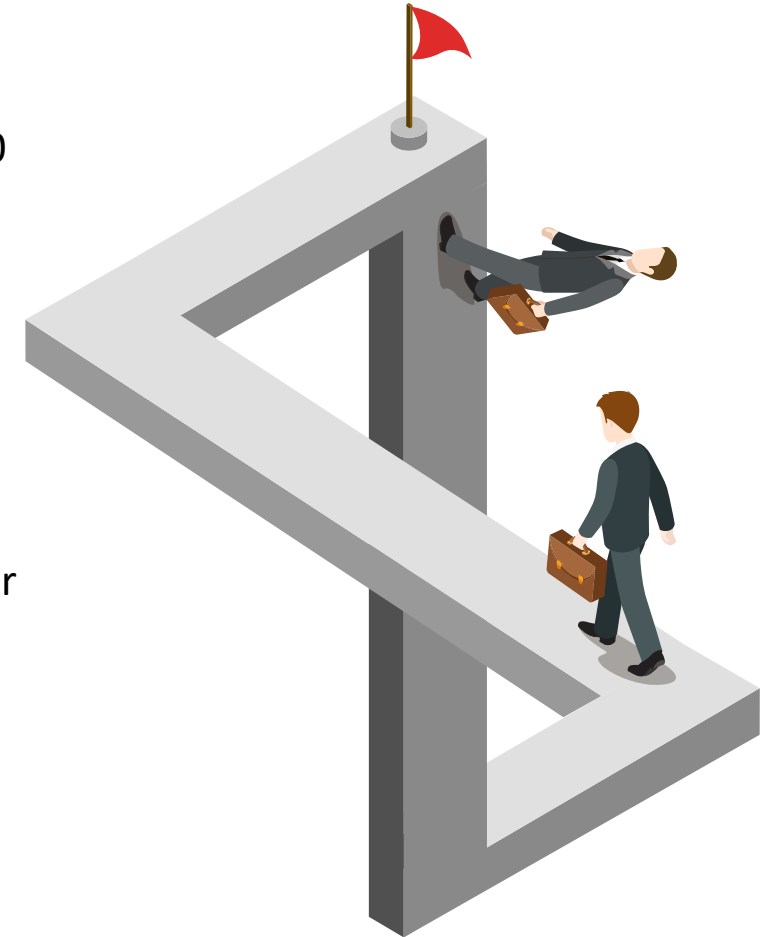
MAXIMIZING CAREER GROWTH

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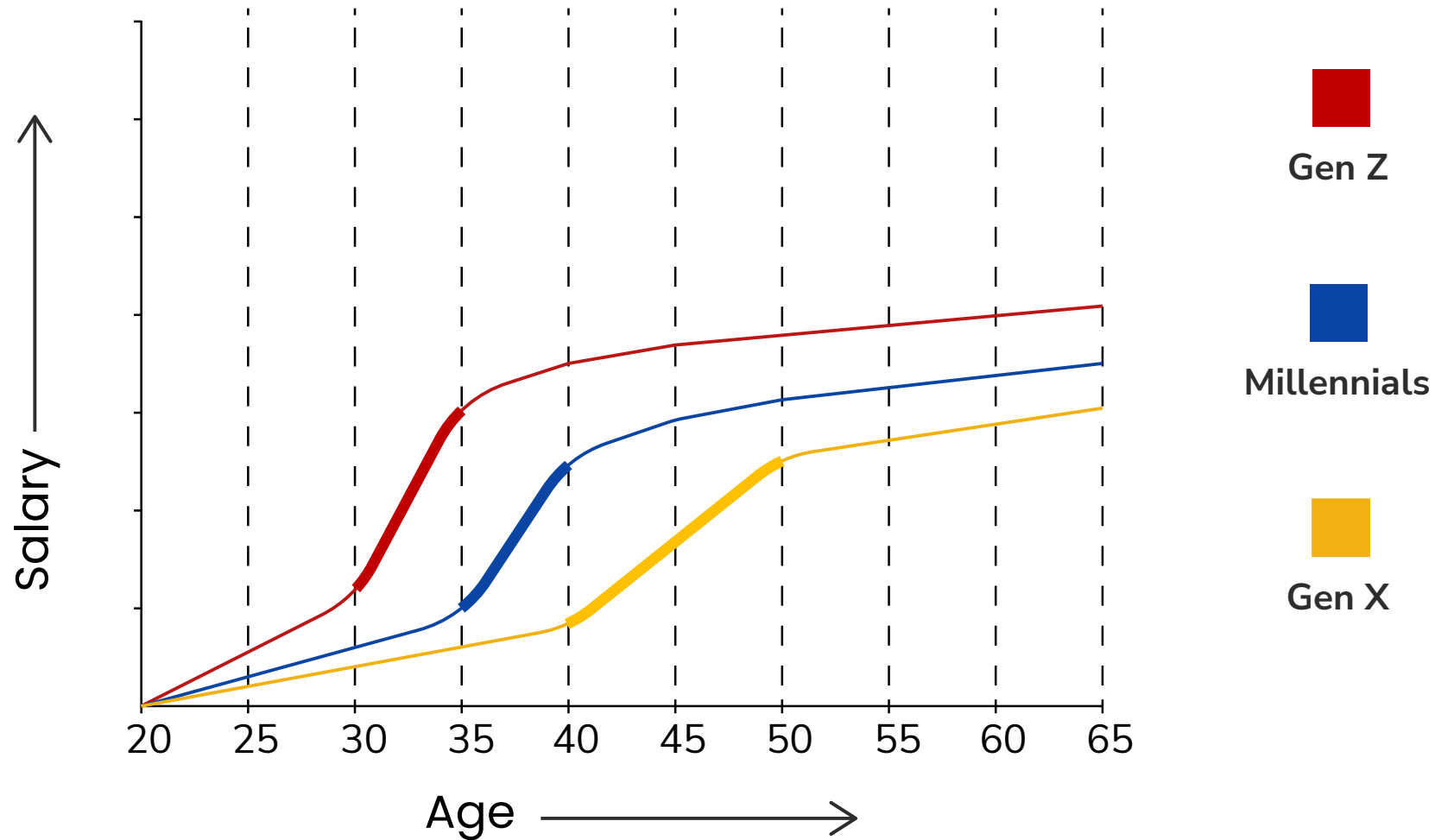


HOW DO YOU PERCEIVE YOUR FUTURE?

- a) Generation Z will make up approximately a third of the workforce by the year 2030
 - Overrepresented in technology and services industries and less in manufacturing
- b) 70% put salary as a top priority and need more money to feel financially secure (source: Handshake)
- c) 75% are not afraid to switch career paths (source: LinkedIn)
- d) 67% want to work at companies where there can learn new skills and advance their careers (source: NSHSS)
- e) 76% see upskilling as key to career advancements (source: LinkedIn)
- f) 58% want to have a good work-life balance (source: Issuu)



MEANWHILE, CAREER GROWTH SPAN IS DECREASING WITH EACH GENERATION



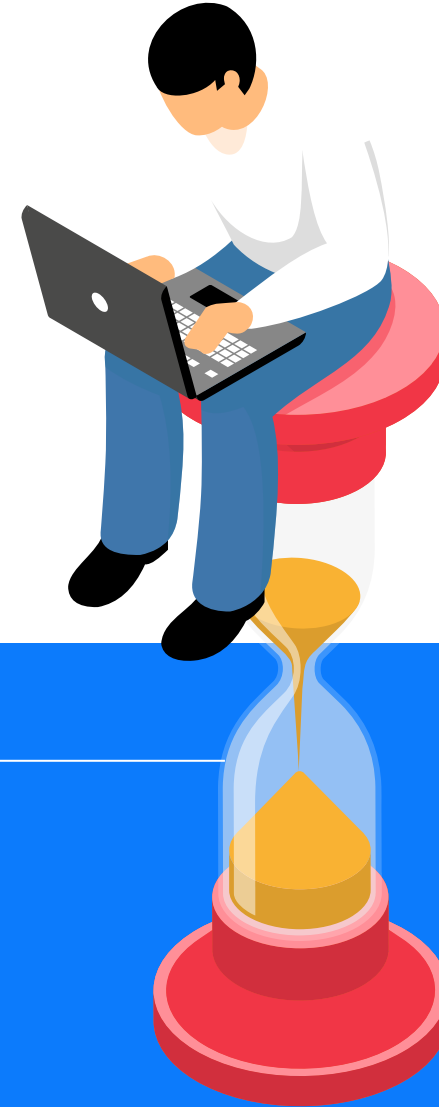
PLAN!! PLAN!! PLAN!!



Understand your
strengths & weaknesses



Create a vision board &
work towards the goal.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- Limited time to experiment and explore
- Need to be agile and aware

UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF

- **What is my personality?**
 - Introvert vs Extrovert
 - Team work vs Individual
 - Leader vs follower
 - Analytical/Problem Solver vs Communicator/Presenter
- **What are my career objectives?**
 - Maximize my earning potential at the cost of my lifestyle
 - Create a work-personal life balance
 - Enter into entrepreneurship/family business
- **What is the ideal work environment for me?**
 - Prefer short projects vs. one long-time assignment
 - Willingness to travel or prefer to be stationed in one place
 - Collaborative vs. Individual assessment



DEFINING A CAREER GOAL?



A job with
upward mobility



Continuous
opportunities to develop
skills over time



Ability to laterally shift
positions or pursue
entrepreneurship



Provides sufficient
source of income for
livelihood (ROI)



TRADITIONAL >>> NEW AGE

OPPORTUNITIES ARE PLENTY

Finance	Commercial Banking Sales	Compliance & Internal Controls	Corporate Finance	Investment Banking	Portfolio Management	Quantitative Analysis
Marketing	Sales	Public Relations	Digital Marketing	SEO	Social Media Marketing	Marketing Analytics
Computer Engineer	Computer Hardware Engineer	Software & Web Developer	Network Engineer	Data Analyst & Administrator	Cybersecurity Specialist	AI/ML
Human Resources	Recruitment Specialist	Employee Relations Management	Training and Development	Diversity & Inclusion Specialist	HR Information Systems Specialist	HR Analytics

Artificial Intelligence/ Machine learning

STARTING SALARIES



Chicago

\$130,844

Atlanta

\$121,825

Frankfurt

€55,549

New York

\$145,740

Dallas, TX

\$123,228

Auckland

NZ\$142,217

Boston

\$139,749

Los Angeles

\$139,253

Melbourne

A\$133,058

Seattle

\$136,859

Toronto

CA\$123,166

Singapore

S\$78,600

San Francisco

\$155,043

Amsterdam

€69,444

London

£52,105

Data Engineer

STARTING SALARIES



Chicago

\$1,22,958

Atlanta

\$1,21,690

Auckland

NZ\$1,06,000

New York

\$1,11,691

Dallas, TX

\$1,19,455

Sydney

A\$1,17,800

Boston

\$1,31,279

Los Angeles

\$1,53,705

Melbourne

A\$1,30,000

Seattle

\$1,42,832

Toronto

CA\$1,05,421

Singapore

S\$90,000

San Francisco

\$1,61,693

Frankfurt

€67,000

London

£52,288

Cybersecurity Specialist

STARTING SALARIES



Chicago

\$125,277

Atlanta

\$121,825

Amsterdam

€69,444

New York

\$109,133

Dallas, TX

\$81,414

Auckland

NZ\$120,000

Boston

\$97,230

Los Angeles

\$95,611

Sydney

A\$117,705

Seattle

\$81,413

Toronto

CA\$88,000

Singapore

S\$99,788

San Francisco

\$95,889

Frankfurt

€100,584

London

£62,972

Software Engineer

STARTING SALARIES



Chicago

\$1,24,431

Atlanta

\$1,22,529

Amsterdam

€79,129

New York

\$1,56,254

Dallas, TX

\$1,24,202

Auckland

NZ\$1,04,216

Boston

\$1,44,526

Los Angeles

\$1,48,492

Sydney

A\$1,30,000

Seattle

\$1,57,882

Toronto

CA\$1,01,617

Singapore

S\$82,200

San Francisco

\$1,71,836

Frankfurt

€65,514

London

£65,524



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WHERE DO I START?

STEP
01

Profile Building

To advance your career, profile building is of the utmost importance.

STEP
02

Country Selection

You need to have a clear idea of your target study-abroad destination and shortlist your target universities to begin your application process.

STEP
03

Entrance Exams

Aptitude Tests like GMAT & GRE are used as a part of admissions. TOEFL, IELTS, PTE & Duolingo are widely accepted tests to certify English proficiency.

STEP
04

Application Process

The entire process of applying for overseas universities starts here.

HOW TO BUILD YOUR PROFILE?

- 01 Internships or Work Experience
- 02 Technical Papers
- 03 Co-Curricular Activities: Online Courses, Projects, etc.
- 04 Extra-Curricular Activities: Sports, Social Service etc.



FACTORS TO CONSIDER IN CHOOSING THE RIGHT COUNTRY

DURING STUDY



Cost of education



Curriculum



Language barriers



Duration of the program



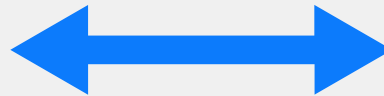
Alumni feedback



Personal parameters – food,
climate, relatives



Ease of getting in



AFTER STUDY



Work permit & stay back
option



Location of jobs or
companies



Scope of the career in that
country



Immigration



Income Tax Rate

USA

WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENTS



Questions

- Time that you have to secure a job upon Graduation
- How long can students stay in the country after Graduation?
- When can you apply for Permanent Residency?
- When can you apply for Citizenship?
- Tax Rates in the Country

Answers

3-4 Months

For STEM courses – 3 years

For Non-STEM courses – 1 year

Once you start your job on H1B visa, you can apply for a **Green Card**. However, it takes a long time.

5 years after you have a **Green Card**

Ranges Between 10-37% depending upon salary

CANADA

WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENTS



Questions

- Time that you have to secure a job upon Graduation
- How long can students stay in the country after Graduation?
- When can you apply for Permanent Residency?
- When can you apply for Citizenship?
- Tax Rates in the Country

Answers

For 1 year courses – 1 year

For 2 years courses – 3 years

For 1 year courses – 1 year

For 2 years courses – 3 years

After 1-2 years of Job Experience when you have sufficient points for PR

After 4 years of Stay on PR

Between 20.5-29% depending upon salary

NETHERLANDS

WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENTS



Questions

- Time that you have to secure a job upon Graduation
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- When can you apply for Citizenship?
- Tax Rates in the Country

Answers

1 year

1 year

After 5 years of Stay

After 5 years of Stay

Tax brackets range from 9-40% depending upon salary. For salaries higher than Euro 67k, it is 52% which is the highest.

IRELAND

WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENTS



Questions

- Time that you have to secure a job upon Graduation
- How long can students stay in the country after Graduation?
- When can you apply for Permanent Residency?
- When can you apply for Citizenship?
- Tax Rates in the Country

Answers

2 years

2 years

After 5 years of Stay

After 5 years of Stay

Tax bracket ranges between 20-40%

UK

WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENTS



Questions

- Time that you have to secure a job upon Graduation
- How long can students stay in the country after Graduation?
- When can you apply for Permanent Residency?
- When can you apply for Citizenship?
- Tax Rates in the Country

Answers

24 Months

24 Months

After 5 years of Stay

After 5 years of Stay

Basic Tax Rate – 20%

Higher Tax Rate – 40%

Depending on salary

AUSTRALIA

WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENTS



Questions

- Time that you have to secure a job upon Graduation
- How long can students stay in the country after Graduation?
- When can you apply for Permanent Residency?
- When can you apply for Citizenship?
- Tax Rates in the Country

Answers

You get a stay back option only for a course > 18 months duration.

For Masters with Coursework – 2 years

For Masters with Research – 3 years

For PhD – 4 years

PR is based on Points. Application for PR can be done in 1-2 years

After 5 years

Between 19-37% depending upon salary

GERMANY

WORK PERMIT REQUIREMENTS



Questions

- Time that you have to secure a job upon Graduation
- How long can students stay in the country after Graduation?
- When can you apply for Permanent Residency?
- When can you apply for Citizenship?
- Tax Rates in the Country

Answers

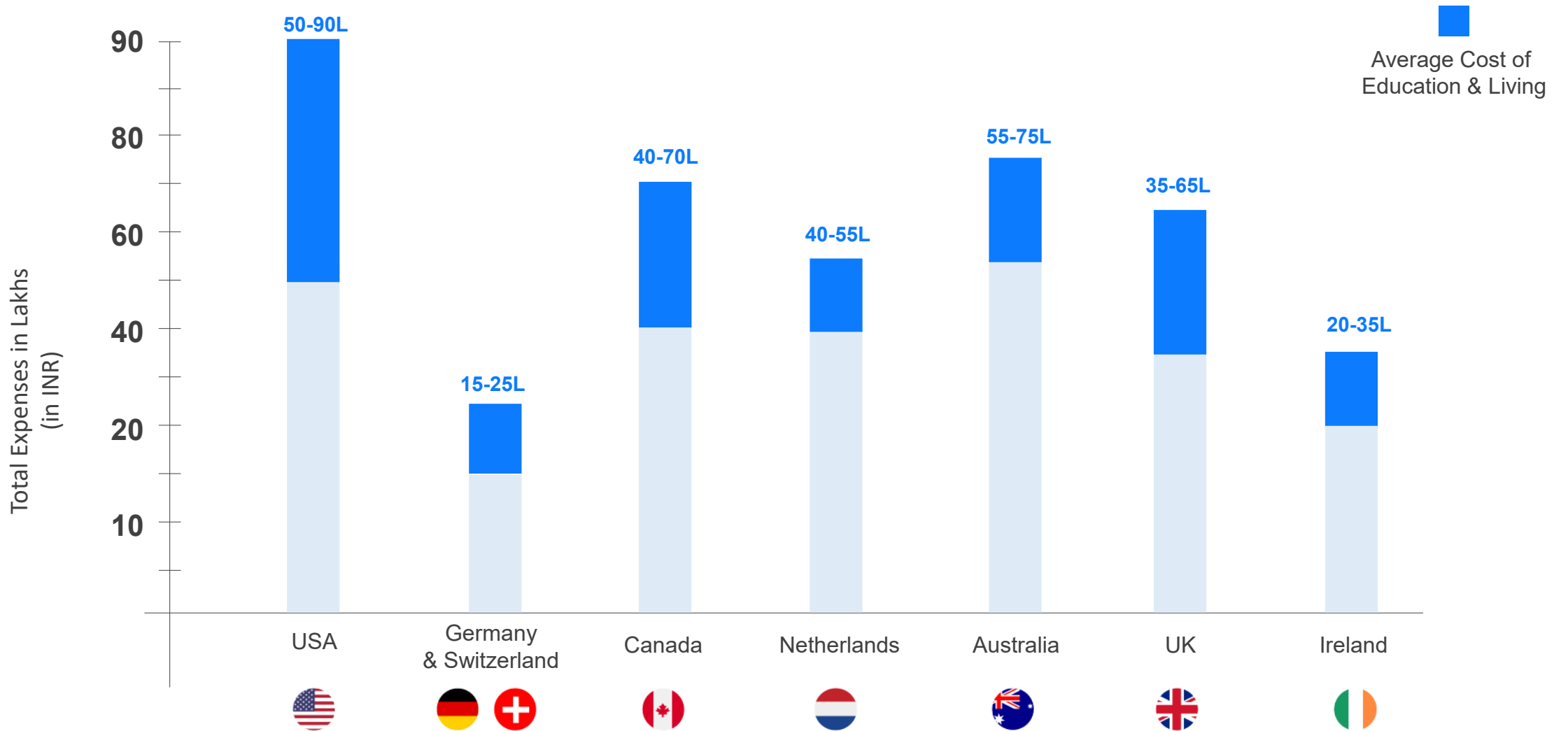
18 Months

18 Months

If you know B1 level German, and have a **Blue Card**, then you can apply in 21 months. Otherwise, 33 months.

After 5 years

Tax bracket ranges between 14-42% depending upon salary

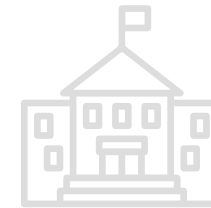


Expenses in Various Countries

NOTE: Cost per country might vary due to the Dollar Rupee fluctuation



HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT UNIVERSITY?



Course
Curriculum



Cost of
Education



Course
Flexibility



Class Size &
Diversity



Feedback



Personal
Preference



Jobs



University
Location



Co-op, Research
Opportunities



Campus
Placements

GRE | GMAT Examination



01

Why are these exams important?

02

Paper pattern and syllabus

03

Best time to give the exam

04

How much effort is required?

05

What is a good score?

06

Multiple attempts

07

What does it take to crack the exam?

08

How to get a perfect score in quant?

09

Is AWA important?

10

How do we fit in?



GRE Brief Introduction

5 Sections

- Analytical Writing – 1 section
- Verbal Reasoning – 2 sections
- Quantitative Reasoning – 2 sections

No Negative marking

- Can go back & forward within a given section
- Test duration – 2 hours (approximately)

Analytical Writing Assessment	30 Minute Essay	1 Task	Scale: 0 – 6
	☐ Analysis of an Issue		
Verbal Reasoning Section 1	18 Minutes	12 Questions	Overall Scale: 130 – 170
Verbal Reasoning Section 2	23 Minutes	15 Questions	
Two Sections Based On: ☐ Critical Reasoning ☐ Reading Comprehension ☐ Text Completion ☐ Sentence Equivalence			
Quantitative Reasoning Section 1	21 Minutes	12 Questions	Overall Scale: 130 – 170
Quantitative Reasoning Section 2	26 Minutes	15 Questions	
Two Sections Based On: ☐ Problem Solving ☐ Quantitative Comparison ☐ Data Interpretation ☐ Numeric Entry			
Total	118 minutes	54 Questions + 1 Issue Essay Task	260 - 340



GMAT Brief Introduction

3 Sections

- Data Insights
- Verbal Reasoning
- Quantitative Reasoning

Question Review & Edit: Bookmark and review as many questions as you want, and you can change up to three answers per section.

Select Section Order: Take the exam in whatever section order you prefer.

Data Insights	45 minutes	20 Questions	Scale: 60 - 90 (1-point increments)
	☐ Graphics interpretation ☐ Two-part analysis ☐ Table analysis ☐ Data Sufficiency ☐ Multi-source reasoning		
Quantitative Reasoning	45 minutes	21 Questions	Scale: 60 - 90 (1-point increments)
	☐ Problem Solving		
Verbal Reasoning	45 minutes	23 Questions	Scale: 60 - 90 (1-point increments)
	☐ Reading Comprehension ☐ Critical Reasoning		
Total	135 minutes	64 Questions	205 – 805

English Proficiency Tests



01

Why is it important?

02

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TOEFL vs IELTS vs PTE vs Duolingo

07

How do we fit in?



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WAYS TO FINANCE YOUR EDUCATION



Personal Funds

Financing your education abroad with personal funds means using your own resources like savings to pay for tuition fees, living expenses, and other costs associated with studying overseas, offering you independence and flexibility, but requires careful budgeting.



Scholarships

There are three scholarship options to finance your education abroad:

Indian scholarships: which are offered by the Indian government and private organizations.

University scholarships: these are awarded by universities to international students based on academic merit or financial need.

Government scholarship: which is funded by the foreign governments of the country where you plan to study.



Education Loan

An education loan is a financial tool that allows you to borrow money from a bank or financial institution to finance your education abroad. These loans typically require you to pay back the borrowed amount with interest over a period of time, usually after you complete your studies.

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Profile
Building



University
Selection



SOPs, LORs
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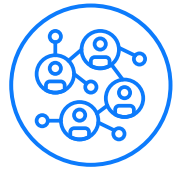
Interview
Preparation



Education Loan &
Financial Assistance



Pre-Departure
Orientation



Post-Landing
Services



TOP ADMITS

over the past few years



USA

YEAR	 Stanford	 HARVARD	 COLUMBIA	 Cornell	Carnegie Mellon	 Georgia Tech.	 USC
2024	5	3	40	28	43	30	109
2023	3	2	46	24	62	27	117
2022	3	2	28	15	48	16	79

OTHER COUNTRIES

YEAR	 London School of Business	 WATERLOO	 TORONTO	 Trinity College Dublin	 UCD DUBLIN	 MELBOURNE	 SYDNEY
2024	3	6	11	14	10	5	4
2023	2	8	8	6	9	5	6
2022	2	5	10	3	8	4	8

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Riya Bhaktiani

MS in CS-Data Science, Database System and Data Mining,
Business Intelligence and Data Analytics, Business Analytics



Janani Balasubramaniam

MS in Management Science & Engineering-Artificial Intelligence,
Machine Learning, Data Science, Engineering Management (MEM)



Mausam Agrawal

MS in CS- Software Engineering, Data Science



Sneha Rander

MS in Electronics & Communication Engineering-
Signal Processing - ECE



Neil Gogri

MEng in Engineering/Industrial Management-
Operations Research, Engineering Management (MEM)



Cornell University



Abhishri Kabra

MS in Finance- Investment Management,
Quantitative Finance, General Finance



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Devashish Khairnar

MS in CS - Software Engineering,
General Computer Science, Machine Learning



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TORONTO



Mrunal Teli

MS in CS - Software Engineering



UNIVERSITY OF
WATERLOO



Jash Somaiya

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Masters in Management



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University



Saurabh Mahajan

MS in Civil Engineering –
Structural Engineering



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