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Graduate School in the USA: Tips Aspiring Graduate Students

Many students look to rankings and reputation when applying for graduate schools. I too looked at rankings when deciding on a graduate program. This approach isn't bad or wrong, but it is incomplete. In this presentation I will discuss tips and strategies for finding and gaining acceptance into a graduate program that is right for you. Looking at rankings is only one of the strategies.

Specific topics for the presentation include:

- Earning an education versus getting a degree
- What US graduate schools look for in potential students
- Deciding where to apply and where to attend
- Dos and don'ts of contacting faculty members
- Selecting an adviser
- Habits of successful graduate students
- Life after graduate school

In the past decade we have had many excellent students from IOE Pulchowk in the Glenn Department of Civil Engineering. Many of them in my classes and impressed me with their technical skills and professional demeanor. The presentation will also highlight their successes and feature their advice for aspiring graduate students.