

# Tools for Researching Colleges

**The first and most important task to complete when starting your college search is to decide what is important to you in a school. Search for a school that fits you well academically, socially, and culturally. Don't eliminate a school solely because it's outside your comfort zone. The challenge of dealing with the unfamiliar can help you grow as a person.**

## School-Specific Websites

Individual college and university websites have a plethora of information for students and parents. These sites provide detailed information on a variety of topics, ranging from planning a campus visit to departmental information. All colleges have increased their virtual visit options. Students can access these opportunities directly on a college's admissions website.

## College Representative Visits to Seattle Prep

Seattle Prep hosts almost 200 college representatives throughout the fall, and juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend presentations from schools they are interested in attending. A list of college visits can be found in SCOIR and the weekly Prep Post.

## SCOIR

Parents and students have their own individual accounts in SCOIR and can log on to SCOIR at [www.scoir.com](http://www.scoir.com). SCOIR's college search engine empowers students to find colleges that best meet their individual needs and preferences. Students can search for schools using the drop-down menus. There are more than 10 choices for search criteria: Name, Personal Interests & Activities, Academic, Undergraduate Degrees, Location, Number of Undergrads, Acceptance Rate, School Type, Campus Setting, ROTC Programs, and Application Type. Parents will have full access to college search criteria. Parents can complete their own college search, independent of their student. If a student has saved their last college search, parents will have the ability to see the schools on this list.

## Explore these College Search Engines and Websites

### College Board

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

- Select features are on the left (including test scores and selectivity)

## **College Scorecard**

<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

- Search by programs/degrees, location, size, name, advance search

## **Petersons.com**

<https://www.petersons.com/college-search.aspx>

- Search by major and location

## **Jesuit Colleges and Universities**

Jesuit Colleges and Universities <http://www.ajcunet.edu/institutions>

Jesuit Educated Video <http://www.jesuiteducated.net/>

Jesuit Excellence Tour Program <http://www.ajcunet.edu/jet-tour/>

## **United States Military Service Academies**

United States Military Academy, West Point, NY <https://westpoint.edu/>

United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD <https://www.usna.edu/>

United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT <https://www.uscga.edu/>

United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY <https://www.usmma.edu/>

United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO <https://www.usafa.edu/>

## **Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)**

Overview: [What is an HBCU? | White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities](https://www.whitehouse.gov/advancing-hbcus)

List of HBCU's by state: [HBCU List Map By State - HBCU First](https://www.hbcufirst.org/)

HBCU Resource Guide: [2021-K-12-HBCU-Resource-Guide\\_2021-rev.pdf \(uncf.org\)](https://www.uncf.org/resource-center/2021-k-12-hbcu-resource-guide-2021-rev.pdf)

College Navigator

<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>