

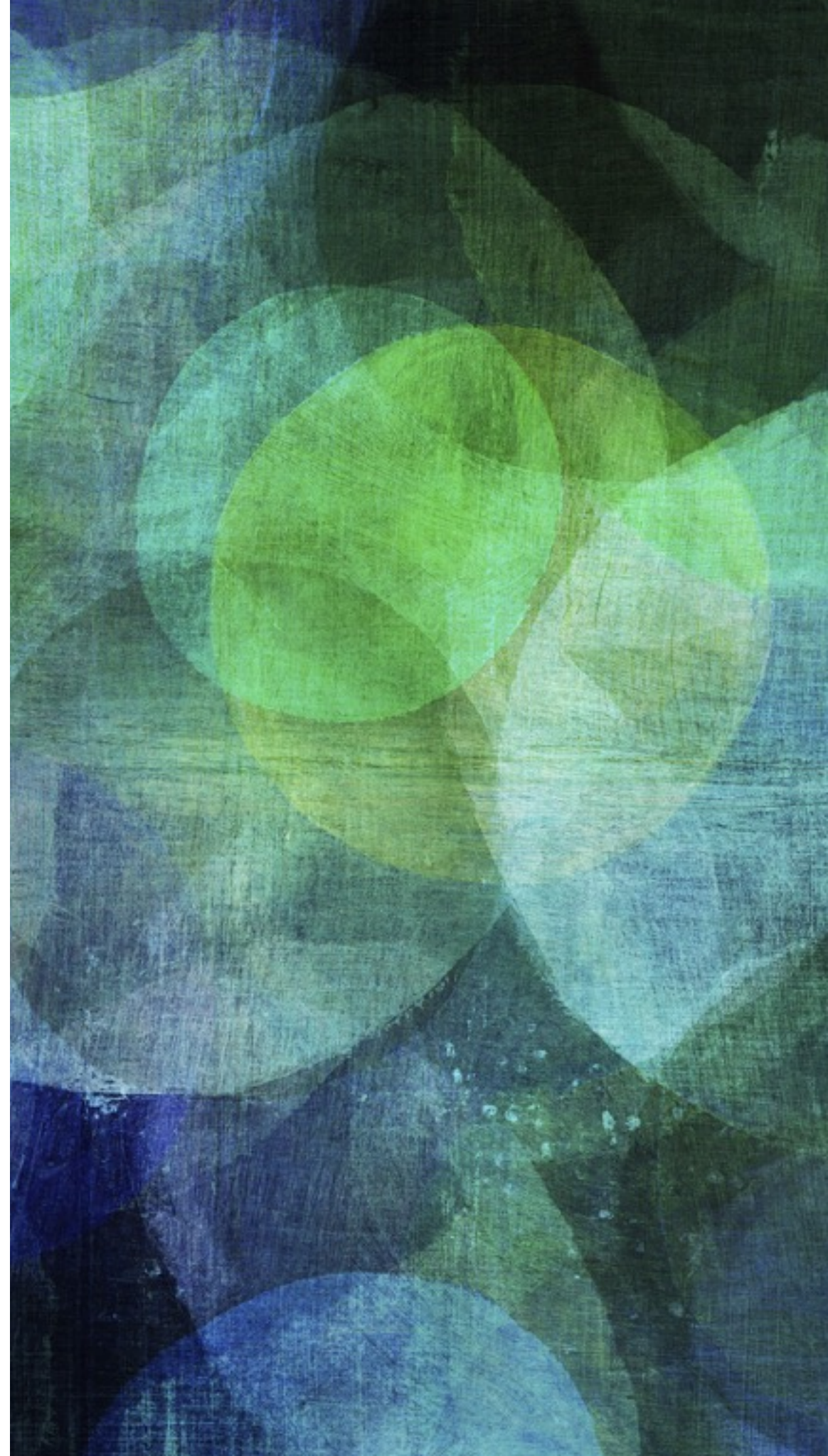


ROAD TO AMERICA

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MOTIVATION

Why we chose the U.S.





!?!?!? WHY !?!?!? 🤔🤔🤔

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- 曠闊視野，走入世界
- 科系發展考量
- 人脈（國際化的校園）
- 學習獨立生活
- 實習、研究機會
- 學校資源、設備
- 學生學習動機與積極程度



美國大學簡介

公立大學

VS

私立大學

- 學費較便宜
- 學生人數較多
- 班級人數較多
- 入學審核相對重視數值面
- 辦學相對粗糙

- 學費較昂貴
- 學生人數較少
- 班級人數較少
- 入學審核較為仔細
- 辦學較為精緻



研究型大學

NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

VS

文理學院

LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE

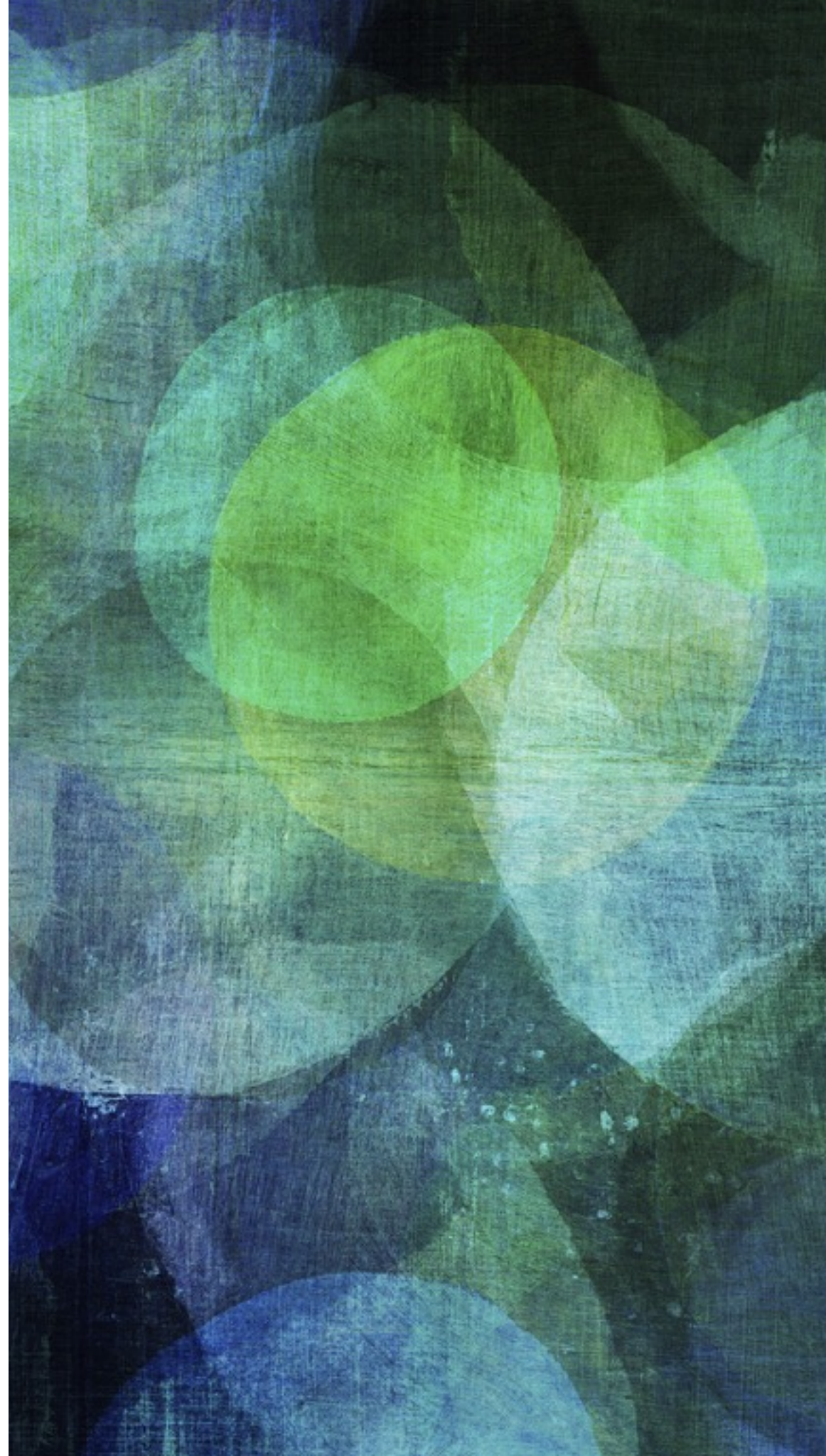
- 最常見的大學型態
- 科系選擇較完整，有研究所
- 重研究，較多大型研究計畫機會
 - ➔ 想拿諾貝爾獎請到研究型大學
- 學生背景較多元
- 教授常以進行研究為主，入門課常為研究生教學
- 台灣人較熟知，想回台灣工作還是乖乖到研究型大學

- 以學士為主，科系多基礎學科
- 以私立為主，少數公立
 - ➔ 學費貴許多
- 學生以上流社會子女為主
- 以博雅教育為教育核心理念
- 不是為了培養專業技能，而是提升個人素養及人脈
- 學生人數、班級人數非常少
- 台灣鮮為人知，但頂尖文理學院在美國名氣不輸頂尖研究型大學

大學聯盟—以運動為底

- 常春藤聯盟 The Ivy League
 - 大東方聯盟 The Big East
 - 大十聯盟 The Big Ten
 - 太平洋十聯盟 The Pacific Ten (PAC Ten)
 - New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC)
- ➔ 由理念相似的學校組成，除了運動交流以外，常有學術合作

**BEFORE
APPLYING**





選校方式

- 依照學校特性
 - 科系
 - 地點
- 本身客觀條件（成績、課外活動經驗、財務能力）
- Reach, Match, Safety
- 切勿因排名選校
- 選你所愛，愛你所選

Common App

No	School	Deadline	Application
1	Stanford University	Restrictive EA: 11/1 Regular: 1/3	https://apply.commonapp.org/Login
2	Cornell University	ED 11/1, regular 1/2/2016	
3	University of Michigan--Ann Arbor	EA: 11/1 Regular: 2/1	
4	Rice University	ED: 11/1 Regular: 1/1	
5	Boston University	ED1: 11/1 ED2 & Regular: 1/4	

UC

No	School	Deadline	Application
6	University of California--Berkeley	2015/11/30	https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm
	University of California--Los Angeles		
	University of California--San Diego		

Individual

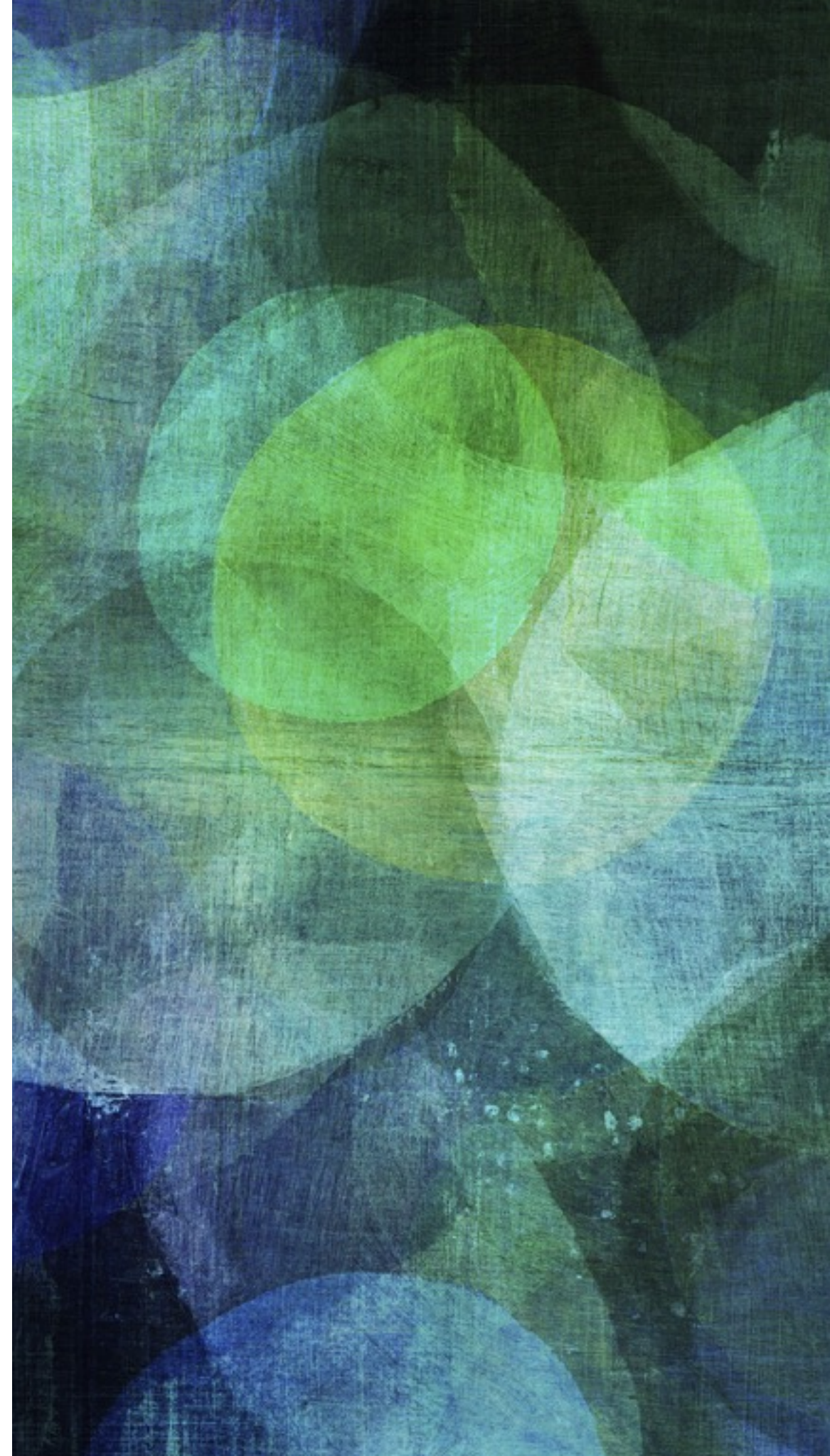
No	School	Deadline	Application
7	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	EA: 11/1 RA: 1/1	https://my.mit.edu/ua/web/login.htm
8	University of Illinois--Urbana-Champaign	Priority: 9/1-11/1 Regular: 12/1	https://myillini.illinois.edu/IdentityManagement/Home/Login

Our school lists

Tufts University 塔夫茨大學	International Relations, Political Science	Common Application
Harvard College 哈佛大學	Government	Common Application
Wesleyan University 衛斯理大學	Government, International Relations	Common Application
New York University Abu Dhabi 紐約大學阿布達比分校	Political Science, Social Research and Public Policy	Common Application
Williams College 威廉姆斯學院	Political Science, Global Studies	Common Application
Yale University 耶魯大學	Global Affairs / Ethics, Politics and Economics	Common Application
Georgetown University 喬治城大學	Walsh School of Foreign Service: International Politics	Georgetown Application
Columbia University & Science Po Double Degree 哥倫比亞大學 / 巴黎政治學院雙學士	Political Science	Columbia Application
University of British Columbia & Science Po Double Degree 英屬哥倫比亞大學 / 巴黎政治學院雙學士	Political Science	UBC Portal
Science Po 巴黎政治學院		Science Po Portal

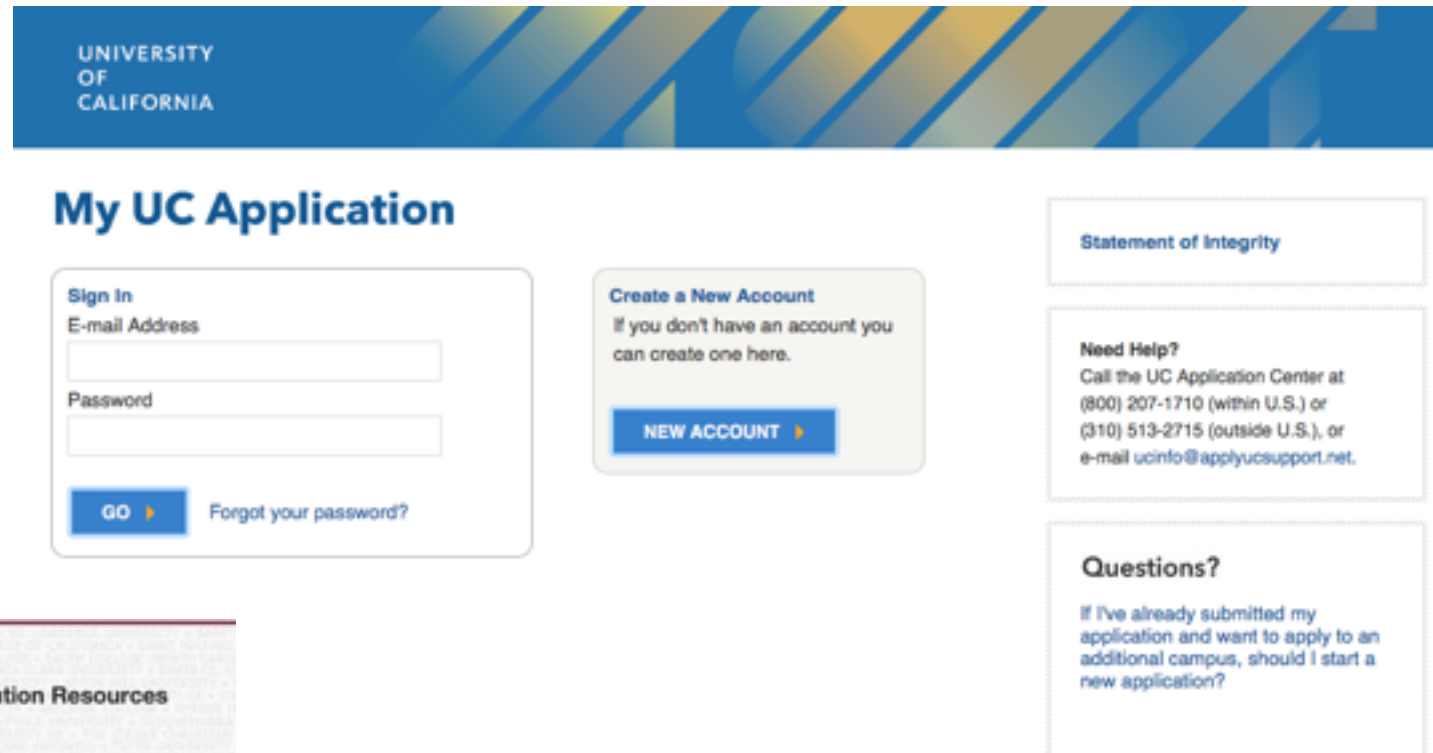
New York University(Stern)	NY	Finance	Jan.1 2016
Penn State University	PA	Finance	Fall: Feb.1 (rolling admission)
University of Washington	WA	Finance	1-Dec
Boston College	MA	Finance	Dec.25
University of California,Davis	CA	Finance	Nov.30
University of California,San Diego	CA	Finance	Nov.30
Rutgers. the State University of New Jersey	NJ	Finance	1-Dec
University of michigan	PA	Finance	1-Feb

CRAFTING AN APPLICATION



常見申請途徑

- Common Application
- University of California
- Individual school portals



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

My UC Application

Sign In

E-mail Address

Password

[GO](#) [Forgot your password?](#)

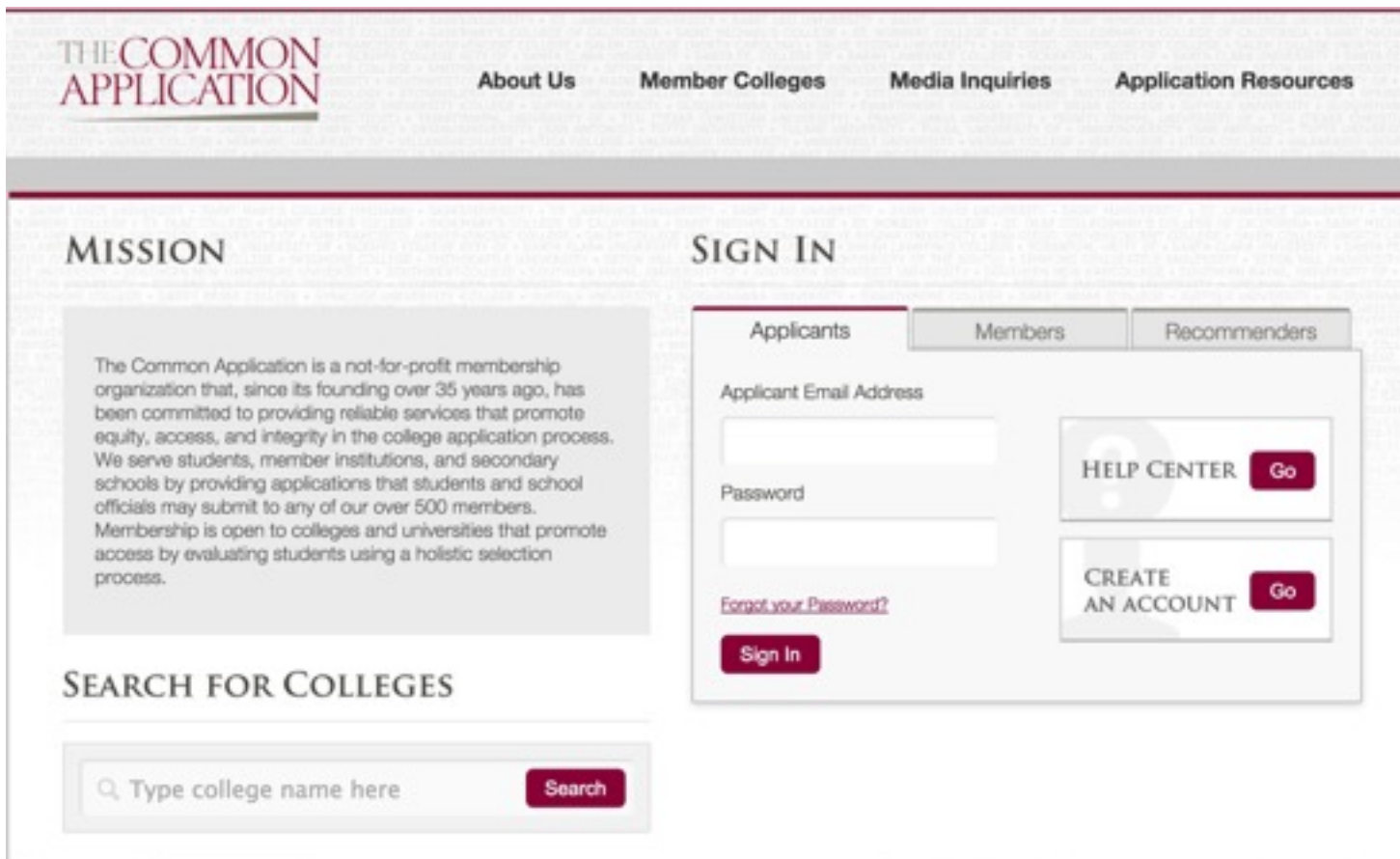
Create a New Account
If you don't have an account you can create one here.

[NEW ACCOUNT](#)

Statement of Integrity

Need Help?
Call the UC Application Center at (800) 207-1710 (within U.S.) or (310) 513-2715 (outside U.S.), or e-mail ucinfo@applyucsupport.net.

Questions?
If I've already submitted my application and want to apply to an additional campus, should I start a new application?



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WHAT YOU NEED

- Test scores (SAT, SAT Subject Tests / ACT, TOEFL)
- English Grade Reports
- Essays
- Letters of Recommendation

OPTIONAL :

- Portfolios
- Research Papers
- Financial Aid / Scholarship Forms

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- 準備SAT I
- 高一
 - 申請College Board帳號搜尋各大學訊息
 - 陸續整理從國三開始的獎項、課外活動
- 高二
 - 11月：考SAT I
 - 11~1月：準備一科比較沒把握的SAT II考
 - 列出15~20所感興趣的大學
 - 了解Financial Aid申請程序
 - 1月：考一科SAT II
 - 2~4月：準備兩科比較有把握的SAT II、廣閱Application Essays的範本

高二

- 2~4月：準備兩科比較有把握的SAT II、廣閱 Application Essays的範本
- 5~6月：考兩科SAT II（如果先前較沒把握那科沒考好，可於此時重考）、選定一所提早申請的學校、請你的導師以及其他兩位老師寫推薦信

高二升
高三
暑假

- 考TOEFL iBT（沒把握要更早考）
- 蒐集Financial Aid資料（稅單）
- 詳細了解提早申請的學校
- 規劃 Application Essays 的主題，並開始寫，**開始寫**！（早開始不吃虧，提早！）
- 整理好一份履歷表
- 列出確定申請的學校以及整理總表（8~15所）

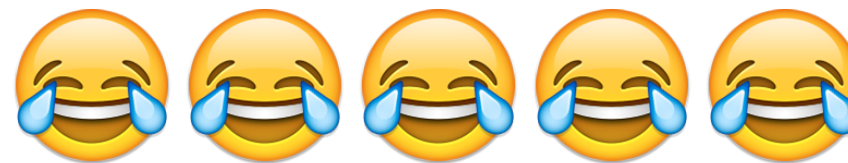
高三 9~ 10月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 開始填寫網路 applications ➤ 修改、修改、再修改你的 essays ➤ 向教務處申請英文成績單 ➤ 填寫 CSS Profile，寄給學校
10~11 月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 寄出 Early Applications ➤ 細部處理其他學校的 essays
11~1 月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 完成所有Applications在1月寄出 ➤ 若12月中提早申請錄取，那就爽等八月開學啦～～
1~2月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 考學測 ➤ 寄出高三上成績單（別以為高三就可以放成績）
3、4月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regular Decision 放榜

TESTING (SAT, SAT SUBJECT TESTS, ACT, TOEFL)

- SAT: 最難的考試XD
 - reading: 文章都滿有深度的，單字要多背
 - writing: 文法找spotlight，寫速度要練習
 - math: 國中程度，可是要細心細心很細心！
 - 2016 new SAT
 - practices: official guidebook
- SAT II: 選擇你要的科目，一次最多考三科
 - 有些學校會要求，大多要求2科
- ACT: choose one between ACT&SAT
 - 考試內容：英語、數學、閱讀、科學、寫作(optional)
- TOEFL: 考聽說讀寫（語言能力）



ESSAYS



-
- 0~>10 / school 不等 (平均 5 per school)
 - Make yourself STAND OUT
 - 客觀條件相同情形下的決勝點
 - I WANT YOUR SCHOOOOOOOOOOOOOL
 - Personal (Experiences, challenges, goals)
 - “Why”: school, major
 - Current Issue & why it’s important to you
 - Extracurricular related

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- 在許多學校眼裡，與essay重要性不相上下
- 找可以佐證你想凸顯的課外活動的老師
- 老師親自寫，請提供老師：
 - Resume
 - Activities list
 - Reading report
- DIY：許多老師是以學生自行提供一份給老師過目簽名

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- 無法取代或補強未達入學標準的成績
- 推薦信中沒有提到 = 不存在
- 重點在活動中得到的領悟，不是比賽結果
- 沒有人說一定要詩書禮樂書術通通都會外加到非洲做志工體驗聖人的高潔生活
- 專精幾樣比十樣蜻蜓點水更有參考價值
- 做自己真正熱衷的事，請不要為了「很想很好看」而做
 - ➔ 別浪費你的時間

PORTFOLIOS

- 有些學校要可以交，有些不行，有些科系必須交
- 多為音樂、美術、舞蹈，若有特殊才藝盡量交
- Example: MIT portfolio
 - Research
 - Music & Theater Arts
 - Visual Art & Architecture
 - Makers
 - Athletics



RESEARCH PAPERS

- 同 Portfolio
- 自然科科展、社會科科展
- 論文摘要翻成英文寄出
- 別為了「寄論文」而寄，品質不佳的論文只會造成反效果，最好是寄有得過獎的論文

INTERVIEWS : I JUST WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU

- 輕鬆的聊天，Be yourself, relax
- 可以先「預演」，想好一些可能問的問題，套好回答吊胃口
- Carnegie Mellon—Jessica
 - Please briefly introduce yourself. Do you have a favourite subject?
 - Can you tell me more about the book, “Red Chamber Room?” Can you apply what you have learned from this book to your life now?
 - Do you travel with your family a lot? When you went to the U.S., what did you do there? What did you do at this summer camp?
 - What did you think about American culture when you visited the U.S.?
 - For the debate club, is there a topic that you particularly enjoyed debating? How would you defend the stance that having a nuclear factory is good?
 - How did you get elected to the role of vice leader in the debate club? What is something that has been a challenge for you in this role?
 - What are you really proud that you accomplished? Does your volunteer work tie into what you want to study in college?
 - Is there anything else you would like to highlight?

- Georgetown—Jennifer
 - Tell me about yourself, if I asked your friends to tell me about you, what would they say?
 - Why Georgetown?
 - What do you enjoy doing, what makes you happy?
 - Tell me about school, what do you like about your school, what are your favourite subjects?
 - What activities have you been most involved in in high school?
 - Tell me about an incident of failure and what you learnt
 - Do you have any questions about Georgetown?
 - ➔ 請務必準備許多有建設性且有意義的問題！

\$\$\$ I NEED CASH. LOTS OF IT. \$\$\$

- 近期美國經濟低落，獎學金國際生發放少
- 每校申請前務必和學校確認清楚
- Need-blind：審核入學時不考慮經濟能力
- Need-aware：審核入學時會考慮經濟能力
- Meet full need：學校在錄取後將完全滿足你的財務需求
- Need-blind + meet full need（你有能力，保證給你唸得起）：
最最最頂尖學校，目前僅五所 Harvard, Yale, Princeton, MIT, Amherst
- Merit scholarship：依個人能力（學術、體育、音樂...等）爭取



FINANCIAL AID

- 依照個人經濟能力發放
- 申請可能影響錄取機率
- 須準備：
 - CSS Financial Profile
 - 各校國際生專用表格
 - 所得稅申報單英文翻譯本
 - 父、母薪資單英文翻譯
- 除頂尖學校開放予國際生外，多發放給本地生



MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 依照個人能力決定
- 國際生機會仍少，發放金額亦少
- 依學校要求準備：
 - 有些學校不需特別申請，由入學委員會自行選拔
 - 另外的獎學金 essay
 - 到校面試
- 多為非頂尖學校為吸引優秀學生

EARLY DECISION VS REGULAR DECISION

- For 已確定，非常確定自己第一志願學校的同學
 - 提早知道，多一個機會早點爽
 - 某種程度來說，比較容易錄取
 - 入學標準與Regular相同
 - 競爭人數較少
 - 瞄準 realistic reach schools
 - 看清楚各校提早申請限制
- 不確定自己第一志願學校
 - 來不及送 Early
 - Early 沒有錄取
 - 競爭人數較多

Q & A 你問我答！

**Q：請問SAT, TOEFL需
要補習嗎？ ？ ？**

**Q：請問我需要代
辦嗎？？？**