



Federation of Foreign Education Consultants in India

Tips for Choosing the Right Consultant

Choosing the right education consultant is very important. FFECI suggests that you discuss the following topics with the potential consultant and referral source before you make a decision:

- 1) **QUALIFICATION & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:** The academic background and experience of the consultant plays an important role. Its always recommended that the consultant is a member of some professional organisation like NZ Specialist, UK Border Trusted Partner, Singapore Specialist etc
- 2) **ETHICS:** The consultant should be straight forward in their communication and professional in their interaction with students. They should not guarantee any admissions, visas or financial aid. In may cases education consultants are paid by the foreign institute and they should not charge extra fee except for the courier, counseling and stationary. Currently many reputed agents in India charge less than Rs 12,000/-. The consultant should further maintain strict confidentiality of all information submitted by the student.
- 3) **REPUTATION:** The consultant should be prepared to give any references on request. Its recommended that Parents should seek referrals from clients who are satisfied with the services provided by the consultant
- 4) **ATTENTION:** The consultant should be ready to give personalised service to the clients. Every students need is different and should be treated from a individual prospective. The and should maintain confidentiality of all the documents submitted
- 5) **REPRESENTATION:** Its always advisable to check with the institutes if the consultant represents that institute before you proceed with taking his services
- 6) The consultant should be able to give you advice and suggestions on the following topics:
 - Choosing the Right Course
 - Which standardised test to take and when
 - Guide you with basic information on standardised tests
 - Choosing the education institute abroad which suits your budgets, education background and goals
 - Give accurate information on fee and living expenses in a foreign country
 - Information on student part time jobs and visa conditions
 - Career Guidance
 - Information about opportunities after completing the course
 - Visa requirements and application procedures
 - Provide assistance & information on pre-departure issues, accommodation and visa conditions in the foreign country
 - Should provide details about Indian organisations in that country which can help the student in case of any serious issue