



## Overwhelmed?

That's understandable  
—there is a lot of  
information out there  
and this is a major life  
decision for you—  
and your family.

One way to help  
you manage

# 2. Researching

Learn as much as you can about schools that interest you  
if they are right for you. You should learn a lot more than just  
or not they offer your possible major. Empower yourself by  
necessary information to make knowledgeable decisions.  
learning about colleges has never been easier. The information  
should be looking for is usually just a click away.

## Some questions to help you get started

- t How much does it cost to attend and might you qualify for financial aid? (The schools' online Net Price Calculator is a good place to start, but contact the admission/financial aid office to discuss aid options).
- t What types of financial aid are available?
- t What resources are available? How do they support students with learning differences or who is physically challenged?
- t What activities and clubs are available?
- t What are your housing options?
- t Does the college have a career guidance and placement office? Pre-professional advising (pre-med, pre-law, pre-vet, etc.)?
- t Your counselor will be able to help you think of many more questions that you should be considering.
- t And if you can...visit the college or university. There's no substitute for first-hand experience.

## Resources to help your research

Financial Aid [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

Campus Safety <http://ope.ed.gov/security>

General Information About Schools:

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

[www.collegeresults.org](http://www.collegeresults.org)

<http://nsse.iub.edu>

[www.nationalcollegefairs.org](http://www.nationalcollegefairs.org)



# Applying

Actually applying for admission to a college is not as intimidating a task as you may think. Yes, you will need to