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*Hundreds of Students
In
SKUAST-K*

Career Counseling for SKUAST-K Students to Study Abroad

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My Journey

Rice Breeder (Scientist-I)
International Rice Research
Institute (IRRI)
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B.Sc.

Agriculture (2005-2009)
SKAUST-K, FOA, Wadura

M.Sc.

Plant Breeding and Genetics (2009-2011)
SKUAST-K, Shalimar

Ph.D.

Ph.D. (Plant Breeding and Genetics) (2011-2013)
CSKHPKV, Palampur, H.P: **INSPIRE FELLOWSHIP-DST**

Ph.D.

Ph.D. (Plant Breeding and Genetics) (2014-2017)
University of Nebraska, Lincoln-USA
ICAR International Fellowship

Postdoc.

Postdoctoral Research Associate (2018-2019)
University of Nebraska, Lincoln-USA

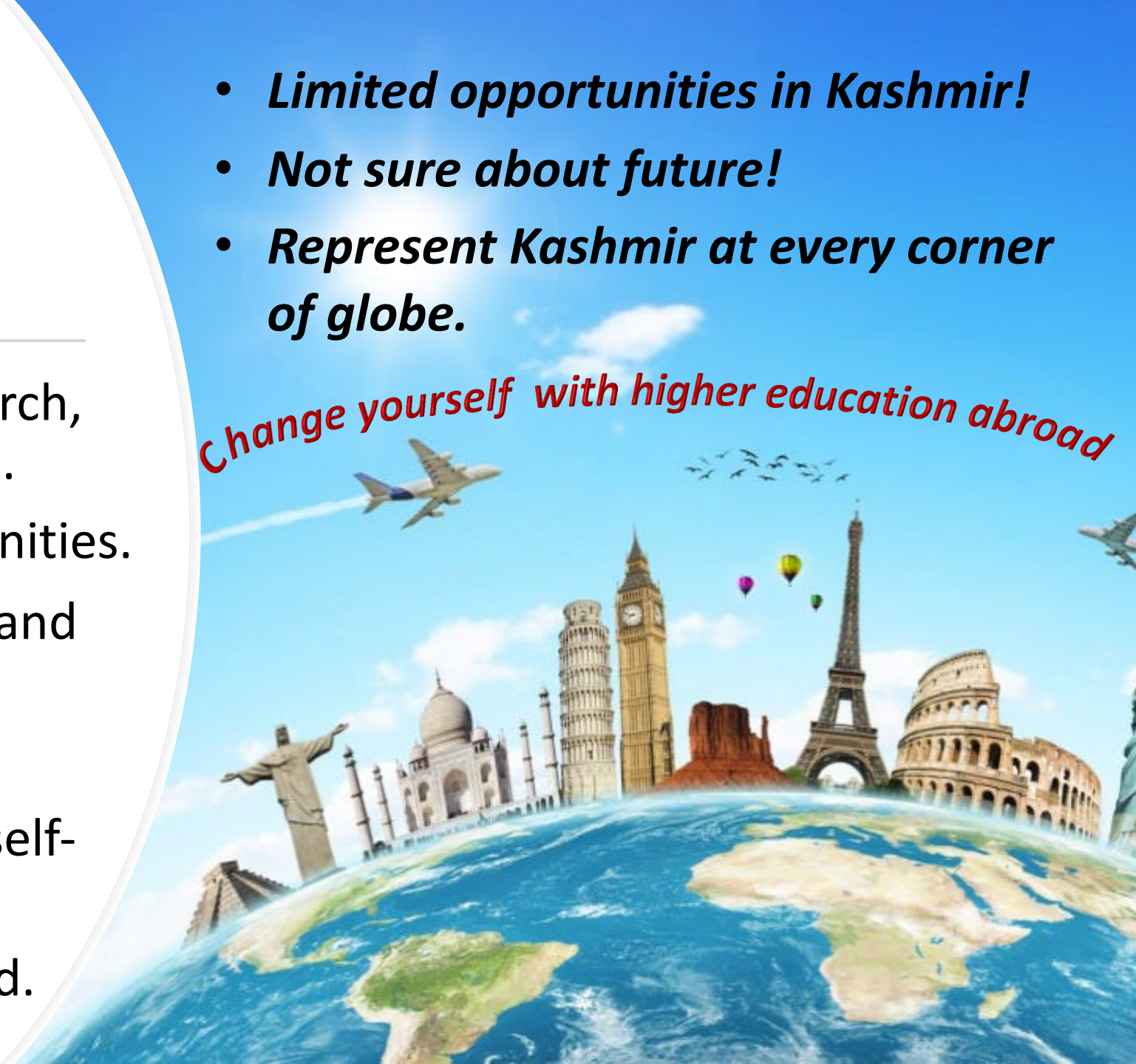


Why to go Abroad for Education

- Top quality education, research, infrastructure and resources.
- Tremendous career opportunities.
- Experience diverse cultures and languages.
- Personal development.
- Gain independence and be self-reliant.
- Opportunity to see the world.

- ***Limited opportunities in Kashmir!***
- ***Not sure about future!***
- ***Represent Kashmir at every corner of globe.***

Change yourself with higher education abroad





How to find Assistantships



ScholarshipDb.Net

EURAXESS



- **The Arabidopsis Information Resource:**
<https://www.arabidopsis.org/news/jobs.jsp>
- **GrainGenes:** <https://wheat.pw.usda.gov/GG3/job-openings>
- **American Society of Agronomy:** <https://careers.careerplacement.org/jobs/>
- **ASHS:** <https://ashscareers.careerwebsite.com/>
- **ISHS:** <https://www.ishs.org/careers>
- **WSSA:** <http://wssa.net/society/weed-science-jobs/>
- **ASP:** <https://www.apsnet.org/careers/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Society of American Foresters:**
<https://careercenter.eforester.org/jobseeker/search/results/>
- **CSPB:** http://cspb-scbv.ca/jobs_grad.shtml
- **European Plant Science organization:** <https://epsoweb.org/careers/>
- **Plant and Agriculture:** <https://www.plant.uoguelph.ca/about-us/employment/external-links>

Fellowships in Agriculture

- Netaji Subhas - ICAR International Fellowship: <https://icar.org.in/content/netaji-subhas-icar-international-fellowships-year-2019-20-0>
- Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships: <http://www.usief.org.in/Fulbright-Nehru-Fellowships.aspx>
- Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/applicants/>
- Research Sandwich Scholarship: IRRI
- Tata Scholarships for Cornell University: Undergraduate



<https://www.topuniversities.com/student-info/scholarship-advice/agriculture-scholarships-around-world>

Prepare Yourself Before You Plan



Qualify both GRE exam and TOEFL/IELTs



Good CV: Demonstrate experience and skills



Handful publications in good Journals



Short-trainings and workshops



Research Interests and Proposal



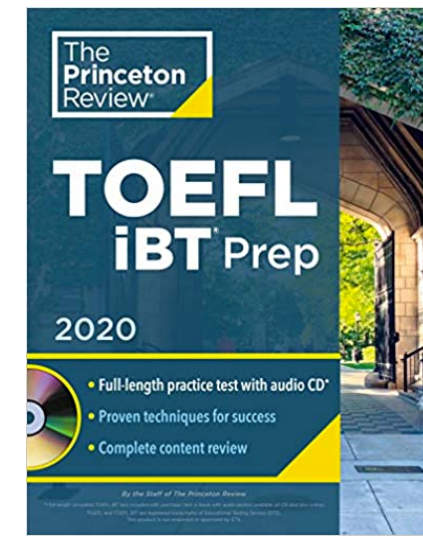
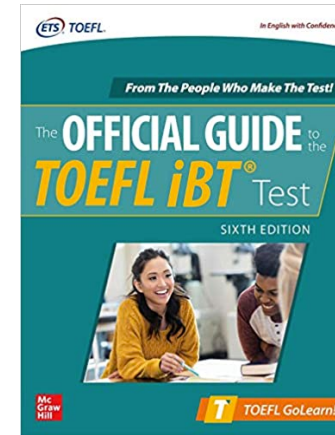
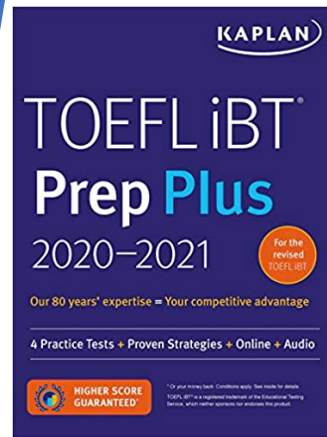
Draft email and get it Checked??

General Requirements for Admission

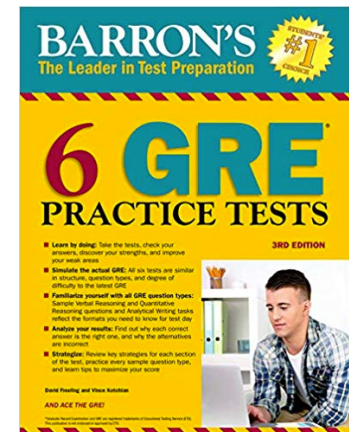
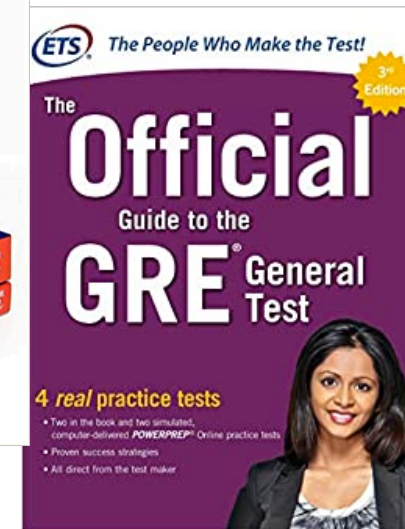
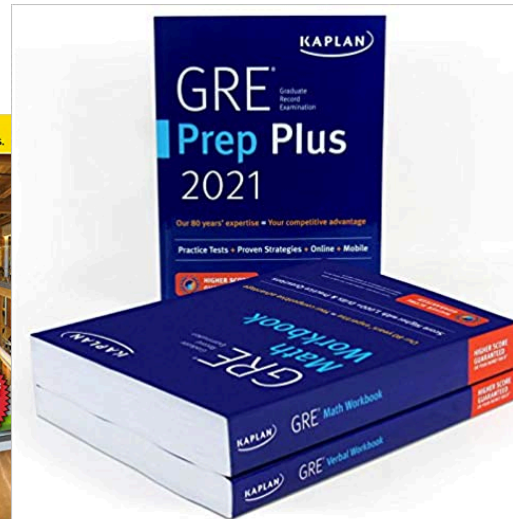
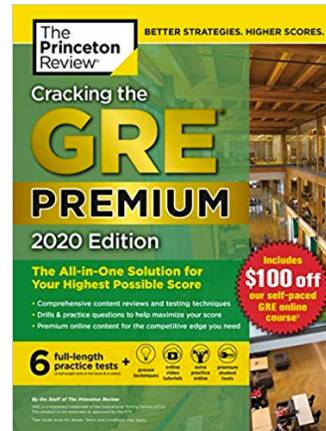
- Meet Eligibility Requirements from University: *GRE and TOEFL exams*
- Acceptance Letter from Advisor.
 - Research Proposal/Interests.
 - Motivation Letter
 - Cover Letter in some cases
- Recommendation Letters.
- Other requirements may vary from university to University



Prepare for GRE and TOEFL Exam



<https://www.ets.org/toefl>



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How to Approach Professor

- Select the Professor or Research group you are interested.
- Thoroughly study the research of professor and get idea about research.
- Draft email and send asking for possible positions

Things to Keep Ready!

- ✓ Nice looking CV
 - Demonstrate your experiences and skills.
 - Publications if any (Don't worry)
 - Contact details for References
- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Research Interests and motivation letter

How to Draft Nice email? Check this YouTube link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5g8WnD3f8c&t=171s>

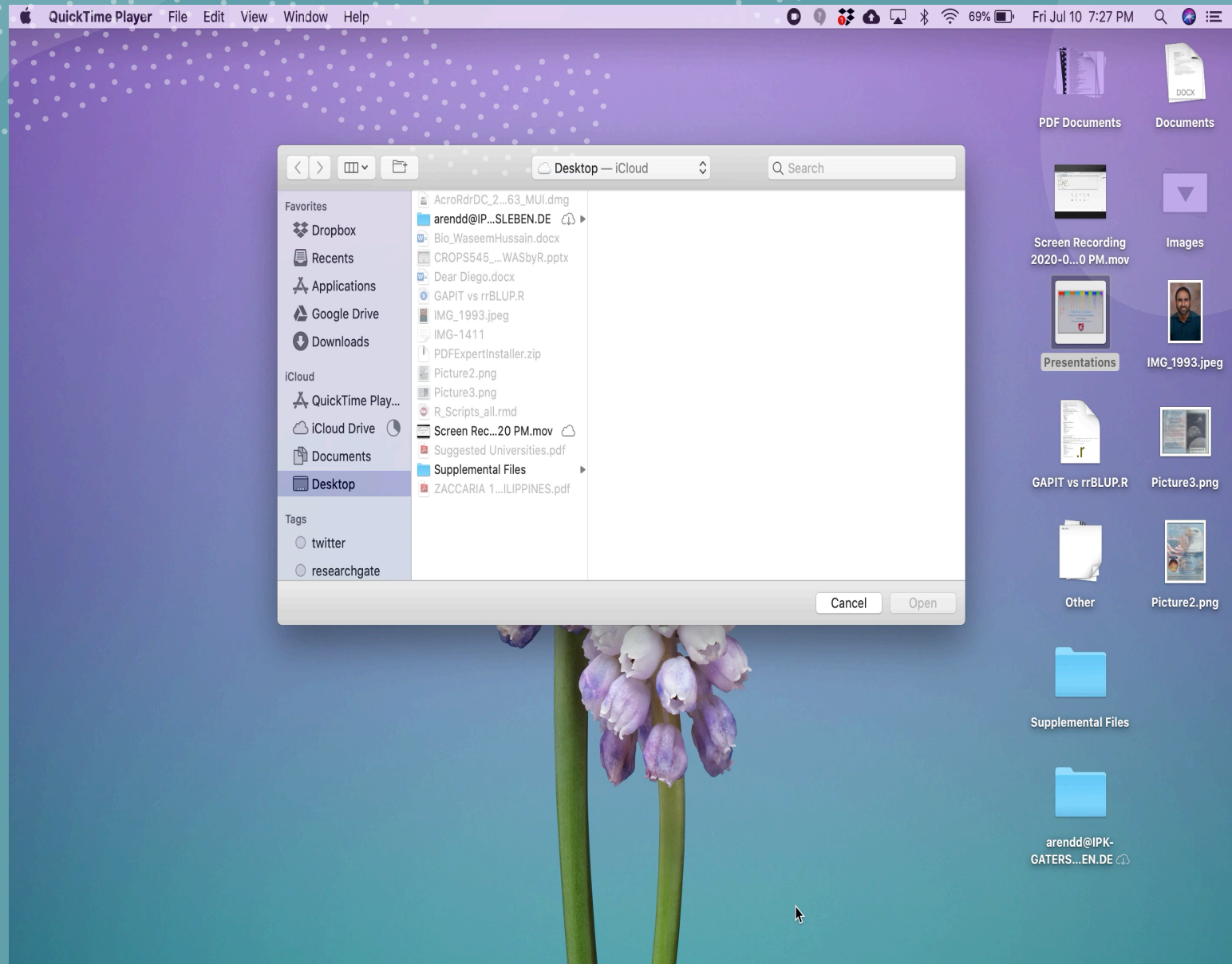


Demo Video

How to Find Professor or Research Lab

- Research Publications: *Address of corresponding author*
- List of Top Priority Universities: *ICAR International Fellowship webpage*

<https://icar.org.in/content/netaji-subhas-icar-international-fellowships-year-2019-20-0>



How to Draft an email?

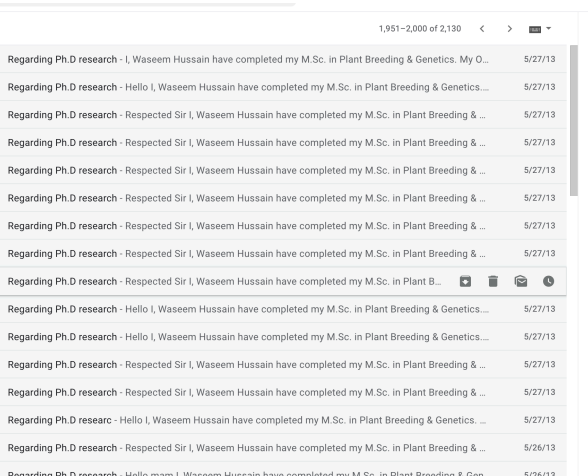
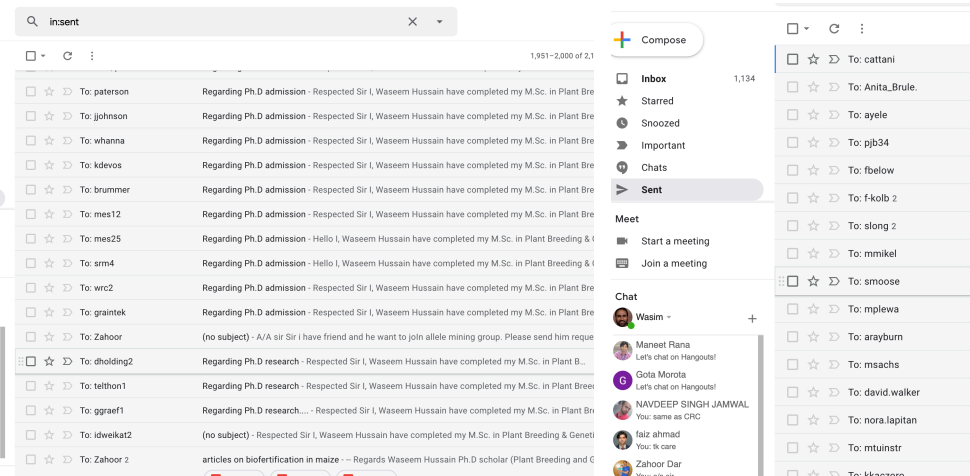
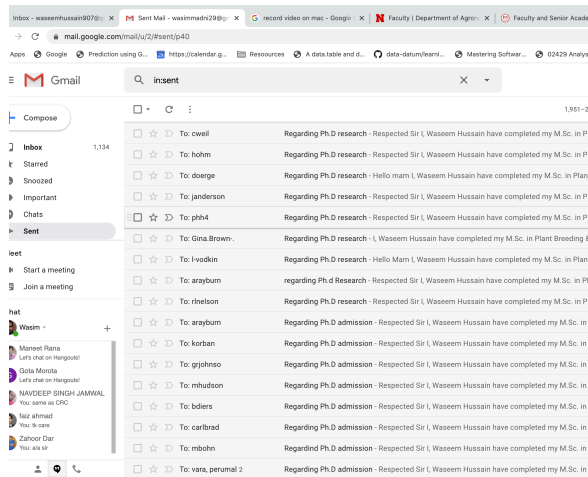
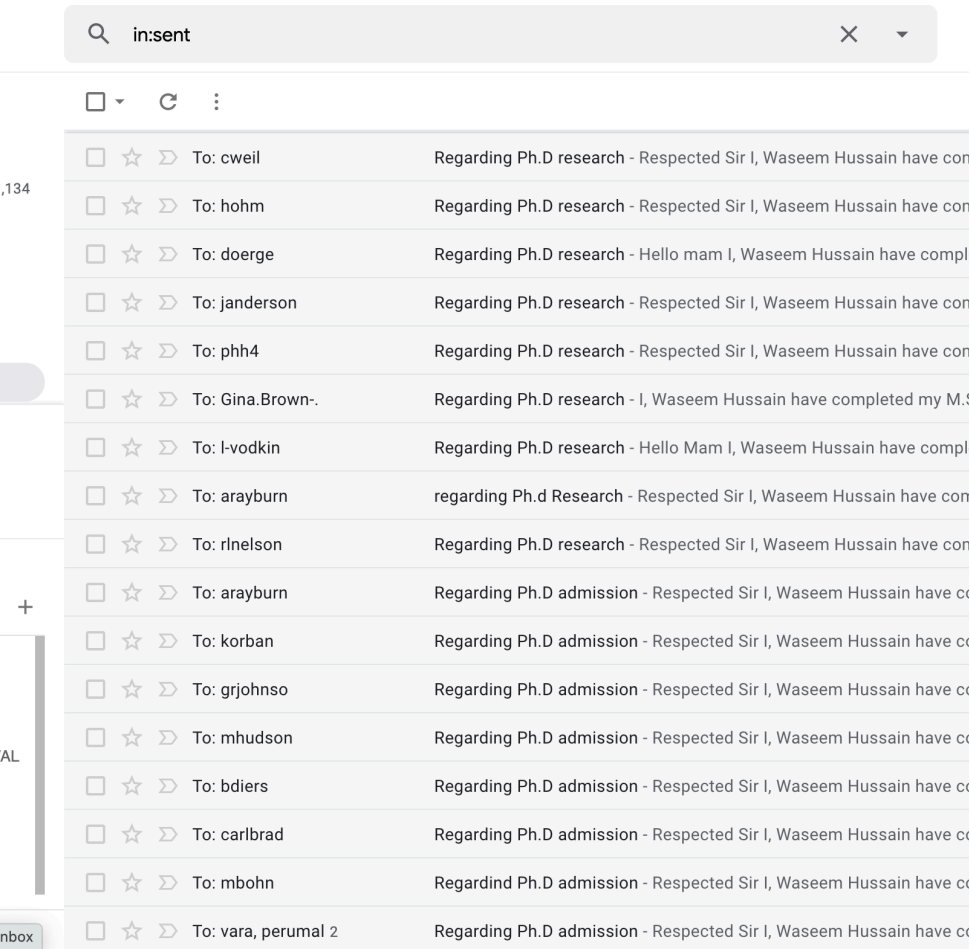
Email will vary depends upon:

- ✓ Applying for Fellowship
 - Higher chances to get letter!
- ✓ Graduate Assistantship
 - Will depend upon how strong your CV is, research interests and skills you want to acquire?

*More on to
draft an email*



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How I did it !!!!!

- List of Top Universities across the globe.
- Searched the Department of Plant Breeding??
- Noted List of Professors in Plant breeding and Genetics Area.
- Made the excel sheet with complete details including email id.
- Read the Profile of Professors I am interested
- Made a one master **Email draft**.
- Every week I used to send it 10-15 professors.



Not Easy thing to Get Admission Abroad

- Accept the Challenge
- Set Your Goals Earlier-Be ready to Fail
- Work Hard
- 3D's (Dedication, Determination and Discipline)
- 3P's (Purpose, Passion, Persistence)
- Believe in yourself

If we did it, everyone of you can do it



I didn't fail 1000 times.
The light bulb was an
invention with 1000 steps.

Thomas A. Edison



Opportunities

- **Opportunities** are Everywhere but they comes with **Challenge**.
- Look every Challenge is Opportunity

Examples of Seniors
who are KAS, ARS,
A.P's etc.

A pessimist sees
the difficulty in every
opportunity; an
optimist sees
the opportunity in
every difficulty.

Winston Churchill



Come out of cocoon and look outside, the world is full of opportunities



Our Advice to all of you

- Decide early what you want to do.
 - Be highly specific to achieve the goal.
 - Take advice from people who have achieved something.
 - Never be afraid of failing.
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Thank You

Feedback and Questions