**Why did you choose Purdue?**

Purdue is a very popular university among engineering graduates in India. I knew about the quality and good ranking of Purdue University since my engineering degree. When I started looking for universities that offer a PhD in Learning Design and Technology, Purdue appeared among top 10 Universities for this field. The research projects and research areas that the faculty in this program are involved in were very impressive. They aligned with what I envisioned myself to be doing as a PhD student.

**Please briefly describe your research:**

My primary research focus is in enhancing the integration of computational thinking (CT) skills in the current education system. Through my research, I explore the effectiveness of CT training on K-12 teachers’ ability to apply CT skills. I also examine the gaps in teachers’ abilities to integrate CT skills into their curricula. My research includes exploring instructional strategies that can foster creativity in CT-based instruction. I explore game-based learning and gamification for their ability to enhance the development of CT and creativity among learners.

**What is your favorite fact about Purdue?**

That Purdue has its own Airport!

**How do you de-stress in your free time?**

I love playing Badminton. Pre-COVID I would play badminton at COREC at least once a week if not more. I continue to make an effort to play safely now with the new restrictions in place. I also play chess online in my free time.

**What was your process for selecting a graduate school?**

I had a safe-ambitious-dream list of universities that I applied to. Purdue was an ambitious one. The factors that I considered while applying were research projects and research interests of faculty in this department, location of the university in the US (proximity to airport, weather), University ranking for my area of study - Education, nature of the PhD program (subjects taught, flexibility, interdisciplinary learning), and testimonials from alumni. When I received admits, I accepted Purdue because the advisor I was assigned and the funding offered were both very close to what I was hoping for.
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