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From Application to Interview: What actually matters

- Harikumar Padmaraja

What Happens After You Apply?

- Waiting period (6 to 12 weeks)
- Possible Outcomes (Admission, Rejection, Test/ Interview)
- Don't stay idle

Not a waiting Phase, it's a Preparation Phase

Prepare while you wait

- Technical interviews / Aptitude tests

Prepare:

- Revise Basics (core subjects)
- Your projects or Thesis work
- Why this course? Why this University? Why Germany?
- Learn Relevant Skills
- **Start Networking**

After Admit – Don't Delay

- Decide based on discussions with Alumni
- Accepting offer
- Visa + blocked account
- Health insurance
- Accommodation

Start early, or it becomes stressful.

The Real Game

- German Language
- Germany = independent system
- Internships matter
- Skills > marks
- Communication is key

Lack of Interaction = Lack of Integration

Biggest Mistakes Students Make

- Thinking marks/ CGPA alone are enough
- Copy-paste SOPs
- No clarity of goals or No research about programs

Interview Mistakes

- **Over explanation** (lack of clarity) – Direct Structured Answer
- Theory vs **Practical experience**
- **Honesty** over Confidence – Plan and Documentation

**Don't just aim to study in
Germany — aim to become
employable in Germany.**

Best Wishes



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