Playing the Market for Real: Broadening Horizons

Lim Yu Xin, Bachelor of Accountancy and Business, 2019
Internship in New York

“I realised I consistently won stock pitch competitions and had a great time working on them, so why not make a career of it?” says Lim Yu Xin who is enrolled in the Bachelor of Accountancy and Business degree at Nanyang Technological University’s Nanyang Business School (NBS).

From Singapore to New York and Hong Kong, Lim worked as an intern with Point72—an asset management firm—learning from some of the best in the business, tackling real work, and enjoying the challenge to excel at every turn.

This experience was a result of the overseas internship programme at NBS that enables students to leverage overseas internship opportunities which instill in them a strong ability to understand and lead across cultures. For three years now, students have been enjoying real-world exposure that offers diverse academic opportunities, builds cultural competence, develops intellectual curiosity, and inspires them to create a better tomorrow.

At Point72, Lim worked as a hedge fund analyst, providing stock recommendations to the portfolio manager through in-depth analysis of the sector and company.

“I was always learning,” says Lim. One minute she would be ramping up on El Niño’s impact on tuna prices, or the effect of new legislation on Thailand telcos and the second she would be researching Japanese generic drugs—all in the same morning. “Being so close to the market allowed me to develop an understanding of the world from my desk. The rapid flow of information made the work interesting and kept me on my toes.”

This year, Lim will graduate with a degree in Accountancy and Business. She is looking forward to experiencing the fast pace of the hedge fund industry, working in a stimulating environment, and making decisions that count.

Lim signs off with words of inspiration from Dr Lee Boon Keng, Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for Applied Financial Education (CAFE) at NBS: “Always look beyond the textbook and think of real-life applications.”

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Offering real-world exposure to a wide array of industries from travel to retail, hospitality, technology, finance, and more, overseas internships and exchange programmes are an integral part of the NBS journey.

They offer students the opportunity to interact with and learn from executives and professionals around the world, giving them the edge to succeed in a new globalised economy, and in Singapore, a new breed of graduates with the cultural intelligence and acumen to lead anywhere in the world.