HEAD START

Want to start your own venture? Go back to school to learn from mentors and meet like-minded classmates.

What prompted your decision to go back to school?
I’ve always wanted to have my own business since I was young and I believe there is nothing better than having an education with insightful mentorship that can broaden my horizon immensely. I have very positive impressions of the lecturers that have taught me. They are caring, encouraging and have extensive industry knowledge that I feel is very beneficial for me as they are able to link what is in the textbook to life experiences. In addition, they are willing to share knowledge beyond the textbook.

What attracted you to Ngee Ann Adelaide’s part-time Bachelor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship programme?
The school offers affordable tuition fees and a conducive environment, and has an excellent academic reputation and syllabus which will be able to equip me with the right set of skills for the future.

How does this programme enhance your personal and professional growth?
I’ve met a group of amazing teammates whom I can start a venture with. In addition, it has broadened my perspective on entrepreneurship. The programme also incorporates practical learning. It is a plus point for a university to not just teach theory-based skills, but also impart practical skill sets that we can apply in the future.

You applied for the Ngee Ann Kongsi scholarship, which is bond-free and subsidises part of your school fees. What criteria must you meet to qualify for it? Besides outstanding academic results and conduct, having a passion for what you are doing will definitely increase the chances of being selected for the scholarship. It is open to students currently taking up these University of Adelaide programmes conducted in NAA: Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Computer Science, Bachelor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Bachelor of Nursing. Singapore citizens and permanent residents may apply for the scholarship as long as you are not receiving bursaries from other organisations.

The Bachelor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship programme consists of 24 courses. Out of the courses that you have taken so far, which do you find most interesting?
The Ethics & Cultural Aspects of Entrepreneurship course. In this profit-oriented society, it is very important that businesses understand the values and importance of ethics and culture to make informed decisions for the business and its people.

With a full-time job, has it been challenging to attend classes or meet assignment deadlines?
I’m thankful that the lectures are usually held after working hours or on weekends while assignments/exams schedule are given out in advance which thus allow me to have greater flexibility over my time management.

Do you have any advice for potential students?
I will most certainly recommend Ngee Ann Adelaide to my friends who have a strong entrepreneurial spirit. The degree offered by the University of Adelaide provides a holistic education that will contribute to your personal growth and the diversity of your perspectives as well. You will also be able to experience an exceptional and rewarding learning journey.

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