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**Why study Pharmaceutical Science?
And how has the journey been thus far?**

I have always enjoyed studying Biology and Chemistry. The Pharmaceutical Science programme allows me to better appreciate how these two science disciplines can be integrated in drug development and translated into actual therapeutic outcomes. This academic experience has been rigorous yet enriching. It has fueled my desire to pursue R&D in the future.

**What interests you most
in your studies?**

I am most interested to learn about drug delivery - how drugs exert their effect on their targets in the human body.

Apart from academic lessons, what other programmes (e.g. UPIP, UROPS, NOC, SEP, Summer/Winter Schools/Research/Internship, etc.) did you participate in? And how did the experience(s) benefit you in your (a) personal growth and development, and (b) academic pursuits?

I took on a Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme in Science (UROPS) project under Prof Eric Chan last semester. It was a fulfilling experience as it allowed me to gain a deeper insight into what research is all about. My supervisors were very patient, and have provided constant guidance and advice from their own experiences. While the hours spent in the laboratory can be long at times, and not everything was always smooth-sailing, these challenges has made me more resilient and better prepare me for the future.



What other interesting activities did you partake in to further enrich your student life, e.g. extra-curricular activities on campus?

I was in the Programmes Subcommittee for Pharmacy Orientation Programme (POP) in Year 1. We planned and organised activities for the freshmen. This experience has expanded my social circle.

Currently, I am one of the Vice-Directors for the Academic Committee in NUS Pharmaceutical Society (NUSPS). Together with my internal subcommittee, we organise talks and sharing sessions by seniors and faculty members on academic and research opportunities, such as internships, student exchange programmes, etc. for both Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science students. I learnt to work with different stakeholders on new initiatives that will benefit fellow students.



Share with us your most memorable experience as a Pharmaceutical Science student.

It would be the Johor Bahru trip with my Pharmaceutical Science classmates at the end of Year 2 Semester 1. It was a well deserved break for us and definitely a good bonding session.

What advice do you have for the incoming students or juniors?

Take charge of your own learning journey. There are many opportunities available at NUS - be it student life activities or academic pursuits, so take time to explore your passion and interests. Always be open-minded to try out new things as you never know where life will take you.