



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

Pursuing a degree in Pharmaceutical Science felt like a natural fit for me – my passion for Biology and Chemistry, combined with my desire to make a meaningful impact in healthcare. The COVID-19 pandemic, particularly during the lockdown in Shanghai, significantly influenced my career options. While applying to universities, I witnessed the pharmaceutical industry's vital role and remarkable resilience firsthand.

This journey has certainly had its share of challenges. Moving to Singapore for my studies has offered valuable opportunities for growth, including embracing a new culture and engaging with a dynamic academic curriculum.



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What interests you most in your studies?

A key feature of the Pharmaceutical Science programme is its focus on real-world applications. The concepts we study in class are seamlessly integrated with practical scenarios, further reinforced through our laboratory courses, making the learning experience both engaging and meaningful.

A personal highlight for me has been pursuing a Minor in Spanish alongside a Minor in Life Sciences. The flexibility to customise my academic path has allowed me to explore my interests while broadening the scope of my education. This journey has been enriching, adding both depth and diversity to my studies!

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 realised that research wasn't my path, so I decided to focus on gaining practical industry experience. During my second-year term break, I independently secured a position as a Marketing Intern with a Taiwanese pharmaceutical firm. This opportunity introduced me to the pharmaceutical sector, where I contributed to projects advocating for a drug's inclusion in Taiwan's national insurance program and developed internal marketing materials. This role eventually led to a one-year contract as the company's first international brand ambassador, enabling me to broaden my skill set and engage in global outreach.



Seeking for more client-facing marketing exposure, I joined Suu Balm as a Regional Marketing Intern through the Undergraduate Professional Internship Programme (UPIP) during Special Term in Year 2. In this role, I conducted competitive analysis, studied market trends, and created promotional content for a product launch. These internships underscored the importance of integrating academic knowledge with soft skills, as many tasks necessitated adaptability, creativity, and effective communication—qualities that extend beyond traditional classroom learning.



Internship at Suu Balm

Alongside my internships, I participated in the Science-Alumni Mentorship Programme and Student Exchange Programme (SEP). The mentorship experience was invaluable, as I connected with a mentor who shares similar career aspirations and offered helpful guidance my academic and professional pursuits. I am currently on a student exchange at King's College London, where I have had the opportunity to meet students from various backgrounds and forge meaningful relationships. Living abroad on my own has been an exciting adventure, opening doors to potential work and study opportunities in the future.



SEP in London

**Going on a trip with
my Pharmaceutical
Science friends**



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

Take initiative and embrace new experiences! Both of my internships were a result of stepping beyond my comfort zone—one came from networking at career fairs, while the other was initiated by directly contacting the company. My journey with SEP also stemmed from dedicating time to research and putting together a compelling application for the partner university. Opportunities may not always present themselves easily, but they are certainly achievable if you take the initiative and showcase your potential. Embrace challenges without fear—just dive in and discover where it takes you!

**Us in a
laboratory session**

