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

I pursued Pharmaceutical Science because I was curious about how drugs work in the human body, and the curriculum brought that curiosity to life. The programme has been deeply fulfilling, building my foundations through topics like medicinal chemistry, physiology, emerging research areas, and practical laboratory skills. Over time, my initial curiosity grew into a strong passion and a greater appreciation for the complexity behind drug development and the impact it has on healthcare.

What interests you most in your studies?

I am interested in how scientific innovation is translated into accessible therapies through strong regulatory, strategic, and commercial insight. This is why I pursued a Second Major in Management, so I can contribute at the interface between science and business. I am especially motivated by roles such as regulatory affairs, quality assurance, and business development that help bring therapies from the laboratory to patients worldwide.

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 completed the Undergraduate Professional Internship Programme (UPIP) through a year-long internship with the NUS Clinical Imaging Research Centre as a Quality Assurance Intern.

The experience shaped my career direction and gave me valuable exposure to the pharmaceutical industry beyond the classroom. I gained first-hand insight into how quality systems, regulatory requirements, and day-to-day industry operations work in practice. I also interacted with professionals across the radiopharmaceutical field, which helped me understand industry expectations and real-world decision-making. These conversations were especially meaningful in building my industry awareness and confidence in ways that coursework alone cannot.

Balancing a full-time internship alongside my academic workload was a valuable learning experience that contributed greatly to my personal growth. I strengthened my time management, became more disciplined in handling responsibilities, and learned to balance multiple commitments effectively. The internship also reinforced my learning by letting me apply course concepts to real scenarios, deepening my understanding and engagement with my studies.



With my team and other interns during my internship at NUS Clinical Imaging Research Centre

I also participated in the Student Exchange Programme (SEP) at University College Cork in Ireland. Living abroad independently has been a new experience, and the programme has allowed me to immerse myself in a way of life very different from home. It has helped me become more independent and confident as I adapt to a new environment. Beyond personal growth, SEP has also given me the chance to build meaningful friendships with people from diverse backgrounds and to experience new cultures and perspectives. Studying and living in a different country has broadened my outlook and made my university journey even more enriching.

During my SEP at University College Cork



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

I served as Secretary-Treasurer for Pharmacy RxAG 2024 under the NUS Pharmaceutical Society. Joining RxAG was one of the most rewarding parts of my university journey, as it allowed me to build close friendships with students from both Pharmaceutical Science and Pharmacy. Working closely with the Pharmacy RxAG team, and collaborating with Science RAG as neighbouring sites, also helped me connect with a wider student community. These shared experiences strengthened my sense of belonging on campus and helped me form friendships that will last beyond university.



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

What has stayed with me most throughout Pharmaceutical Science is not a single moment, but the relationships I have built along the way. I am grateful for the close friendships with coursemates I can rely on and spend time with, as well as the support of professors and lecturers who go beyond teaching to share their experiences and offer guidance for my career development.



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