

Quotes from NIS Scholars

**Jonah Victor Dakis Dela Cruz, Male, Singaporean, 23, Filipino
BT-Frontline Pte Ltd, NUS-Computing**

I have always been eager to learn more about how IT is utilized to serve organizational and individual needs. When we had our first computer 10 years ago, I developed keen interest to know how computer programs work not simply because of how they function, but ultimately how they impact productivity. Curiosity led to self-learning of various applications and the basics of programming. I grabbed the opportunity to enhance my skills when I joined Temasek Polytechnic to pursue a Diploma in Information Technology. Constantly, I seek to get deeper into the field and I aspire to play a role in helping people realize IT's potential as a major enabler in people's lives and businesses.

**Juliana Ung Bee Chin, Female, Malaysian, 25, Chinese
Ecquaria Technologies Pte Ltd, NUS-Computing**

I have been very fortunate to be endowed with abundant opportunities as a learner at NUS, one of them being a two-year experience at a high-tech startup in Stockholm. It not only allowed me to develop greater appreciation for Computer Science theories learnt in the classroom, but also first-hand encounter with the science, development, business and industry of the particular technology, and its potential to better the lives of end-users. IT today is a revolution in the making with wide social and economic repercussions - there is no time and place that I am more excited to be at than now and here.

**Chloe Lim Yi, Female, Singaporean, 19, Chinese
Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore, SMU-CMU**

I feel really blessed to have been awarded this scholarship by IDA. The infocomm industry is a fast-paced and exciting one, and I am looking forward to learning more about it in SMU and CMU. I am fascinated by IT because of the way it has changed the way we live and how it plays such a major role in the future. After graduation, I hope to contribute to Singapore's infocomm industry and make it more relevant and accessible to all members of society.

**Muhammad Hirman Bin Abu Bakar, Male, Singaporean, 24, Malay
Stratsec.Net Pte Ltd, NUS-Computing**

I started programming when I was in secondary school. My interest grew towards building web applications, and this made me recognise the importance of information security. Although I retain my passion for programming, my focus has now shifted to security. I hope to become an information security professional and contribute knowledge to the field.

Nguyen Duc Phong, Male, Vietnamese, 21

SAS Institute Pte Ltd, NUS-Brown – Computational Biology

I am interested in using information to improve services and businesses. The modules I have chosen in NUS are all about gaining information, organizing information and utilizing information. However, to be an infocomm professional, I feel a need for further study. NIS Scholarship provides an excellent opportunity to emerge in a new environment with world class experience. My scholarship is partly sponsored by SAS Institute, where I will do my internship and start my career. All these support would surely help me follow my passion.