

Report

Alumna Talk on

“Higher Studies and Overseas Career Opportunities”

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Topic of the session: “Higher Studies and Overseas Career Opportunities”

Resource Person: Ms. Varsha Rajaram, Escalation Specialist, ShipStation, Australia

Graduated Year: 2011 (Computer Science & Engineering)

Date: 30/01/2023

Time: Session-1: 11.15am - 12.15pm (Physics Cycle Students)

Session-2: 2.00pm -3.00pm (Chemistry Cycle Students)

Profile of the Speaker: Ms. Varsha Rajaram has her bachelor’s degree in Computer Science & Engineering and got graduated in the year 2011. Ms. Varsha Rajaram started her career at TCS and worked there for 3 years. She has dual masters in Information Systems and Engineering Management from University of Technology, Sydney. She is a qualified professional with extensive experience in Technology & Client Services. Major areas of her skills and expertise are B2B & B2C engagement, Sales, Business Operations, Account Management & Stake holder Management. She has more than 9 years of experience in Australia, New Zealand & India dealing with multiple stakeholders to achieve desired outcomes. Her portfolio involves dealing with a variety of stakeholders i.e. Development team, Vendors & Customer Teams across APAC & SEA.

Keynote address: Alumni interaction aims to build a bridge between college life and career life so that the fresh graduates are made proactive to face the current challenges of the competitive professional world. Ms. Varsha Rajaram started the session by introducing herself. She talked about her nine years in Australia. Australia offers excellent career opportunities. Later on, she spoke about the scholarships offered by the Australian government to international students. Additionally, there are private-aid scholarships. Most of the time, an applicant won't receive a full scholarship; instead, they will only receive a 50–60% amount, with the rest coming through loans. She stated that the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required to apply to universities in Australia. She also mentioned that the Pearson Test of English (PTE) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) are required. IELTS and PTE exams are used to evaluate an applicant's English language proficiency to study abroad. If English is not your first language, it is critical for

International universities to measure your English language skills against certain standards so that imparting academic knowledge becomes seamless without any language barrier. You are required to take either of these exams to further your academic plans. The minimum required English language scores are 6.5 IELTS for Australia Awards Scholarship applications.

She shared her own personal experience residing overseas. She says that living in Australia is expensive and that doing things on our own is not that simple. You can always start by looking at scholarships and grants. But they are not as easy to get. However, a part-time job is easy to find, especially in Australia. Not only that, but the Australian student visa will allow you to work for 20 hours a week. She gained confidence and learned numerous lessons from her time overseas. She talked about how challenging it was for her to work a part-time job while pursuing her academics in one of her personal stories. She says that there are numerous options for students to work part-time in Australia. For students with strong communication skills, it is easy to find employment in Australia.

She talked about the career centers that offer placement chances at universities. She stated that beginning in the first year itself, one should start to prepare for a good career. She explained that preparing a resume differs depending on the country. Australians prefer hands-on experience and projects that the candidate completed. She encouraged students to create an account for LinkedIn and explained the benefits of doing so. The job search engine integrated within the LinkedIn platform showcases jobs from many reputable brands and companies. Most of recruiters use LinkedIn to research and recruit candidates. Additionally, the platform enables users to apply for these job postings directly and allows aspirants to get in touch with the recruiters, if necessary. She also discussed about interviews. She suggested asking for feedback after an interview. Getting insight into your interview performance will help you know what you need to improve so you can crush it and land the next job. She also told that it's professional and polite to send a short thank you email to the recruiter. If done correctly, it can improve your personal brand and even increase your chances of getting the job or that coveted final interview. Overall the session was motivating and educative for the students. Around 600 participants attended the session and benefited from it.



Ms. Varsha Rajaram, addressing the gathering.



Ms. Varsha Rajaram, delivering a session on “Higher Studies and Overseas Career Opportunities”.