

**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.

**S Jai Kishan, Male, Singaporean, 21**  
**SAS Institute Pte Ltd, NUS-Computing**

I have been interested in problem solving since I was in Primary School. Furthermore, I was also fascinated by computers and gadgets and I have always been curious about finding out how technologies such as the telephone and internet worked from a very young age. The passion that I showed in infocomm from my early years was further enhanced during my time studying Business IT at SP where I gained in-depth knowledge about infocomm technologies as well as learning how to develop creative solutions by analyzing the specific business needs of the end user among other stake holders. I aim to become a solutions architect in future and hope to make significant contributions to my sponsor company, SAS, a leading business intelligence software vendor which is highly relevant to my area of interest. Ultimately, I aspire to create affordable and “easy to use” applications which can improve the lives of Singaporeans from all walks of life.