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Department of Computer Engineering



Report on: GradMonk Study Abroad Session

Title : GradMonk Study Abroad Session

Date : 10 October 2023

Time : 10 am - 11 am

Venue : Seminar Hall

Participants Present : 75

Resource Person : Ms. Nicole Saldanha

Organising Department / Committee / Authority : ACM Student Chapter

Faculty Coordinator : Mr. Imran Mirza

Objective:

- ❖ To provide students with comprehensive knowledge about the opportunities and benefits of studying abroad, including academic programs, career prospects, and scholarships.
- ❖ To highlight the value of international education in expanding horizons and improving career prospects among students
- ❖ To educate attendees on the complex application and admission processes, including standardized tests and visa procedures.

Outcomes:

- ❖ The students gained a better understanding of the study abroad process, including admission requirements, visa procedures, and available academic programs, enabling them to make more informed decisions about pursuing international education.
- ❖ The session inspired and motivated the students to consider international education as a viable option
- ❖ Students were encouraged to connect with GradMonk consultants, in order to seek professional guidance and support in selecting suitable colleges and navigating the application process.

REPORT:

On October 11, 2023, the ACM Student Chapter, in collaboration with GradMonk, hosted an insightful and engaging study abroad session from 10 am to 11 am in the seminar hall. The aim of this session was to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of the opportunities and advantages associated with studying abroad, encompassing academic programs, career prospects, and scholarships.

The session commenced with Ms. Erica Prasad giving an introductory speech that highlighted the main objectives of GradMonk, which revolve around assisting students in achieving their dreams of studying abroad. She also outlined what attendees would take away from the session, setting the stage for an informative and inspiring event.

Mr. Prathamesh Gaitonde the co-founder of GradMonk stepped up as the keynote speaker of the session. He delved into the various advantages of studying abroad, which included career prospects and standard of living. He also highlighted how international degrees can lead to higher earning potential due to the quality of education and global networking opportunities. He discussed how studying abroad can lead to a higher quality of life, including access to better healthcare, infrastructure, and overall living conditions. He stressed the long-term benefits of an international education, which consisted of a more secure future and greater career opportunities.

To achieve these goals, Mr. Gaitonde explained the importance of standardized tests, such as the IELTS for English proficiency, the GRE and GMAT for admission to graduate programs, and the significance of a strong academic record.

He explained how the significance of these scores depends on the chosen country, university, and program. Some universities or programs may place a strong emphasis on standardized test scores, while others consider a broader range of factors like academic history, letters of recommendation, statement of purpose, and relevant work experience.

Mr. Gaitonde also shed light on some of the top universities in the UK, USA, Australia, and Ireland, and shared success stories of students who chose to study or work abroad and later returned to India, showcasing the versatility of international education. He explained how GradMonk could assist students in their journey to study abroad. He emphasized the tailored approach GradMonk takes in helping students choose a college that aligns with their academic aspirations, career goals and financial conditions.

The students then had the opportunity to pose questions to the speaker. When asked about the challenges encountered while studying abroad, Mr. Gaitonde highlighted the need to adapt to independence and self-reliance, as living far from home in a different cultural environment can be quite demanding. He also mentioned the challenge of balancing part-time jobs with academic responsibilities. In response to a query about advice for prospective international students, Mr. Gaitonde emphasized the importance of thorough preparation. This included researching the destination and institution, making informed decisions about courses and understanding the financial aspects. This interactive session allowed students to address their specific concerns and gather valuable insights.

Before parting, GradMonk distributed pamphlets that contained a QR code for the students to scan and avail of a free consultation. This generous offer enabled students to access personalized guidance and support on their study abroad journey.

The session concluded with Ms. Siddhi Gadge extending a heartfelt token of thanks to all the attendees and the GradMonk team for their enlightening session. The GradMonk team was felicitated by Ms. Susanne Lobo and Ms. Ria Dcosta, to acknowledge the organization's significant contribution to helping students realize their dreams of studying abroad.

The Study Abroad session was an enlightening and insightful event that empowered the students with knowledge and resources to embark on their international education journey. It emphasized the value of global education and the critical role GradMonk plays in guiding students to make informed choices about their academic and professional future. Additionally, the session educated the students about the intricate application and admission procedures, encompassing standardized tests and visa requirements, providing them with crucial and clear insights into the study abroad journey.

Photos of the Event



Poster of the Event



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