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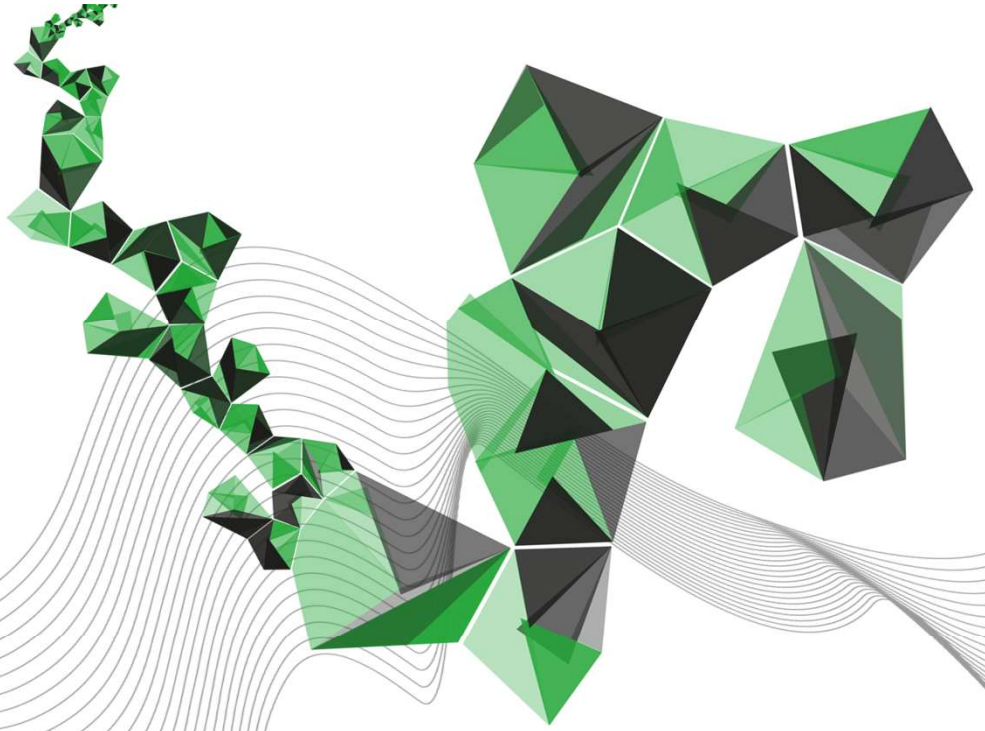
EXCHANGE MEET + GREET

STUDY ABROAD IN INDIA & INDONESIA

17 MAY 2022

PROGRAMME



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PROGRAMME

18:30 Opening

18:35 Presentation: Amrita University, India (Sachin Venu Jaya)

18:45 Q&A India

18:50 Presentation: Student life in Indonesia (Dhirendra Adiprakoso)

19:00 Q&A Indonesia

19:05 Closing of presentations

20:00 End of event

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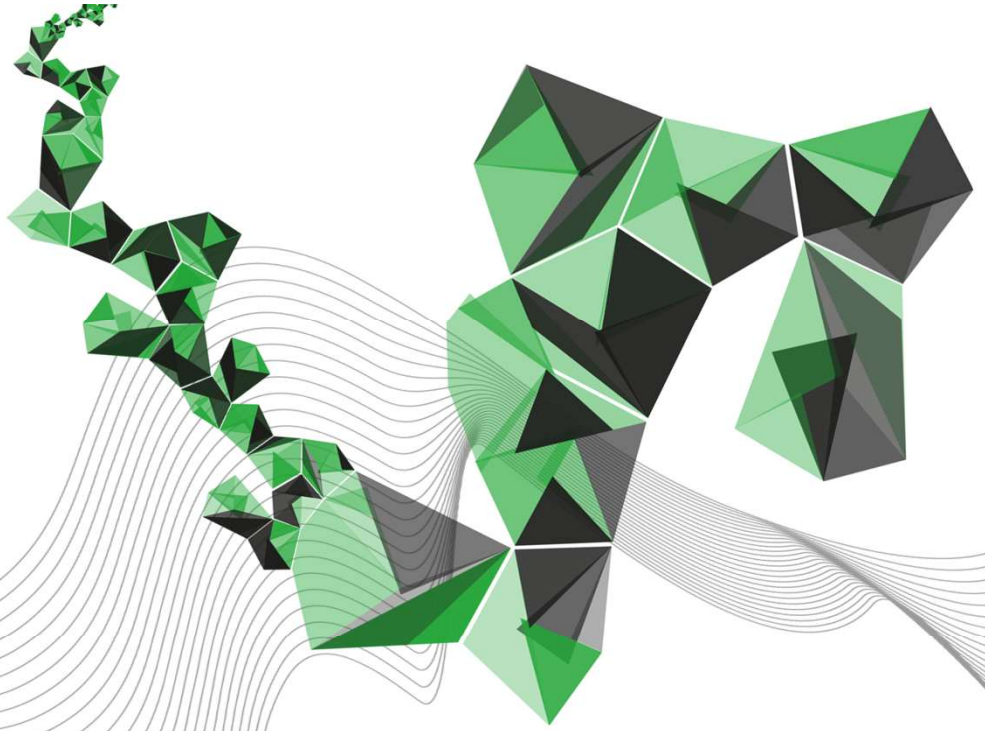
PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



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UT PARNTERS IN INDIA

- Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University (all faculties)
- Thapar University (BMS)

UT PARNTERS IN INDONESIA

- Universitas Indonesia (all faculties)
- Binus University (BMS)
- Bandung Institute of Technology (BMS, EEMCS, ET)*
- Gadjah Mada University (ITC, BMS, EEMCS)*

*agreement in process of extension for 2023

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FURTHER INFORMATION

UT website: Study Abroad

https://www.utwente.nl/en/study-abroad/

Partner university website: visit the university's website for incoming exchange students

Canvas: visit your faculty's study abroad page on Canvas

Faculty Exchange Coordinator: contact your faculty's exchange coordinator

PRESENTATIONS

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham(Amrita University), INDIA

Multicampus and Multi disciplinary with 15 schools across three states
200+degree programs . 20,000 students . 1800 faculty members
5th best university in India

STUDENT PRESENTER: Mr. Sachin Venu Jaya

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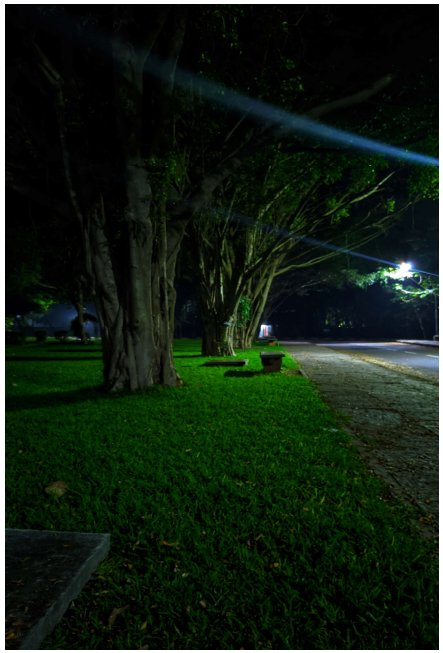
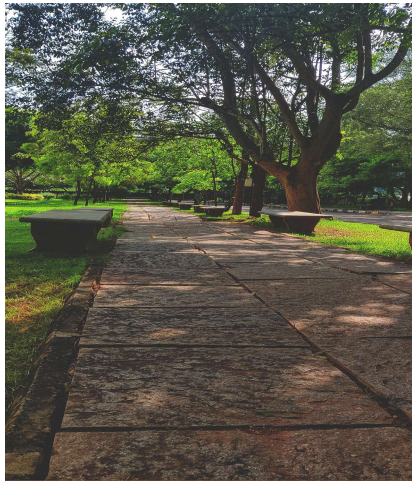
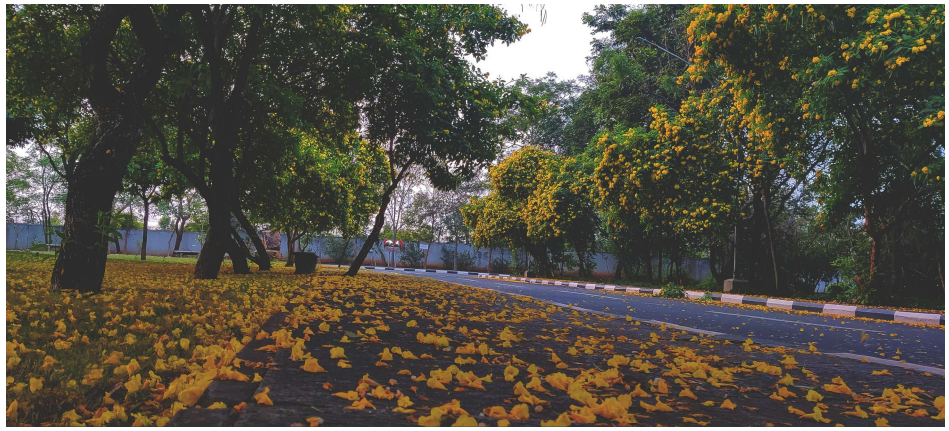
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham(Amrita University), INDIA







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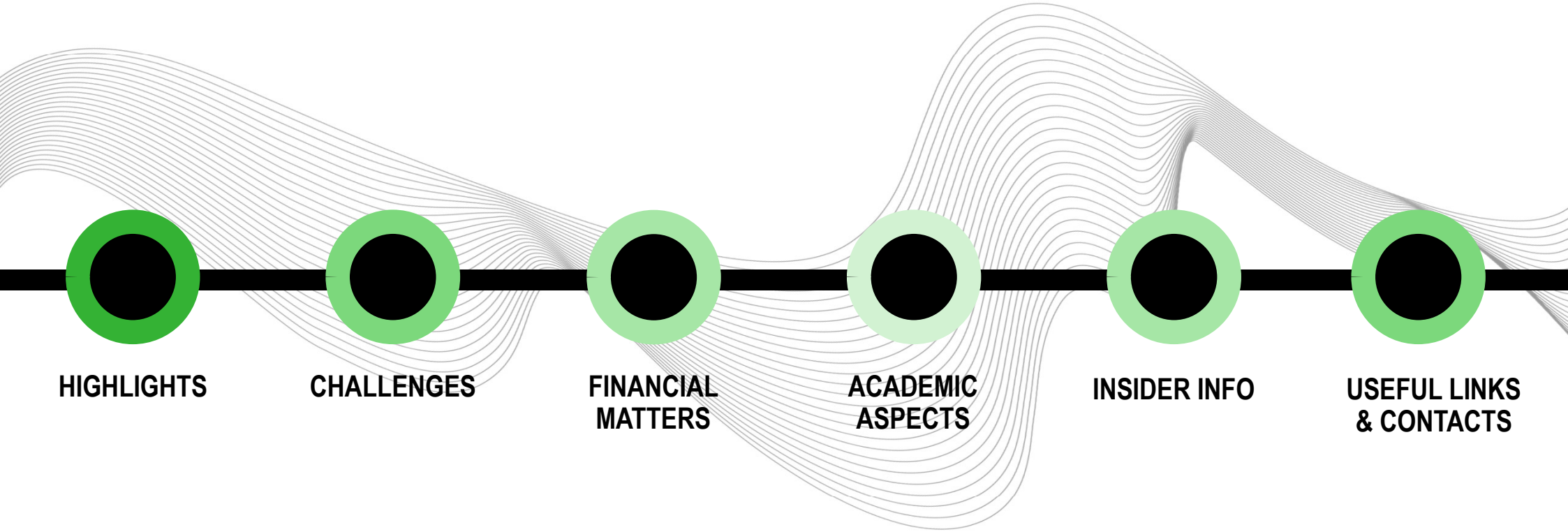

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Culture
- Diversity
- Cuisine
- Community set up
- Yoga
- Travel
- Shopping
- Languages
- Love

CHALLENGES

Cultural Immersion !

- Language barriers in countryside villages - **This can be sorted with the help of Amrita students.**
- Heat - **30 to 32 degrees**
- Culture Shock - **No PDA**
- Homesickness
- New environment
- New people
- Climatic conditions - **Humid Always**
- Financial issues

FINANCIAL MATTERS

What can exchange students expect regarding finances?
In general being aware of money, currency denominations and budget expenses

What are the main expenses and how can students save money?
Food, shopping, travel and entertainment - networking with other students for tips

Which items cost more/ less than in the Netherlands?
Food and other essentials are in general less expensive if huge malls can be avoided.

Any other advice?
Not getting carried away but still having fun

ACADEMIC ASPECTS

Amrita University, Kollam Campus - Kerala

Workload

- Workload is more or less the same as in UT but hands on practical projects
- Hours of work purely depends on the course chosen as there will be a mix of lecture, theoretical and practical sessions
- But enough time to mingle and walk around with fellow mates
- Extra curricular activities-swimming, soccer, tech clubs, theatre arts, social work

ACADEMIC ASPECTS

STUDY PROGRAMMES: Art & Science, Engineering, Medicine, Business

Amrita Bio-Technology Department, Kerala

Approach to Education

- English is the language of communication
- There is a hierarchical academic culture
- Slightly different from UT but easily adaptable

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Tips

Please come with an open mind and try to adapt to changes in lifestyle and climate

Safety

Campus is surrounded by compound walls and 24x7 security service ensuring safety.

It is always advisable not to travel alone outside after 7 PM

Cycling

Yes, Cycling for fun or for even commuting to work, schools have always been a part of Indian lifestyle.

Gender Differences

Yes, women need to be careful when going out alone after sunset.

Picture found from a report in The New York Times in 2013

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Cultural experiences

Secular State

Vishu, Onam, Diwali, Christmas, Eid

Best places to visit

Innumerable destinations

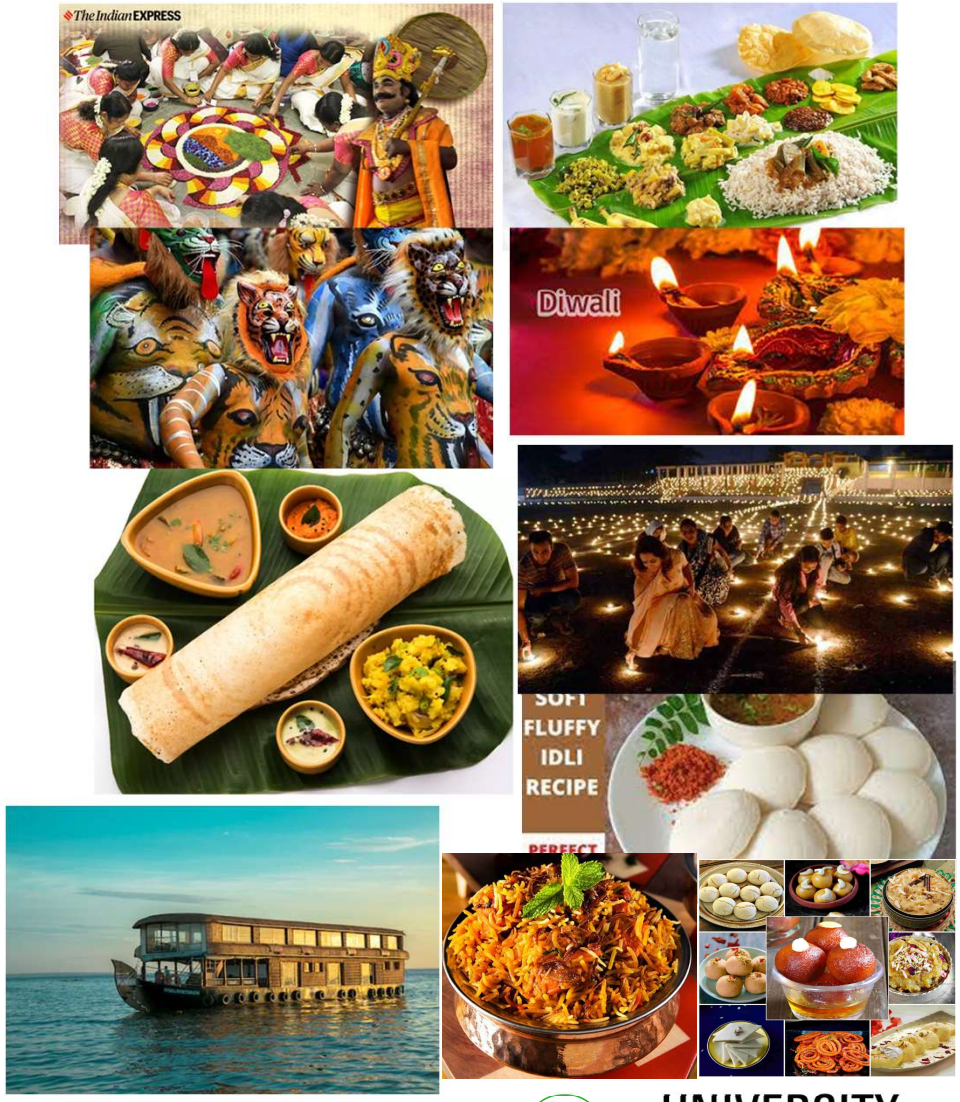
Hill stations like Ooty, Munnar, Vagamon

Alleppey for boat rides

Best food to eat

Wide varieties of recipes including Indian, English, Italian

Native ones include dosa, paratha, biriyani, sweets, snacks



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USEFUL LINKS

Website for exchange students - https://amrita.edu/international/incoming-students

Info specifically for international students https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vytLwM1gIIs89aAtNVbf8Y5y5chLqBe3

International student associations

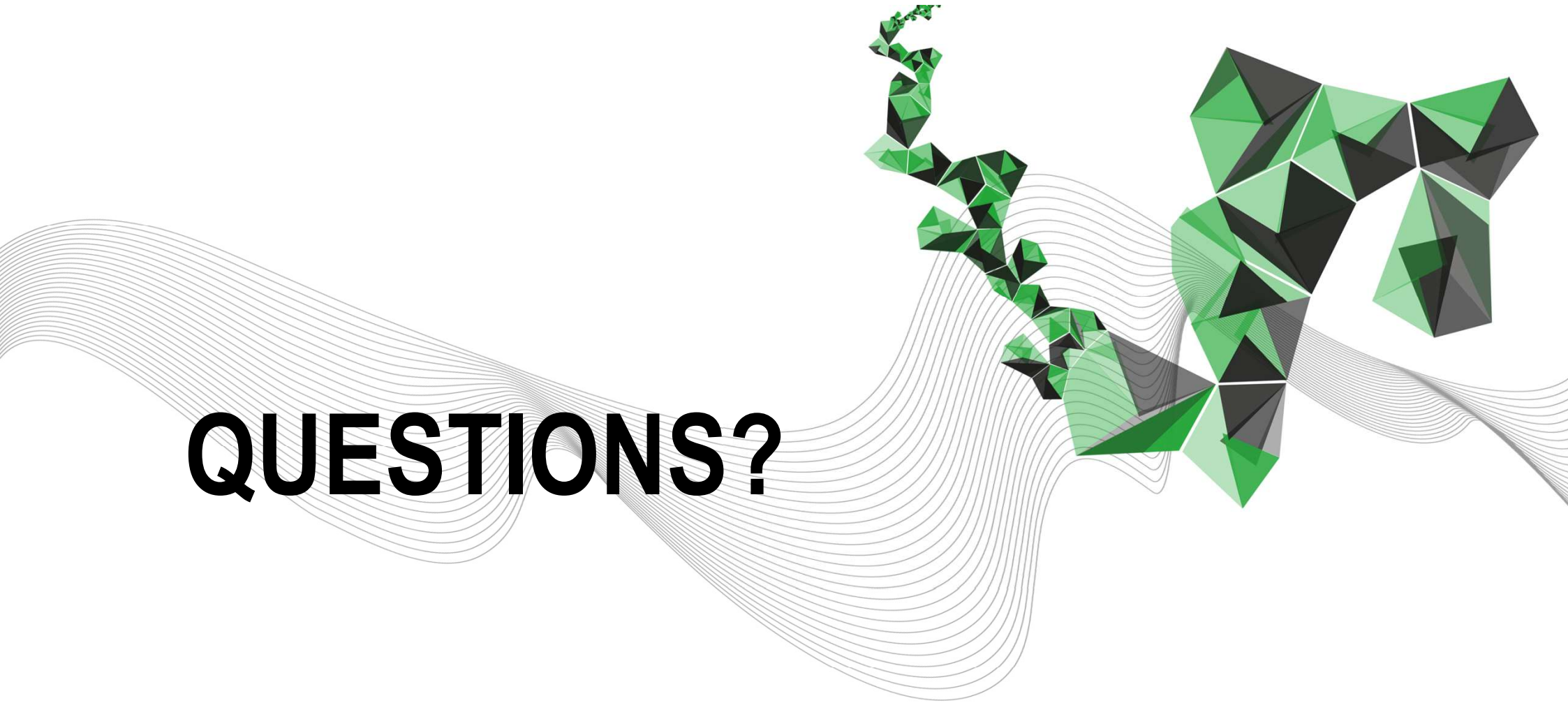
CONTACT INFO

For exchanges / internships - incoming@amrita.edu

For full time admissions: internationaladmission@amrita.edu

For Live in Labs: 101liveinlabs@gmail.com

Amrita E4LIFE International PhD Fellowships: internationalphd@am.amrita.edu



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INDONESIA

STUDENT PRESENTER: DHIRENDRA (ELDI) ADIPRAKOSO

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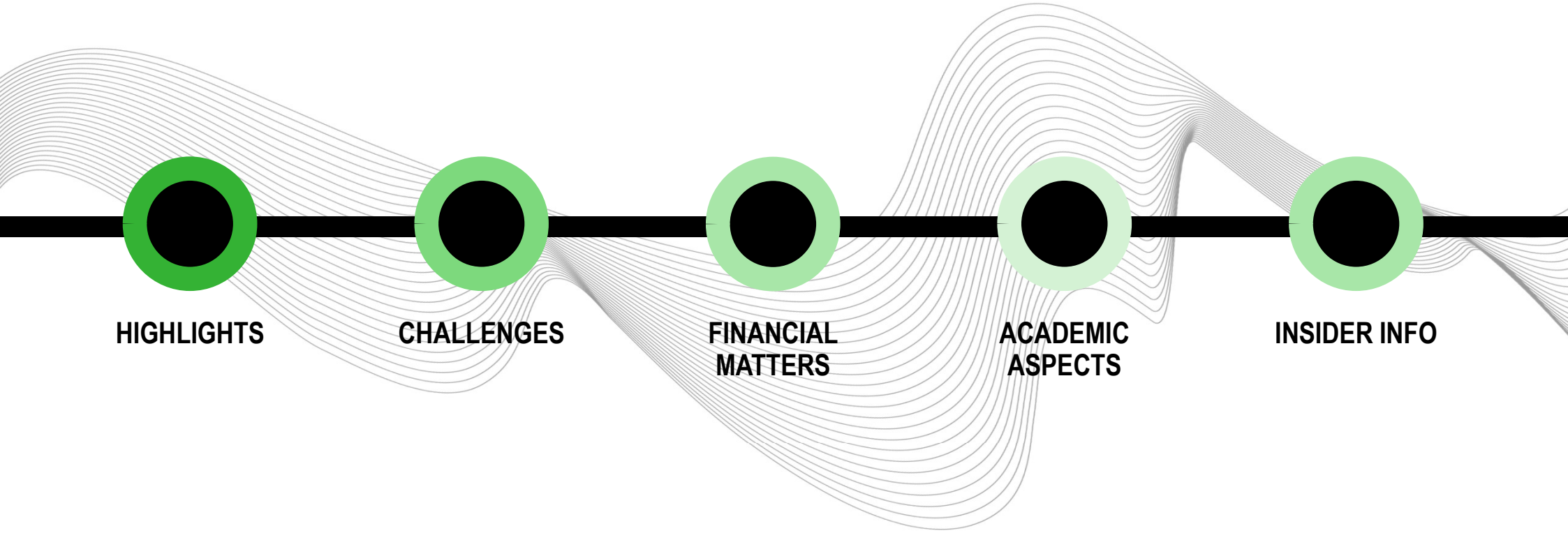

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HIGHLIGHTS

Lovely people!

- *Always greet with a smile ☺*

Lovely weather!

- *Rarely goes below 25 centigrade*

Lovely cuisine!

- *Who doesn't like Indonesian food??*

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CHALLENGES

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Language barrier

- *Most people only know simple English*

Environment

- *Be aware of weather/pollution*
- *Tap water is NOT drinkable*

Spice added to food

- *Be aware if you cannot handle your spice*

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

Low cost of living (relative to the Netherlands)

- *Jakarta is 44.59% <u>less expensive</u> than Enschede (numbeo.com (2022))*
- *Depends on the city*

Expect similar expenses to being a student at the UT

- *Rent, food, essentials*

Have cash/ small change on hand

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ACADEMIC ASPECTS

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Approach to Education

Most international programmes use English

Academic culture is course-dependent

- *Hierarchical for some, democratic for others*
- *A first-name basis is very rare*
- *Some challenge-based learning*

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To do:

- *Purchase an E-money card*
- *Download PeduliLindungi Ap*
- *Gojek/Grab is your saviour*

Please respect the local culture

Safety

- *Commute using public transport*
- *"Conservative/traditional" society (some cities)*

gojek

Grab

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Places to go

- *Bali/Lombok*
- *Solo/Jogja*
- *Bintan/Bunaken/Raja Ampat*

Food

- *Street food → Highly recommended!*
- *Vegetarian options might be hard, but that doesn't mean there's none!*

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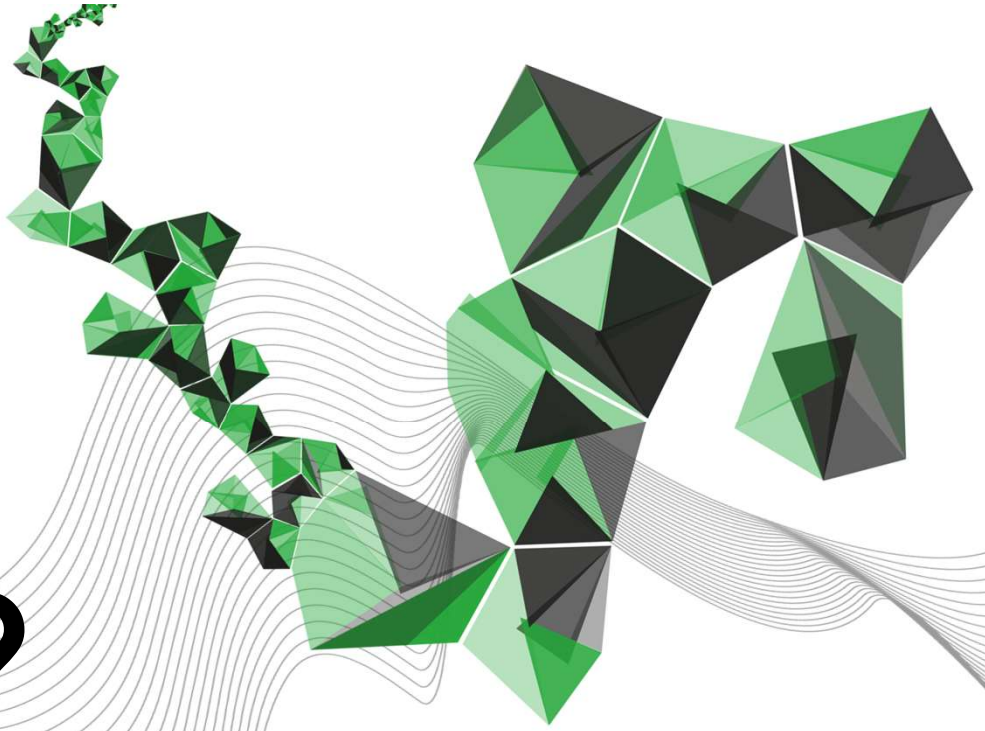

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