UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.

EXCHANGE MEET + GREET

STUDY ABROAD IN INDIA & INDONESIA

17 MAY 2022
PROGRAMME
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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
PARTNER UNIVERSITIES
UT PARTNERS IN INDIA

- Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University (all faculties)
- Thapar University (BMS)
UT PARTNERS 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
Here are some things to consider

Eligibility

- UI SHINE scholarship is offered to only exchange students from UI partner universities (your home university must have student exchange agreements with Universitas Indonesia).
- Applicants must be non-Indonesian citizens.
- Applicants must meet the inbound exchange admission requirements in order to be eligible for the scholarship.
- https://international.ui.ac.id/student-exchange.html
- Applicants need to submit a Motivation Letter along with the application document.

- All admission processes are done through the International Office Universitas Indonesia.
- The scholarship does not include the preparatory Indonesian or English course.
- Applicants must have received at least 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccination.
- International students need to provide themselves with insurance to cover Covid-19 treatment in Indonesia.

Timeline

- 31 May 2022: Application Closing Date
- 30 June 2022: Confirmation of Offers
- 20 June 2022: Notification of Offer
- 4 July 2022: Visa Application Start

Scholarship Benefits

- Block grant IDR 18,000,000 for one semester
- Visa application fee
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
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

Amrita University Headquarters-Tamil Nadu, India
IN THIS PRESENTATION:
HIGHLIGHTS

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

- 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
Amrita University, Kollam Campus - Kerala

ACADEMIC ASPECTS

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

Approach to Education

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

**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*
**INSIDER INFO**

**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
USEFUL LINKS

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

Info specifically for international students
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vytLwM1gIls89aAtNVbf8Y5y5chLqBe3

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
QUESTIONS?
INDONESIA

STUDENT PRESENTER: Dhirendra (ELDI) Adiprakoso

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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??*
CHALLENGES

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
FINANCIAL MATTERS

Low cost of living (relative to the Netherlands)

• Jakarta is 44.59% less expensive 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

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 App
• Gojek/Grab is your saviour

Please respect the local culture

Safety
• Commute using public transport
• “Conservative/traditional” society (some cities)
INSIDER INFO

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!
QUESTIONS?
THANK YOU!