

Expedition Funds Report

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

As part of a one-month summer exchange programme taking place in Singapore, I had an incredible opportunity to explore a completely new part of the world, indulge in a foreign culture, and gain lifelong memories and experiences. Alongside the excitement of staying in a different country, the course I selected to study, Bioprinting, appealed to me with my current academic work as a Biomedical Engineering student and my passion to pursue a career in biotechnology in the future. Although I had never previously travelled alone before, the idea of being able to immerse myself fully into a new lifestyle was extremely exciting.



I studied Bioprinting at Nanyang Technological University, a world-renowned university with excellent facilities and technology, where I gained valuable insight into the world of biotechnology from lectures and my peers worldwide, all coming together to share knowledge of their various studies and experiences through presentations and practical experiments. Although the topics I had learnt in Singapore were similar to what I had studied before, the new teaching style, technology and practical experience allowed me to view my current degree in Biomedical Engineering from a new perspective, accelerating my academic progress and opening my mind to various opportunities in the sector. Presenting one of the projects I completed in university allowed me to share my knowledge and experiences in the field alongside other people, collaborating with others who shared a passion for biotechnology.

Through working with others who were studying the same course and the several events that the university was hosting over the summer programme, I was able to meet and interact with people from all over the world, expanding my social and professional network, and in the process, building strong relationships with people and making new friends. Whilst exploring Singapore, I would travel around with the different friends I made, all with unique personalities and outlooks on life but driven by the same passion for embracing a new culture and exploring new terrain. Singapore was a beautiful country to venture into, but discovering new experiences and creating memories alongside others played a huge role in my enjoyment and personal development throughout the month I spent.



The profound experiences and invaluable academic knowledge I gained, as well as the kind-hearted and genuine people I met throughout my time in Singapore, were greatly assisted through QMUL's Expeditions Fund, which provided more opportunities to explore and expand my experiences without any financial limitations. As a person who is very fond of discovering new aspects of life through any experience, such as food, places and people, the Expeditions Fund allowed me to cover necessary costs such as accommodation, flights, and insurance, encouraged me to search for more opportunities where I could appreciate and maximise my rare experience.



Overall, I am extremely grateful for this life-changing opportunity and carry the knowledge and experiences gained with me, hoping to pursue more opportunities such as this in the future.