GOOGLE, LONDON

DTU Times interviewed Rishabh Singh, COE, Class of 2021, who got placed at Google, London as a Software Engineer.

How did you go about deciding to apply for this position? What are the factors that you considered before applying?

The primary factors which I consider while applying for a position are the reputation of the company, benefits and pay for that particular position, the work culture and most importantly, if that role aligns with my future goals. In my case, Google ticked off all these boxes. The position I applied for also aligned with my future goals.

How do you feel the four years at DTU shaped your career? What impact did your college journey carry while you secured this position?

The four years at DTU were a life changing period. The most important thing DTU gives you is the peer group competition and the most amazing seniors. The right guidance at the right moment has shaped my path for this accomplishment. I chose the path of what was required to get here exactly when it was needed and what helped me choose that path was my inner will to succeed and the external guidance and inspiration from great college seniors. Apart from the academic benefits, I loved the DTU campus so much. DTU has even provided me with the recreational activities to be very relaxed and still succeed in my endeavors.

In what terms is the process of applying for international job opportunities characteristically different from applying for the same positions in India?

There's not much difference when it comes to just applying as it is very similar for both the cases. The only difference is in the probability of your profile being shortlisted for the interviews as it is significantly lower for international opportunities, with the chances of receiving an offer being even lesser. You need to have a very good profile in order to get opportunities outside India.

What parts of the applications would you say matter the most while applying for this role? Do grades or your competitive programming profile play a relevant part as well?

The most important things that mattered to me while applying for this role were finding someone to refer me for the role and having a great resume while applying. My competitive programming experience definitely played a key role while applying to Google as it is one of those companies that value competitive programming a lot. If you are good at competitive programming, they want to see you working at their office.

What piece of advice would you like to give students who are a bit confused about their future career options?

For a good placement in software engineering, my advice would be to start working on both coding and job-hunting skills at the earliest. While students often overlook the latter, it is more crucial to success. Don't be shy or introverted when it comes to job hunting. Many people go for higher studies which can also be a great career opportunity. Just decide what you want to do as soon as possible in your college time. Moreover, never doubt the opportunities that DTU brings to you. Finally, I would like to stress upon the importance of surrounding yourself with people with similar goals.