The past 3 years saw me transform into a confident, inquisitive person from a meek, introvert guy. My journey started as a third-year student at Trinity College Dublin transferred from Thapar University. This was a dream realized after a lot of diligence and required me to adapt to situations out of my comfort zone. My motivation was ‘learning’ - be it from curriculum or from my interaction with people of varied nationalities. For example, “How semantic web would empower the Euro 2020 goals ?” or “Did you know that there is a popular Brazilian TV show that depicts caste system in India (Caminho das Índias)?”.

I vividly recall the day when merely a couple of weeks in, I gathered the courage to pitch my idea, and surprisingly, it was amongst the top two shortlisted ones. After interviewing the candidates, I executed the project with 15 members belonging to myriad nationalities. What I grasped in the first week of project execution was that unlike Asians (Chinese and Indians) who were happy with tasks being assigned to them, Europeans wanted options. So, I intuitively decided to take up a hybrid approach where team members voluntarily choose the task and the remaining ones are assigned to rest of the members. Europeans took the initiative and picked up tasks from the bucket while Asians were happy in doing anything assigned to them (in being assigned). This helped me gain insights into conflict resolution, leadership and team work. We delivered the project successfully and made it to podium finishes in various pitching events.

During my time in Ireland, (I was able to enhance) my time management, problem solving and adaptability skills ameliorated. Equipped with the essential tools, the new confident me made the transition from campus to corporate - I joined as a Software Engineer at General Electric (GE) Power.

GE being an engineering conglomerate, our team gets complex problems, which I solve using digital algorithms and architectures. For instance, without any sensors at power plant site, my software calculates the number of hours the plant was run. Furthermore, I have been spearheading the Blockchain initiative at GE’s Bangalore Hub by delivering multiple sessions which has led to subsidiaries of GE, like Finance and Transportation approaching me for further collaborations.

I believe my international exposure and experience at GE would definitely help me contribute to the diversity at ISB. I would especially like to contribute to the Business Technology and Energy Club.

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