In the last 3 years, I have undergone a transformation; from a meek, introverted guy to a confident and inquisitive one. This journey starts at Trinity College Dublin, as a third year transfer student from Thapar. I had worked diligently to realize this dream. Out of my comfort zone in a foreign land, my motivation was ‘learning’ - be it from academia or through my interactions with people from varied nationalities. For example, who knew that semantic web would empower Euro 2020 goals or that there exists a Brazilian TV show depicting 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 initially, team members voluntarily choose the task and the remaining ones are later assigned to rest of the members. While Asians were content with things being assigned to them, Europeans took the initiative and picked up tasks from the bucket. 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.

My time in Ireland helped me enhance my time management, problem solving and adaptability skills. Equipped with the essential tools, this 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 Bengaluru Hub by delivering multiple sessions. This has sparked an approach from subsidiaries of GE, like Finance and Transportation.

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 Club and Energy Club.