1. At ISB we value diversity as it enhances both the in-class and out of class learning experience. Tell us how would you contribute to the same?

“You are the first cohort from our college, go out there and show them your metal”

Said the Dean when I started my journey as a third-year student at Trinity College Dublin transferred from Thapar University. It was going to be my first encounter with the western world. There was a lot riding on our batch. Our performance would decide the fate of partnership between the two colleges. Trinity had previously tried to collaborate with top Brazilian universities but their students failed miserably at the curriculum. The professors from Trinity expected nothing better from us. And there I was, having never lived independently, visiting home every week, getting well prepared mess food, and pampered. I had to perform and rest assure, I was out of my comfort zone. Starting from cooking food to cleaning your toilet each and everything had to be done on your own. Gone were the days when I used to wake up late, have well prepared breakfast and then go to the class about a kilometer away on a rickshaw. Here, I had to wake up early, prepare my food, cycle to the college that was around 6 K.M. away that too on a hilly terrain, attend lectures, complete assignments, come back by the night, prepare dinner and finally go to bed. It sure was a long day. And then there were those daily chores which never seemed to pop up back in India, these included things like getting student cards, opening bank accounts, fulfilling VISA requirements, paying bills, getting groceries and the list goes on.

The one thing that used to drive me was my enthusiasm to meet new people, to learn and to explore. Whether in college or in hostel, I tried to talk to new people, make friends. Every day, I learnt something new be it from curriculum or from my interaction with people of different nationalities. For example Did you know that there is a popular Brazilian TV show that depicts caste system in India (Caminho das Índias)? , or Why was 3 idiots such a big success in China?, Or How the Irish model of Independence was opposite to the Indian model?, or Why the Italians hate American way of making Pizzas?, The list goes on. Then there was the curriculum which promoted originality and practicality. I had to change my method of studying altogether. Now most of my time was spent on projects. I along with my Irish friends used to slog long hours in labs completing assignments. Being the first batch from Thapar we didn’t have any support from the seniors we had to make new friends and be self-guided in the issues relating to cooking Indian food, fulfilling various Visa requirements, or simple stuff like going to an Irish friend’s family home? etc. Although, I set out to achieve a good academic score to prove that we Indians can outshine, I achieved something much bigger in the form of a diverse person. This journey taught me how to live independently, I learnt about different cultures, gained the quality of mixing up with a random group of people and gel with a group. I tried to implement positives that people from various cultures bring along. Like the Irish lifestyle of work hard play hard or the Brazilian care free attitude or the English attitude of self-belief. All these qualities are something that I can contribute to the already diverse ISB.

1. Enrolling in a Business School is an important career decision. Critically look at your career to date, the choices you have made, the key influences behind those choices, your goals for the future and how do you think ISB’s PGP can help you in achieving your goals?



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| **Timelines for PGP 2019-20 and Early Entry Option 2019 application** |
| |  | **Cycle-1** | **Cycle-2** | | --- | --- | --- | | Application deadlines | September 15, 2018 | December 15, 2018 | | 18:00:00  (IST) | 18:00:00 (IST) | | Interview timelines (tentative) | Oct 1 to Nov 7 ,2018 | Jan 1 - Feb 7, 2019 | | Admission offer date | November 15, 2018 | Feb 15, 2019 | | Offer acceptance deadline | 10 days from the date of offer | | |

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