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MSc Biotechnology, Bioprocessing & Business Management
Jay is from Thailand and was awarded an SLS Excellence Scholarship

Jay’s background and a bit about why he chose Warwick
“I first heard of this programme from the SLS website, which was very helpful and informative, presenting what modular content was covered throughout the year. Besides the uniqueness of the course, one of the main reasons why I chose Warwick was its outstanding reputation with a broad range of facilities and opportunities available for students, from leisure amenities to financial support. The location is also great as it is close to big cities, such as Birmingham, and not too far from London.”

What did Jay like most about the University and his degree?
“The university and the course itself were diverse in terms of nationalities, having students from many different backgrounds. With the classroom’s interactive, intimate environment, we became great friends through several group assignments and seminar presentations along the course, from where I have honed my interpersonal skills and pushed myself to break a few boundaries, such as gradually boosting my confidence in public speaking. There was also a wealth of knowledge to be found from our lecturers and their constant encouragement and feedback were really helpful for us as a student to develop our academic skills.”

What does Jay feel he gained from his degree?
“Currently my home country is focusing more on research and innovation but still lacks respectable translation of bench-scale research into practical use. The BBBM course merges science-based modules with the business ones, allowing me to build upon what I had already learned back in Thailand and gain additional business knowledge. Getting to know
more about business from this course will be very advantageous as it is directly applicable to my future career and fills the gap in knowledge transfer between academia and practitioners. Everything has helped us stepping into the industry, and being equipped with business expertise as a complement to basic science could mean that we are quite ahead of the rest of the crowd.

The BBBM course at Warwick provided me with a foundation in business management that has opened up the door to various business careers I could never have dreamed of. After 6 straight years of higher education I have decided to take a gap year considering whether to apply for a Management Trainee position at a biotech company or to pursue a PhD in bioprocess engineering. At the meantime, I will possibly seek a research opportunity and undertake a short-term project at a research institution in Thailand.”

**What else did Jay do during his time at Warwick?**

“Whilst at Warwick, I actively participated in Warwick Thai Society, where Thai students and those who are particularly interested in Thai culture can socialise through loads of events and activities. This also serves as a platform bringing together students from a myriad of fields and offering an abundance of networking opportunities. Upon joining the Society, it literally felt like home from day one and allowed me to settle in at university with ease.”

**Jay’s advice to prospective students**

“Despite some struggles with late-night assignments and last-minute deadlines coming with them, my postgraduate studies at Warwick have been truly rewarding and amazing experience that I would not have found elsewhere.”