

### ***Sun Yiqing about her experience with GIST***

After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Zhejiang University, China and with 5 years of work experience as a chemical engineer in the Chinese chemical industry, I realized that I needed to upgrade myself academically and professionally in order to stay ahead.

Studying in GIST was an unforgettable experience for me. The programme was intensive, but yet creative and illuminating. It was in this programme that I had the opportunity to learn with brilliant academics, including TUM president, Professor Herrmann and Nobel Laureate, Professor Huber. They are not only great scientists, but also great educators. Both deep and broad understanding of the subject was built in our minds. I was equally impressed with the arduous effort and enthusiasm shown by my classmates.

I was pleased that my educational experience at GIST was enriched with the fact that GIST provided not only the scientific greats but also the elites in business, from the relevant industries. Intensive training in advanced management, marketing and business laws with case studies ensured that we were all ready for the challenge of joining the workforce.

Interactions between the industry and students were on-going with company presentations, interviews and plant tours arranged throughout the programme. The intentions and interests between the industry and students were exchanged and shared. It was through these interactions that I decided the area in which I wished to venture into.

I had the opportunity to perform my internship in WACKER, Germany's environmental lab, followed by research work for the Master's thesis with WACKER SILICONES, Germany. Herr Dr. Söllradl, an expert of silicone sealant with years of experience, was my industrial mentor who gave me lots of valuable input in conducting my project. Each time, I was inspired and enlightened from the discussions with him. It was also my pleasure to have Professor Hiller as my academic supervisor, an authority with high prestige in Construction Chemistry. As a result of these, my thesis was completed successfully with high academic standard and quality and additionally it was applicable in real operational industrial production.

Based on my performance in internship and master thesis, I was granted an employee contract with Wacker. With the knowledge and experience I got during my studies with GIST, the multi-cultural awareness, and trilingual capacity, I am expecting more success in my future working at Wacker-Chemie GmbH.