



**PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research
Students at Glasgow Caledonian University,
Scotland, United Kingdom
International Summer School Experience
CONSOLIDATED STUDENT FEEDBACK**

July 18-31, 2018

GCU Summer school Experience – 2018 – An Introduction

Over the past three years, the relationship between Glasgow Caledonian University [GCU] and PSG Institutions has matured and grown – not just in number of students, but also in new areas of collaboration and beyond Summer Schools. An MoU was signed in November 2017 with GCU, and we have been taking several efforts in ensuring participation of various PSG Institutions in the activities under this MoU – for instance, several GCU senior Faculty’s visits to PSG over the past few years, and the visits of senior PSG Faculty to GCU – Dr.Vijayalakshmi, HOD-Apparel and Fashion Design, PSG Tech; Dr.J.Kanchana, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, PSG Tech in 2017 and Dr.Abdul Aleem, HOD-Civil, PSG iTech this year.

As the primary PSG Relationship Manager with GCU, I have had the pleasure and privilege of travelling to Glasgow for three years running – 2016, 17 and 18. The warmth and hospitality of the Faculty and Coordinators at GCU has ensured that each visit is like a homecoming to me, and several of the student feedback reports in this compilation reflect the warmth and hospitality of the GCU and Scottish people, not to mention the pristine purity and natural beauty of the country itself.

The PSG students at this year’s Summer School were drawn from three Institutions, and carried themselves as perfect ambassadors of their Institutions and of the PSG values. Full credit to them, and the individual feedback reports reflect the extent to which the students benefited from this experience both technically and culturally.

Thanks are due to the Managing Trustee, Director, the Principals of the three Institutions, the Overseas Coordinators, HOD’s of the Departments who have encouraged participation of their students and to all the Faculty members and tutors who have contributed to the success of the GCU Summer School this year. Special thanks to the parents of the students who participated in various meetings and contributed to the overall planning effort.

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PSG STUDENTS AT GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY			
INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL 2018			
Sl.No	NAME	INSTITUTION / DEPT	YEAR
	ACCOMPANYING FACULTY		
	Muralidhar Devarajan	Associate Dean - Higher Education and Training, PSGCT	
	Abdul Aleem	HOD-Civil, PSG iTech	
	STUDENT LIST		
1	Asvanth Krishnasamy	PSG iTech - ECE	Second
2	Karthick Raj Murugan	PSG iTech - ECE	Second
3	Prashuk Jain	PSG iTech - Mechanical	Third
4	Paul Anand	PSG iTech - EEE	Second



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Asvanth K

I'm Asvanth.K studying Electronics and communication engineering at PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research. I attended the International Summer School program offered by Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow.

I, along with other students started our travel to Glasgow from Chennai at 9:00 AM on 17, July, 2018 and reached at 17, July 2018 by 8:30 PM. The taxi was arranged by GCU to the Caledonian court where we stayed for 2 weeks. The accommodation was very good and we were provided with all facilities. On the

first day we were introduced to our module lecturers. We were given the campus tour and Walking tour of Glasgow. We had our classes from the next day.

The module that I chose is was Sustainability challenges in technology, business and health. I learnt about Circular Economy, Design thinking from my course. In addition to it I also got to learn about project management, team collaboration and how to perform research work. The teaching method was so great there. We also visited the recycling plant and learned a lot about technologies employed in the plant to process the waste.

The university arranged a trip to Oban and Loch Ness which was wonderful and we visited many historical monuments there. We visited several other places like Edinburgh during the week end. We learnt a lot about Scottish culture. The university arranged a Ceilidh night where we had a chance to dance the traditional dance of Scotland. It was so much fun and we also had some Scottish food.

Through this program I got to work with an international team of students from different background. I understood the importance of team work. The course offered me self-confidence. I also got to learn about handling responsibility. I got to explore the options available for higher studies in UK. It was also a great learning experience that will be helpful in choosing my career.



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Karthick Raj M

I, Karthick Raj M, am doing second year in Electronics and Communication Engineering at PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research. I have attended a two week Summer school programme at Glasgow Caledonian University dated between 18th July and 1st August. It was my first trip away from home and I was very much excited in attending the summer school. There were a total of 19 students and one accompanying faculty.

The module I chose was Sustainability and Challenges in Business, Technology and Health. I chose this course because I wanted to know the challenges and difficulties faced in business, technology and health. Henceforth, when I become an entrepreneur I will be able to solve my business problems with the help of problem solving techniques I have learnt in this course. In this course I learnt about new concepts, what our society needs and what will happen if these concepts are not implemented in a short while. In our module we had students from USA also.

At the end of our module we were asked to do a project. The project was “Returning used medical containers”. We had to use a short presentation technique called “Pecha Kucha”. The technique was new for our team. It is a 20*20 presentation, which means 20 slides and 20 seconds each. First we felt it would be a difficult to do but we somehow managed and did a good job. And also we were asked to write a Reflective report consisting of 800 words on the project we had done.

On the first day, we had an orientation program. Then we had a campus tour and Glasgow walking tour. The students who attended the summer school were from different countries like USA, Canada and China. Our classes were held only 4 days in a week. And every Friday we had a trip. The first was to Oban and next to the Lochness arranged by the University. In the weekend we travelled to places like Stirling, Edinburgh. We also had fun activities in a day of a week. In the first week we had the quiz activity and in the second we had selfie scavenger hunt which was very interesting.

The breakfast and lunch was provided by the University for students who had chosen the meal plan. And also we were given a 100 £ gift card for the super market named Sainsbury's local. The gift card was very helpful for us as we bought the necessary food items we needed and also a humongous quantity of chocolates for home. We tried many cuisines like Chinese, Italian, Malaysian and Scottish. There was an Indian restaurant called Rishi's Indian Aroma where we spent most of our time.

The people in Glasgow were very sweet and kind. They were the ones who helped us when we were lost in the streets of Glasgow. And also the Professor who taught us was a humorous person. He was a very kind-hearted and lovely person who taught us concepts in the best possible way so that we understand better.

On the whole, Summer school was a very good experience for me. Through this course I got contact with many International students. I have learnt many important things and aspects of life from this course. Collectively, I feel that I have achieved something in my life by opting this course and I feel this is the best two weeks I had in my lifetime.

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Prashuk Jain

I'm Prashuk Jain studying Mechanical engineering at PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research. I attended the International Summer School at Glasgow Caledonian University ,Scotland I was selected as the group representative for boys . I, along with other students started our travel to Glasgow from Chennai. I started the trip with a lot of excitement and nervousness. It was my first time away from home. I was privileged to fly in Emirates flight. The accommodation was really good . We were provided with a lot of facilities. I really loved the place and atmosphere.

I choose my module as entrepreneurship and innovation for social impact. We had a lot of group discussions regarding the business techniques. They also taught about time management and they base entrepreneurship on face to face communications rather than point to point communications. According to them entrepreneurship is not only to earn money but replicating your ideas on large scale basis and for a good cause. We also had a lot of guest lectures where many entrepreneurs from Glasgow were called and we had a discussion with

them. By the end of summer school we were assessed based on our module where we had to pitch out our business plan in a minute which helped me reducing my stage fear and also helped me to gain confidence.

We also got a chance to visit some places like Loch Ness, Oban. As per our wish we visited some places like Stirling, Edinburgh. Being from a mechanical background it was a dream come true moment for me to visit Tesla showroom in Edinburgh. We also got a chance to visit an amazing amusement park which was very different from an Indian theme park. We also had a Ceilidh night arranged by University where I enjoyed the Scottish food and Scottish dance.

Being a vegetarian it was very difficult to find food for me. But there was an amazing Indian restaurant Rishi's –Indian Aroma . We had our dinner mostly there and we even tried out different cuisines such as Italian, Thai, Chinese etc

The University arranged sports facilities for us such as badminton and basketball which was really awesome .

In conclusion I would say that I learnt to be responsible and also gained self confidence.

