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- Samsung Engineering hires five students for their overseas office in Saudi Arabia & Iraq at annual package of USD 27140.
- DE Shaw India offers next best annual package of Rs 18.40 lakh to two students
- Samsung Engineering picks five students at attractive starting salary of Rs 16 lakh per annum for its overseas offices in Saudi Arabia, Iraq
- Microsoft India hires four students at impressive pay packet of Rs 16 lakh per annum
- 687 students of Thapar University have secured jobs with 103 reputed organisations this academic session so far
- TCS, Infosys Technologies, Samsung Research among other top recruiters

Patiala, May 2, 2014: Campus placements for the current batch of students at Thapar University, Patiala have been a resounding success with marquee global and Indian corporate biggies outdoing each other with fat pay packages to recruit young Thaparites graduating from this prestigious university in June.

While 12 students who got placed as web engineers at the Tokyo office of Japanese IT firm Hikari Tsushin have raked in a highly impressive annual package of Rs 23 lakh, the highest for this academic year, DE Shaw India was not far behind in picking two of the brightest students at the university at a substantial package of Rs 18.4 lakh. Global IT giant Microsoft and Samsung Engineering, too, endorsed the academic brilliance at the university by hiring nine students at an attractive starting salary of Rs 16 lakh per annum, way higher than the average starting salaries in India. While Microsoft has hired four students, Samsung Engineering has picked the remaining five for its overseas offices in Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

The list of impressive recruiters and fat pay packets at Thapar University have only got bigger this academic session with 687 students securing placements with 103 top global and Indian corporates, a feat in itself given the economic slowdown.

The strong industry-academia linkages forged by Thapar University, its quality of students and faculty as also the high industry relevance of its professional courses have helped Thapar University emerge as a top draw among some of the biggest corporate names from across the world.

"Students of both undergraduate and postgraduate courses have excelled in their respective disciplines, a fact which has been recognised by recruiters in the current placement season. No wonder, the placements for postgraduate students have improved over last year," said Thapar University Director Prof Prakash Gopalan. "Our job-oriented courses are tailored to meet the growing and ever-changing needs of the industry," he said.

Prof Gopalan is confident that with more corporate houses scheduled to visit the campus in times to come, the placement scenario would get even better. "These impressive placement figures reflect our commitment to secure for our students the most rewarding jobs," he said. Prof Gopalan said many companies which visited the campus were more than impressed by the outstanding calibre of the students. "In fact, many recruiters have gone on record noting that the level of technical expertise that the students demonstrated far exceeded their expectations, another testimony to the quality of teaching and the academic brilliance of the students at the university," he said.

So, it did not come as a surprise when a veritable who's who of global and domestic corporate giants made a beeline for the Thapar University campus. Notable among them were IT giant Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), which hired 103 students, followed by Infosys Technologies (61), American IT biggie IBM (44), Samsung Research (38) and Reliance Industries (35). Some of the other recruiters were L&T Construction, Sandisk Corporation, Deloitte Consulting India, EXL Services, Freescale Semi Conductors Ltd, Edifecs Technologies, Informatica Corporation, ZS Associates, Schneider Electric, Tata Motors, Whirlpool of India, Mondetez International, Crompton Greaves, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd and Trident.

Congratulating the successful students, Prof Gopalan said, "We are proud of them. Given their exposure to industrial processes and their specialised knowledge in core engineering subjects, they will surely make a mark for themselves in their respective careers."

Rohit Agrawal, Director, Talent Acquisition (India, Asia Pacific & Japan), Informatica Corporation, attributed the ability of Thapar University students to develop software solutions to the grooming they have received on the campus. "Their grasping ability is phenomenal. Our association with Thapar University dates back to 2006 when we visited the Thapar University campus for the first time to recruit students for our software product development business, which was at a nascent stage in India then. Over the years, the students we have hired from Thapar University have helped us transform our India Development Centre into one of the most significant and strategic locations through their ability to develop solutions to extremely complex data management problems."

Stating that Thapar University students have the required aptitude as well as the desirable attitude that gels with the industrial work culture, Nehla Sadaf Azmi, Head, Talent Acquisition, India (North), TCS, said, "Technically, the students have a good understanding of the concepts they have studied in their course. Their communication skills and confidence levels also meet industry expectations and standards. They have been groomed well."

Agreed Vinod Rai, Head, Human Resource (Talent Acquisition), Maruti Suzuki. "We found during our interaction with students on the Thapar University campus that they are really good in terms of technical knowledge and conduct, which are among the prime attributes required by corporates. They are performing well in our organisation," said Rai.

About Thapar University

Thapar University, founded in 1956, is housed in a 250-acre campus in Patiala, Punjab. In 1985, it was awarded the status of a deemed university, and from then on took a quantum jump with focus on research and development, along with the need to adapt to the changing needs of the industry and the delivery of state-of-the-art technical and engineering education in India. In 2007, the LM Thapar School of Management was inaugurated. It has evolved over the years to provide management education conducive to the dynamic business environment.

Thapar University is committed to developing high quality, professionally groomed technical and engineering manpower possessing multifaceted personality with respect for professional and social ethics, national values and the spirit of human emancipation. Thapar University believes in providing opportunities to students to broaden their horizons and develop crosscultural perspectives enabling them to engage in the adventure of learning and discovery. Since its inception, nearly 16,000 students have graduated from the university and proceeded to achieve greater heights in their professional careers. The alumni have excelled in varied fields such as business and industry, administrative and regulatory services, research and education and social and human rights organizations. Thapar University is committed to contributing to the country's progress in the field of higher education. The students from Thapar University have found top placements in India and abroad. World-renowned companies include Google Inc., Adobe, Yahoo, Microsoft, Amazon, D C Shaw, Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, UOP Ltd. L&T, Fidelity Investments, Deloitte, Nomura Software, etc visit the university on a regular basis.

Thapar University has created new synergies and enabled opportunities for exchange, dualdegree programmes with overseas universities and established research centres and industrial corporations. Some of the international universities with tie-ups with Thapar University include University of Waterloo, Canada, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA, Trinity College, University of Dublin, Rose Bruford College for Theatre and Performance, University De Aveiro (UA), Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, ISA Group Lille, France, Brown University, USA. Both reputed Indian and international companies are associated with Thapar University for research as well as faculty exchange programmes. These include Intel, Microsoft, Wipro, and Sun, to name a few. Thapar University also has collaborations with various government organizations, including Department of Information Technology, Government of India, Central Scientific Instruments Organization, Chandigarh, Institute for Himalayan Biotechnology, Palampur, and Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun.

Thapar University is also engaged in quality research and consultancy activities. During the last five years, the faculty has published over 2,000 research papers in peer reviewed impact factors journals. In 2012, Thapar University published 316 SCI journal papers. These papers have been cited worldwide and are comparable with the top Indian universities. The faculty has filed 12 patents and the university has 119 ongoing projects with grants of Rs 25.72 crore.

Thapar University is ranked amongst the best worldwide. It is accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council of the UGC as "A" grade among all Indian universities. All its undergraduate programmes are accredited by the National Board of Accreditation. It emerged as the only engineering institute north of Delhi to figure in the list of top 25 engineering colleges released by India Today for 2013. While Thapar University secured the 18th rank in the India Today survey, it was rated as 6th in the category of Top Engineering Colleges of Super Excellence in the Global Human Resource Development Centre (GHRDC)-Competition Success Review (CSR) Engineering College Survey for 2013. Furthermore, the university got the 2nd rank in the GHRDC-CSR survey for top private engineering colleges in India.

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