

## **The power to complete myself**

What is the most important value to me? I have been searching for the answer since I was 16 years old. That time, I was an introvert girl who felt uncomfortable in a crowded area and only focused on studying or stayed at home where was my safest place. Then, I passed an entrance ticket to study in an International University where the hint for my answer came out.

In 2016 when I went to Reutlingen University in Germany for a one-semester exchange program. I determined to observe my own world from various perspectives by getting out of the comfort zone in Vietnam. And I was welcomed by the difference in teaching and learning methods: a much more hands-on approach to learn which concentrated more on practical cases and rational reflection. Although this difference caused me considerable distress, I realized the limitation in my previous learning methods and knew that I needed to change.

While it is important to know how and to know why, it is much more far-reaching to get things done. I actively engaged in academic development and explored opportunities to learn through doing. At Reutlingen University, I felt so fortunate to have been placed a cooperative environment with great support from teachers and international friends. Completing the exchange program within 6 months, I recognized that to attain the unexpected achievements, I should do the unpredictable things, hence courage, which breaks all my previous imaginable limitations, is my decisive value.

I came back Vietnam with a different mind-set towards learning and a strong motivation to have a go at doing what I want to achieve professionally. I immersed myself in working as an intern to enlarge my breadth of vision. Through this, I understood my strengths in time management interpersonal and communication skills. I did reckon acknowledge my weaknesses such as self-doubt. Furthermore, I gained more exposure to the working world and learned from industry leaders who gave me several profound advises that I could not find in any book or exam. Besides working time, sharing my helpful advices for the up-going students to Germany was my most enjoyable task because I could inspire them dare to accept new challenges, to experience more differences around the word in order to cultivate their weaknesses and strengthen capabilities.

With the dream to further uncover my values, I decided to come back Germany where has contributed to my maturity and I pursued master degree in Schmalkalden University. This time, I bring all of my courage, willingness not only to improve my academic and working knowledge but also to elaborate my potential competence. During the academic semester, I passionately participate in the group discussion to enrich the lessons and be willing to present in front of the class to improve the presentation skill. Hence, all of my effort has been confirmed through the 1,65/5 average grade.

This semester scholarship, which plays a meaningful role for my third semester, supports me not only mentally but also materially that I must be well responsible for the scholarship spending on the rental fees and learning materials. Additionally, I am devoting effort to prepare for the upcoming useful and practical thesis topic about marketing strategy which field I am passionate about and absolutely desire to contribute my thesis findings to the international conference with the hope to bring valuable ideas for the business and industry.

Within my perseverance and motivation, I believe that if I am chosen for this scholarship, my third semester and thesis will be more efficiently implemented because I can dedicate as much time as possible to research and brain-storm for the lessons as well as the thesis content. Being granted this scholarship is my great honour and remarkably stimulates my learning endeavour in the long term.