

EVENT REPORT

SAMPARK VI



Alumni and Allies Association
IIM Udaipur



SAMPARK

Sampark is team A4's initiative for helping PGP1 students towards their preparation of summer internship placements. It is a platform where the students can interact with the alumni and get to know the actual nuances of the industry which will help them in carving out their career path. The students are mapped with the alumni who are working in the domain of their interests and thus a student is able to gauge his/her performance and prepare for the summer internships as per the feedback.

SAMPARK 6.0

Sampark 6.0 was organized from September 10th, 2018 to September 16th, 2018 in the form of mock interviews and interactive sessions for PGP1 students by the Alumni (PGP 2011-2016) of IIM Udaipur who have the industry experience and are at the best position to provide valuable suggestions and advice. The alumni took out time of their busy schedule to help the PGP1 students in getting prepared for their first big step towards the placements.

In the past, Sampark programme has not only helped the students in securing good summer placements but also facilitated the interaction of PGP1's with the alumni in the IIMU Community. The IIMU community has always worked as a family since its inception and to further strengthen this bond, Team A4 takes pride in organizing such endeavors.

Sampark 6.0 was conducted at just the right time for the PGP1 students who were under the dilemma with fast approaching summer internship placements that started from Sept 26th, 2018. It helped them attain a better clarity of thought regarding the technicalities involved in the interview processes at IIMU. It also bridged the communication gap between the students and the alumni and provided a mentor for the students for their IIMU journey.

SAMPARK 6.1

After the scintillating success of Sampark 6.0 and due to the multiple requests by PGP1 students, team A4 organized Sampark 6.1 on 22nd and 23rd Sept 2018. Students were impressed by the in-depth feedback given by the alumni and requested the team to conduct another round of interviews specifically for HR questions. The event was organized two days before the summer internship placements began. Team A4, with the wholehearted help and support from alumni, organized interviews for 250 students within a span of two days. The enthusiasm from alumni to help the students on such a short notice was immensely helpful for the students before their actual internship interviews.

THE PROCESS

The first step was to float an interest form among the PGP1 students seeking their interest in Sampark mock interviews and interactive session. 183 PGP1s expressed their willingness to participate. We collected stream interest and resumes from the candidates.

Then, we floated an interest form to the alumni community seeking their help for the interviews and interactive sessions. 71 alumni positively responded to our request. We asked them their area of expertise so that we can map the students accordingly.

We scheduled the interviews, shared the resume of the students with the alumni and arranged interaction sessions through video conferencing on Skype or Google Hangouts and telephonic interviews as per the convenience of the alumni and the candidates.

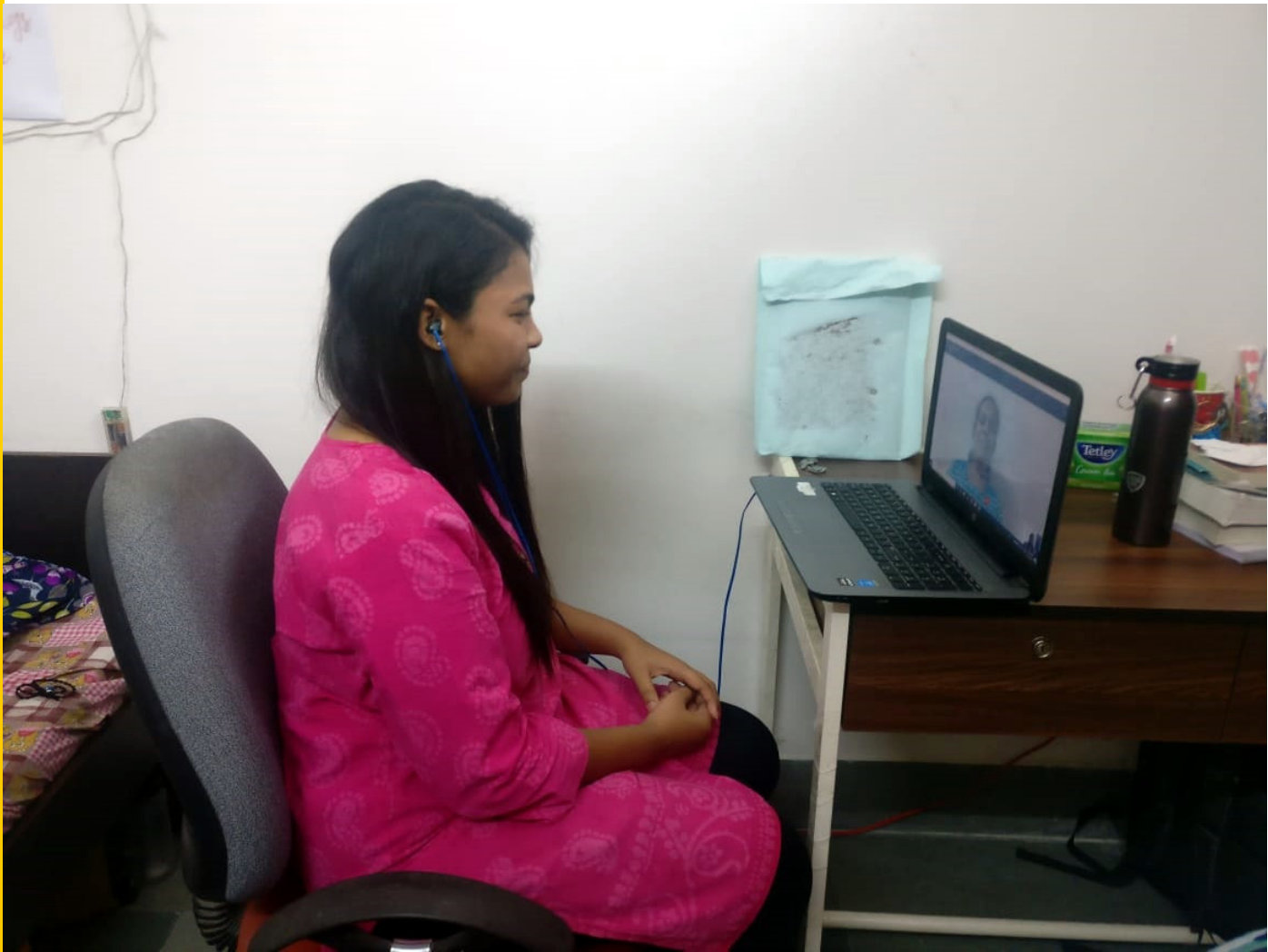
An interview for each PGP1 was organized followed by a feedback session. Feedback sessions were time-independent and solely relied on the mutual satisfaction of PGP1 candidates and the alumni. PGP1s took great advantage of this opportunity by asking all their queries freely, regarding their career choices, industry, formal and informal tips. The alumni also gave suggestion on how to frame the answers in a better way and how to improve the resume.

ALUMNI WHO SUPPORTED AND INTERVIEWED US IN SAMPARK

Aayush Bansal, Ajay CM, Akshay Amitabh, Akshay Bhopale , Aman Agarwal, Amit Kumar, Amogh Sanzgiri, Anchal Katyal, Angad Singh, Ankit Jaiswal, Anoop Ambala, Anurag Gupta, Anurag Nagpal, Ashish Mishra, Ashish Vijay, Ashutosh Palla, Ashvini Kumar, Avinash Chaitanya Vadapalli, Avinash Chandra, Bhavik Vachhani, Chandan Kumar, Chetan Raikar, D R Surendar, Debostuti Das, Deepak Jaiswal, Deepanshi Verma, Gourav Chaudhary, Gudakesh Kumar, Harkishor Sablaka, Hitesh Tejwani, Ishant Saini, Jaspal Singh, Jaspreet Singh, Jaydeep Patwardhan, Jeet Patel, Kinjal Shah, Kshitij Prabhu, Kushal Kumar, Laxmi Damesya, Manjeet Rathod, Mayank Jain, Mehul Popat, Minit Soni, Mohammad Zeeshan, Mrityunjai Kumar Yadav, Nagashruthi Chakilam, Navneet Kumar Sinha, Nikhil Bonde, Nikhil Kaushik, Parikshit Kapila, Peeyoosh Maharana, Poorvi Parswal, Pradeep Rai, Prakhar Vardhan, Prashant Bhansali, Prateek Tarani, Pravin Pawar, Pritam Biswas, Rahul Dsouza, Rahul Gupta, Rahul Verma, Satwik Jena, Seema Kumari, Shravan Punna, Siddarth Bhargava, Siddharth Bathla, Sidharatha Agarwal, Siva Sai Pradeep Rai, Sneha Mittal, Sriharsha Karavadi, Sumit Pant, Supriya Sharma, Swapnil, Tarun Sharma, Umang Somani, Venkatesh Janakiraman, Vijay Chandola, Vikram S Kumar, Vinay Hegde

GLIMPSES OF SAMPARK







TESTIMONIALS BY PARTICIPANTS

Bhumika Manwani

It was an amazing experience. He asked me questions on every aspect such as finance, economics, current affairs, my hobbies, sports I like and my definition of happy life which gave me insight regarding how the actual interview will be. He also gave me a very good feedback by telling me the areas in which I am good and the areas which I lack in. He also told the ways in which I can improve my lackings so in all it was a fruitful experience.

Varun Kelkar

It was a great experience. I learned many things in the process such as how to improve my CV, how to align my CV in the direction I want to pursue. I also got to know the opportunities available in Analytics and how to pursue them forward. He also told me about the questions I might expect and how to tackle them. It was a great interaction with him. I look out to have similar interaction someday. I wished the interaction was a little longer as I was learning many things in the process.

Franklin Sushil Solomon

It was very assuring to talk to someone who has very recently been here in our own shoes so there wasn't any kind of a communication gap as such. The alumnus gave very pointed feedback which I certainly think will help me during placements once I incorporate them into my interview routines - especially the ones on how to sell myself without sounding too desperate. I believe this process gives us a pathway to get to know the alumni better and reach out to them in time of need. On the whole, it was time well spent.

TESTIMONIALS BY PARTICIPANTS

Aleeza Shaikh

It was a good and informative interview. Had questions which made me formulate impromptu answers. The interview was completely based on my CV, to ensure that I had a story behind every point on my CV. Got some very useful feedback about points I hadn't thought about earlier, regarding the effect on my interviewer. All in all, a good session, with loads of useful advice and insight.

Deepak Bohra

The experience was good, in some aspects better than the other mock interviews. I thank the alumni and the A4 team to arrange such events as they help in the identification of weak areas. Here, I got a chance to discuss how I am planning to tackle the weak areas. I really liked the suggestions. The best part was that, it was easy to ask him any question and (maybe because a few years back, he too was in similar shoes) he understood them well.

Vaibhav Verma

It was a good experience. The interview went on for around 45 minutes. The good thing was the detailed feedback at the end of the interview. My interviewer specifically told me about the areas I need to improve in and also answered my queries to satisfaction. He also gave me tips regarding different types of interview questions.