

OUTCOME REPORT

Report on conducting Career Counselling Sessions on 22/May/2024

Organized by:

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Event Details:

Date of the event	22 May 2024
Timing of the event	11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.
Organized by	Amity School of Architecture & Planning, Amity University Madhya Pradesh, Gwalior.
Venue	ASAP Department, C Block, Classroom No. 407
Guest Lecturer	Ar. Praniti Gompa, Customer Success Manager at Fieldwire, a SAAS Construction Technology Start-up in the USA.
Event Coordinator	Ar. Ankush Jaswal, Ar. Manish Kumar Chitranshi, Ar. Pavan Kumar

Attendance: Approximately 40 students from the Bachelor of Architecture, Bachelor of Interior Design, and Masters of Urban and Regional Planning departments.

Objective of the Lecture: The primary aim of the guest lecture is to provide attendees with practical guidance on career planning and decision-making. The session has covered various points which are mentioned below.

1. Understanding individual strengths and interests.
2. Exploring various career paths and opportunities.
3. Developing essential skills for career advancement.
4. Various fields to be considered for studying abroad.
5. Scholarships for the student.

Outcome of the Lecture – Key Topics Discussed:

1. Exams for Pursuing Master's Degrees Abroad:

- **GRE (Graduate Record Examination):** Required by many graduate schools, especially in the USA. It tests verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and analytical writing skills.
- **TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) & IELTS (International English Language Testing System):** These exams measure English language proficiency and are required for non-native English speakers.

- **GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test):** Necessary for MBA programs, focusing on analytical, writing, quantitative, verbal, and reading skills.
- **Country-specific exams:** Some countries have their own entrance exams or requirements, like GATE for some programs in India or the LSAT for law schools in the USA.

2. Best Countries for Higher Studies:

- **USA:** Known for its diverse programs, high-quality education, and extensive research opportunities. Popular fields include technology, business, engineering, and construction management.
- **UK:** Offers prestigious universities with strong programs in architecture, urban planning, and design. Benefits include shorter duration for master's programs.
- **Canada:** Known for its welcoming immigration policies, high-quality education system, and strong emphasis on research and development.
- **Australia:** Offers excellent programs in environmental design, urban planning, and architecture. Known for a good balance between work and study.
- **Germany:** Renowned for engineering and technical programs, many of which are available in English and have low or no tuition fees.

3. Universities with Easy Acceptance Rates:

- **Moderately competitive universities:** Institutions that might have less stringent admission criteria but still provide quality education. Examples include certain public universities in the USA, and universities in countries like Canada and Australia which might be more accessible.
- **Emerging institutions:** Universities in countries like Ireland, New Zealand, and some European countries which offer good programs but are less competitive compared to top-tier schools.

4. Beneficial Fields of Study Abroad:

- **Construction Management:** High demand in countries with large infrastructure projects.
- **Urban Planning:** Beneficial due to global urbanization trends and sustainable city initiatives.
- **Sustainable Architecture:** Focus on green building practices and energy-efficient designs.
- **MBA:** Offers global business perspectives and networking opportunities, especially from reputed institutions.

5. Scholarships for Financial Support:

- **Fulbright Scholarships:** For students pursuing master's or doctoral programs in the USA.
- **Chevening Scholarships:** UK government's global scholarship program.
- **Erasmus Mundus:** Scholarships for various joint master's programs in Europe.
- **University-specific scholarships:** Many universities offer their own scholarships based on merit or financial need.

- **Country-specific scholarships:** Such as the Australia Awards Scholarships or the DAAD scholarships in Germany.

6. Financial Management for Studying Abroad:

- **Budgeting:** Creating a detailed budget covering tuition, accommodation, food, transportation, and personal expenses.
- **Part-time work:** Many countries allow international students to work part-time. For example, students in the UK can work up to 20 hours per week during term time.
- **Student loans:** Options available from home country or in the study destination.
- **Savings and financial planning:** Importance of saving money beforehand and planning finances carefully to avoid debt.

7. Expectations After Completing a Master's Abroad:

- **Job Prospects:** Graduates can expect to find opportunities in global firms, especially in sectors like construction management in the USA, which has a high demand for skilled professionals.
- **Professional Practices:** Exposure to different work cultures and practices, enhancing employability.
- **Networking:** Building a global network of contacts which can be beneficial for career advancement.
- **Career Growth:** Opportunities for rapid career progression due to the advanced skills and global exposure acquired.

8. Construction Management Courses Abroad:

- **Program Overview:** Focus on project management, construction technology, cost estimation, and sustainability.
- **Entrance Exam Preparation:** Importance of strong foundational knowledge, GRE preparation, and relevant work experience.
- **Prospects:** Better job opportunities and higher salary packages compared to domestic programs.
- **Comparison:** International programs often provide practical exposure, industry connections, and a focus on contemporary practices compared to traditional theoretical approaches in India.

Here are some of the photos of guest lecture interaction with the students.







