

Alumni Testimonials 2025

M.SC. IN STATISTICS,
UNIVERSITI MALAYA

Lau Xiao Hoong

(B.Sc. Mathematics, Universiti Malaysia Sabah)

2015/2016 cohort

“Through the programme, I was able to sharpen my logical thinking and deepen my understanding of statistical concepts. It helped me tremendously in assessing risks for proper decision making in my daily work.

I had fond memories of solving problems in the Rosalind platform, which was the most enjoyable assignment I’ve ever had.

Being an alumnus helped launch my career in the Risk space, I’d recommend anyone to enroll in the programme for better career prospects.”

*Xiao Hoong is currently Manager at the Financial Crime Compliance Model Validation Unit at Standard Chartered Global Business Services.





Lau Chia Chong (B.Sc. Statistics, UM) 2019/2020 cohort

“The programme honed my real-world application skills and enhanced my problem-solving abilities. The emphasis on research skills also empowered me to synthesise new knowledge that helps foster my professional growth and development.

The Statistical Consultancy and Data Analysis course remains my most memorable experience from the programme. It revealed the art of professional analysis and the science of effectively communicating statistical knowledge to stakeholders.

As an alumnus, I am proud and confident about my future job prospects - thanks to this programme.”

*Chia Chong is currently Senior Algorithm Engineer at Ant International.

Chin Mun Kit (Jake)

(B.Sc. Actuarial Science, UTAR)

2020/2021 cohort

“This programme has helped me strengthen my statistics foundation and enhanced my research capability to work in data field, as well as improving my communication skills with different stakeholders.

One of the memorable experience in this programme was acting as a consultant to provide statistical advice to researchers. This improved my communication skills in explaining technical jargons to a non-technical audience, which happens most of the time in reality where we will need to present hard technical knowledge in layman terms understood by the management / stakeholders.

I never regret joining this programme as I had a wonderful experience learning from different lecturers.”

*Jake is currently Senior Manager at Bursa Malaysia.





Izzaty Izyani Japar

(B.Sc. Mathematics, UPM)

2020/2021 cohort

“I thought I could not code until I enrolled on this programme. Using R in almost every lecture boosted my confidence in coding - an essential expertise as a statistician.

During my studies, I had the opportunity to participate in various webinars, an international conference, and even a virtual international summer school, where I met many new friends locally and abroad.

My experience in this programme was superb! Joining it was one of the best decisions I have made in my entire life. This programme was what I needed before starting my PhD journey to becoming a medical statistician one day.”

*Izzaty is currently a PhD student at the Department of Statistical Science, University College London, UK.

Ting Sie Kim

(B.Sc. Mathematics, USM)

2020/2021 cohort

“The programme has allowed me to deepen my knowledge in various areas of statistics, ranging from mathematical statistics to advanced applied statistics such as machine learning, enabling me to excel in my professional stations.

The interactive nature of the lectures and the opportunity to collaborate with peers on hands-on assignments were memorable.

Being an alumnus of the programme fills me with a sense of accomplishment – I gained a strong knowledge foundation, credibility, and confidence in my field of expertise.”

*Sie Kim is currently a consumer analytics model validator at Citi Bank.





Sarkaaj Singh

(B.Sc. Mathematics, Open University Malaysia)

2021/2022 cohort

“The programme has contributed greatly to honing my statistical maturity. It helped me change my views on what mathematical modelling is, and what it means to produce meaningful research.

My favourite aspect of the programme was the year-long research project. It allowed me to transcend my erstwhile limitations by tackling academic-level problems under the guidance of my professor.

I am grateful to be an alumnus. I received excellent mentoring from my professors, and forged friendships along the way. I can now confidently tackle real world problems with the skills I’ve learned.”

*Sarkaaj is currently a Ph.D. student at the Faculty of Medicine, UM.

Ng Kim Xiong

(B.Sc. in Actuarial Studies, UTAR)

2021/2022 cohort

“The programme sharpened my critical thinking and presentation skills, enabling me to bridge technical and business needs - skills that have been crucial in my transition into deploying credit score cards in the banking industry.

What I find most memorable is the guidance from the lecturers —their willingness to share practical insights and support beyond the classroom truly deepened my understanding and made the learning experience impactful.

I’m proud to be an alumnus of the programme - not only for the university’s strong academic standing, but also for the valuable connections it offers through respected professors and a wide network of successful alumni in the industry.”

Kim Xiong is currently Assistant Manager at the Credit Risk Modelling Division at Public Bank, Malaysia.





Marc Phoon Kun-Phang
(B.Sc. Economics, University College London, UK)
2021/2022 cohort

“The programme provided robust theoretical and empirical foundations for statistical thinking and modelling, which led to significant improvements in my academic and professional life.

I liked the vibrant learning and collaborative environment. The programme is led by highly knowledgeable and engaging faculty members and attracts bright and inquisitive students.

I am pleased to have been a part of a community dedicated in advancing statistical knowledge and applications.”

* Marc is currently a PhD student in the Katz Graduate School of Business, University of Pittsburgh, USA.



Wang Qian
(B.Engineering, Jinan University,
China)
2021/2022 cohort

“The program strengthened my statistical foundation, enhanced my research skills, and sparked my passion for data analysis, paving the way for my Ph.D. studies in statistics.

The most memorable aspect was conducting my master's thesis on time series modeling, which deepened my analytical thinking and gave me confidence to pursue advanced research in statistics.

I feel proud and grateful to be an alumnus of the MSc in Statistics programme—it equipped me with strong analytical skills and opened doors to exciting academic and professional opportunities.”

Wang Qian is currently pursuing her Ph.D. studies at the University of Windsor, Canada.

Tan Jiaming
(B.Sc. Applied Statistics, Hubei University,
China)
2022/2023 cohort

"The programme equipped me with advanced statistical capabilities to enhance project visibility and gain competitive analysis through data-driven insights.

For me, the statistical consulting course was pivotal – its structured approach to translating raw data into strategic business solutions became the foundation for my data-driven decision-making in sales.

I am proud to be able to transform the statistical rigour I learned into strategic business solutions, where data-driven insights continually elevate decision-making processes and operational excellence."

*Jiaming is currently Sales Manager at AAA Technologies, China.





Zhao Xiu
(B.Sc. Applied Statistics, Shanxi University of
Finance and Economics, China)
2022/2023 cohort

“The programme strengthened my statistical expertise and analytical mindset, enabling me to handle complex challenges and grow professionally.

What I remember most are those late-night group discussions where diverse perspectives sparked breakthroughs, creating challenging yet ultimately rewarding teamwork experiences that brought us profound accomplishment.

I feel proud and grateful as an alumnus, having gained valuable knowledge, personal growth, and a multicultural experience that continue shaping my confidence and professional journey.”

*Zhao Xiu is currently an Information Officer at Taiyuan Public Transport Holdings (Group) Co., Ltd, China.



Wong Wenjia B. Economics (UM) 2022/2023 cohort

“The programme bridged theory and practice in quantitative work, enhancing both my mathematical judgment and programming skills, and helping me strike a better balance between statistical thinking and technical implementation.

The diverse backgrounds of course mates and interactive sessions with lecturers created a dynamic learning environment, offering multiple perspectives on projects and fostering meaningful collaboration across disciplines and experiences.

I’m proud to be an alumnus! Despite a steep learning curve from my finance and economics background, it was a worthwhile investment that deepened my data and modeling expertise.”

* Wenjia is currently Principal Analyst at the Quantitative Research Department, Blacksire Group.