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My name is Rita YOUNES. I obtained a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer and Communication Engineering from Notre Dame University in Lebanon. Then I obtained a Master's degree in Wireless Embedded Technologies at Polytech' Nantes.

Why did you choose France and particularly Nantes for your studies ?

France is home to some of the world's top universities and business schools. Especially, it has a strong tradition of research and development. The country is at the forefront of scientific advancements and innovations, offering ample opportunities for research students. I chose Nantes in particular since I obtained the *Isite Next* Scholarship.

Which programme did you follow at Polytech' Nantes and how did you first hear about it ?

I first heard of the programme through the Campus France portal, where I applied to multiple universities and programmes in France.

What about student life at Polytech' ?

Although I wasn't involved in any student associations during my time at Polytech', my Master's programme allowed me to meet wonderful colleagues with whom I shared classes and formed lasting connections. The professors were extremely kind and understanding, especially in accommodating the language barriers that some of my peers faced, which created a welcoming and supportive atmosphere for all of us.

What do you do now?

After finishing my Master's degree, I obtained a PhD in electronics, microelectronics, nanoelectronics, and microwaves from the university of Lille. Currently, I am a post-doctorate at IEMN in Lille.

Do you think your studies at Polytech Nantes helped you get this position ?

Indeed, my studies at Polytech' paved the way for me to pursue and obtain a PhD in electronics, microelectronics, nanoelectronics, and microwaves from the University of Lille. Securing a PhD position as a fresh graduate from Lebanon, especially after completing engineering studies, is incredibly challenging. However, the research-oriented programme provided me with the foundation and opportunities to step into the academic field, opening doors that might have otherwise been closed.

What's your best memory of your time in Nantes ?

The time spent at Polytech' has given me countless memories, but the best one is getting to discover a new city and a new country along the way. I especially remember going on day trip to Clisson, organized by the university, where we spent the day visiting the city and the castle. It made me fall in love with the historic culture we find in France.

Do you have any advices/tips for future international students ?

I would tell future international students to go ahead and jump into this opportunity, don't be afraid of the language barrier.