

STORY OF

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Hello, welcome to my startup JOURNEY!



Hello! I just graduated from JC a year ago and this is my story

During my first internship at SPRING Singapore on 2013, I had the opportunity to interact with....



A startup started by SMU students



TIME VOYAGER

Game developer Company

i DISPLAY

Interactive Digital Displays



I want to learn everything I can about startups



I love the thought of me being useful and valuable to those startups one day



After 3 months

I knew I had the passion for entrepreneurship because...



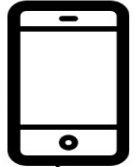
Because I love this so much, a promise I made to myself is to capture each and every opportunity I can get to gain exposure to anything related to entrepreneurship and startups, be it on a national and international level.



TSM encapsulated exactly what I am passionate about and I have decided to take this leap of faith and sign up for this.



I BELIEVE KOREAN STARTUPS WOULD HAVE AN IMPACTFUL IMPACT ON DIGITAL SERVICE & MEDIA. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW THE CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT HAS CHANGED WHICH SUDDENLY SPARKED OFF THIS STRONG INTEREST IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AMONG THE LOCALS.



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



What types of internship opportunities interest you?

I would definitely be interested to intern in a startup, especially when they are in their SEEDS stage, particularly when I get to work with younger individuals earlier in their careers. Nowhere else will you get the diverse set of experiences and visibility that you can get in an early-stage startup. Also, I will be interested to work in an accelerator because it gives me the experience and exposure on how these accelerators help startups refine their business ideas, pitch their ideas and get investors to invest in them.

Any ideal firms (based in South Korea) that you wish to join? Startups with the right culture?

Honestly, I have not gained any exposure to startups at SEEDS stage in Korea. If I do and I have the opportunity to work with them, **WHY NOT!**

BUT...there are certain criteria the company I work for must possess

THE MUST-HAVE!



There must be a certain parity in founder's objectives or there will definitely be a fair amount of conflict in the near future, which would potentially destroy the entire startup.



Apart from being able to value-add to the business, I need to know how much I will learn and gain out of this internship opportunity



My ability to work well with the team. Startup teams are usually a very close-knit group. There's nowhere to hide. Hence if I don't get along with just about everyone there, life is going to be hard. It will also cripple both the experience and learning benefit I can gain out of the startup

PAST EXPERIENCE (ENTREPRENEURSHIP, OR WORKS IN START UPS ETC



