

# VIDYALANKAR & PENN STATE TIE UP

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After the students acquire their degree, they can either get lucrative jobs or can pursue their master's and/or doctoral programmes.

IST alumni are pursuing graduate studies in master's or doctoral programmes at prestigious universities like - Cornell University, North Carolina State University, Temple University, Duke University, University of Maryland, MIT, Lincoln Labs, Syracuse University, University of Pennsylvania etc.

Placements:

Well before graduation, more than 90 per cent of the 1ST class has either accepted full-time positions or has been admitted to graduate schools. For those entering the workforce, their average starting salaries are \$56,185 -and signing bonuses - \$4,350 approximately, are among the highest in the country. Penn State 1ST students are being hired as information systems analysts, security administrators, across industries like financial services, defense companies, consulting, manufacturing, healthcare and pharmaceutical corporations.

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Here are some companies and organisations that have hired IST graduates:

Accenture, AT & T Deloitte, Johnson & Johnson, JP Morgan Chase and Co, Kraft, Merrill Lynch, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Toshiba etc.

Students speak on Vidyalankar...

-Shantanu Rajadhyaksha

(Class Representative) says,

"Every course was conducted effectively, while retaining curiosity and interest of the concerned students till the very end.

The associated faculty was excellent and special thanks needs to be extended to them, as they were entirely student oriented and simply did not fail the expectations of students. In-depth learning became increasingly interesting and possible through an exposure to fresh methodology of teaching like quizzes, presentations, projects, group discussions etc."

