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With globalisation providing a level playing field, there is a need for a common platform of internationally accepted education, enhancing working in a global environment. Tie-ups with internationally acclaimed educational institutions have opened new opportunities for global careers to aspiring students.

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» THE VIDYALANKAR TEAM AT PENN STATE SIGNING THE AGREEMENT



» VSIT- Penn State Graduates -2010

Vidyalankar School of Information Technology (VSIT) has been instrumental in building rewarding careers for its students who are placed globally. Started under the

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aspirants Engineering aspirants and ensures that students become competent professionals at a global level performing optimally from day one.

Getting a Master's Degree from US is a frequently followed path by Engineers but getting a Bachelor's degree from a top-ranked US school is a rare event. Vidyalankar has made this opportunity within the reach of a large community of students by collaborating with the PennState University

The four-year program schedule is divided into the first two years at Vidyalankar followed by two years at PennState University with an option to major in Information Technology (Integrated and applications) or Information Systems (Design and Development). A great combination of IT and Management Studies, the degree conferred at the end of the course, B.S. (IST) is in high demand internationally. At the end of the day a Bachelor's Degree in America is viewed with respect all across the world. This happening at half the cost is even more heartening to Indian students.

"It is a nice fusion of best of both the worlds," says Prof Ravindra Nad-karni, Dean (Academics) of Vidyalankar Group of Educational Institutes. It safeguards the students from sudden exposure to the US ways of studying and living at a relatively young age by engaging in a gradual manner.

Vidyalankar is proud of its partnership with the highly reputed PennState University. Ranked 7th in the US, with 24 campuses, 90,000 students and offering more than 200 majors and master / doctoral programs in more than 130 fields, PSU combines the personal care and

atmosphere of an elite private university with the resources of a major research university. The successful collaboration between these two positive educational institutions brings about the most meaningful world class educational experience in information technology and management studies to Indian students. Drawing from their myriad of experiences combining sound theoretical learning with hands- on practices at Vidyalankar and PennState, these students get groomed to become global leaders in an increasingly competitive world. PennState IST students are sought after as information system analysts or security administrators across a large array of key industrial sectors like finance, defence, consulting, manufacturing, health care, pharmaceuticals, and environmental research.

Vidyalankar's tie-up with the prestigious PennState University in 2006 has worked out to be an extremely successful venture. Vidyalankar - PennState student community has grown to over 50 students and now is in its fifth year of its operation. The first batch of 10 students graduated in 2010 with all of them getting placed in top establishments. One of them, Bhaskar Suryakumar even topped amongst all the PSU campuses, with a GPA of 3.99 and was conferred with the "Key Stone Honour Award."

As Dr. Joel Rodney, Chancellor, PSUY, USA, says, "Having Vidyalankar students at PennState is a real asset. Vidyalankar students have not only excelled in academics but also in extra curricular events at PennState. One great instance is that PennState now has a cricket Team led by Vidyalankar student Kiran Modi. Vidyalankar trains these students so well that they are easily inducted into the PennState style."

Leaving the cocooned comfort of college and joining an internationally reputed institution can be an intimidating experience to students. Vidyalankar understands the apprehensions of students and parents and has gone all out to

ensure that the transition takes place smoothly It effectively grooms the candidate in a special way by simulating the US educational system in the initial two years at VSIT. Vidyalankar helps the students with the admission procedure.

Since Vidyalankar students go to PSU in a group, there are definite advantages such as sharing of accommodation, which creates an 'Indian environment' and works out to be less expensive in the long run. (Graduate from Penn State Vidyalankar Student Shantanu Rajadhyakshya says, "Spending two years at VSIT opened a whole new world to me. Here at Vidyalankar success is defined not only on one's test grades but also through one's overall development. I have had pleasure of being taught by exceptional faculty. I understood the importance of working hard to achieve success. The individual attention and mentoring by VSIT faculty made me confident enough to excel amongst the other international students at PennState." Dr. Vijay Khole, Chairman, Task Force Committee of Indo-US Summit on Higher Education 2010 has congratulated Dr. Rodney on the collaborative success with Vidyalankar School of Information Technology and lauded him on his choice of college for a tie-up. The participants of the summit acknowledged the tie-up between Vidyalankar and PennState University as the most notable feature of the Indo-US Summit 2010. He further adds, "During my tenure as Vice-Chancellor of University of Mumbai, I have seen Vidyalankar School of Information Technology growing and making excellent progress. The college has excellent and dedicated teaching staff. The management is very dynamic, yet has true academic approach in every endeavour."

This high profile association has every ingredient for success. For students considering foreign education, this tie-up could be the best available option.