

# A Purposeful Voyage

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Putra Danish, an MPA Mid-Term Scholar, is currently in his third year of Computer Engineering in the National University of Singapore (NUS). He is looking forward to a five-month exchange in the Technical University of Munich, Germany, beginning 1 April 2020.



There's a common misconception that scholarships are only available before you graduate, and you have to have it all planned out by the time you set foot in university. But as Maritime Port Authority (MPA) Scholar Putra Danish showed us, a scholarship can be awarded for good academic results in university, rather than before it.

"After year one in the National University of Singapore, I received an email from Brightsparks to apply for scholarships. Thankfully I did well for my first year of studies and decided to try and apply," he recounted. Feeling modest and a little uncertain at that juncture, he applied for the scholarship "in secrecy". Even his parents were unaware of what he did.

But there were other compelling reasons to try for the coveted award. For one, Putra will be able to apply what he has learnt in university at MPA. "I frequently read about MPA moving forward into the next technological generation in the coming years and that was very exciting for me, as I study computer engineering," he explained.

"As MPA and Maritime Singapore tap on digitalisation and innovation for new growth opportunities, I am confident that my NUS programme will prepare me well so that I can contribute meaningfully to MPA.

Personally, I hope to be able to work on big data projects that will support policy making and decision-making."

From being unsure and irresolute, Putra now looks firmly towards his future, guided by MPA.

## ORGANISATION

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## SCHOLARSHIP

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) scholarship offers exciting opportunities to live life on the edge a little. You will study at world-class universities, work on overseas assignments, and gain valuable exposure to the thriving maritime industry.

In other words, you will be embarking on an amazing career at the heart of MPA, the national agency that drives Singapore's premier global hub port and international maritime center.

## SCAN TO APPLY

