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PROGRAM AND YEAR OF GRADUATION:
FULL-TIME MBA 2020

Why did you decide to pursue an MBA at SFU's Beedie School of Business?

SFU's Beedie School of Business is located in downtown Vancouver, surrounded by big national and international companies like ICBC, Microsoft, Deloitte, etc. Compared to other MBA programs, SFU Beedie's MBA program offers a small class size of 50 students, which allows students to work more closely with each other and the professors. The Career Management Centre provides one-to-one meetings with MBA students for professional career support. This program encourages students to view business and the society from different perspectives, becoming more comprehensive as the result.

What is it like to study and live in Vancouver, Canada?

I moved from Montreal three years ago to Vancouver Island. In my opinion, Vancouver is a young city with energetic people and attractive businesses. The diversity makes the academic life more comprehensive because students can actively engage in critical thinking. The weather is a highlight of Vancouver compared to the east coast. More and more international headquarters, like Amazon, are settling in Vancouver and providing more opportunities for new graduates and experienced professionals. Meanwhile, people who live in Vancouver have a great work-life balance.

What has been your favourite moment or experience at SFU Beedie so far? What are you looking forward to?

The orientation week was my favourite moment because it was not only an opportunity to meet everyone from the same cohort, but from other cohorts as well. The orientation week gave new students the opportunity to know more about the curriculum and co-curricular activities from last cohort. I'm looking forward to the international trip since it will give us some new ideas about business markets in other countries.

How would you describe SFU Beedie's culture?

Diversity is part of SFU Beedie's culture which allows students to exchange ideas from different cultures, academic, and work backgrounds. Moreover, the mix of backgrounds encourages students to listen, respect each other, and solve potential conflicts. The Beedie School of Business motivates students to think globally and sustainably. Plus, SFU Beedie aims to form students into social responsible individuals.

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