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What motivated you to study Engineering/IT?

I was motivated to study IT primarily for three reasons: seeking better job opportunities and to improve my position, I was desiring a new challenge and recognized the significance of IT.

How would you describe your studies?

The study program was very application oriented. Due to the many offers of the HTW, I was able to participate in many international projects.

The combination of a business perspective paired with research and theory was a valuable addition for me.

How did you experience the GWiEIT summer school? What's your favorite memory?

In addition to the opportunity to travel to Sydney, the summer school gave me the chance to work on a project with an industrial partner in an international team and to gain a lot of valuable experience. One of my favorite experiences was to see how incredibly sovereign UTS is in dealing with discrimination. A very desirable standard that European institutions could take as a model.

What would you recommend to women who just started their IT/Engineering studies?

Create an environment that supports your personal development and self-realization. Address obstacles that hinder your optimal growth, collaborate with others, and bring about change. Don't be discouraged by naysayers. You are important and you have power, so think outside the box work together!