

Point of View: “You will gain knowledge that you can apply throughout your life”

Testimonial: Chakrapani SHARMA (CP) chose the International MBA at RMS and discovered a passion for strategic analysis after beginning his career in Business Intelligence consulting.



“I grew up near Jaipur in North India and graduated there as an engineer in 2005. Capgemini hired me as a Business Intelligence Consultant, and I enjoyed the work. But I could see gaps in my knowledge. I thought that I needed a global view, and that sooner or later I would need an MBA, so I started researching my options.

I had never thought of coming to France, but I was attracted to RMS by the one-year full-time IMBA. I discovered that RMS is one of the best management schools in France and realised that it would be really good for me to go to a non-Anglophone country, while the average age of participants, at 30 years, was appealing. And for me, the programme was the best value for money. The way RMS handled the whole process of

selecting candidates was hugely impressive.

When I started the programme I was open to everything. Once I started exploring the electives, I was fascinated by the strategy options. You need to understand marketing, finance, operations management... Two professors especially inspired me: Raymond OUELLET and Dominique GARVAL. In addition to the hard skills I gained many soft skills. The intercultural experience was very important, helping me develop cultural sensitivity and learn to deal with clashes of personality. RMS gave me a chance to really think about what I wanted to do. For the Business Plan, the culmination project of the programme, I looked at setting up a business school in India, and drawing up the business plan was a driver for the job I do today.

My promotion left RMS in July 2009, in the depths of the financial crisis, so I took an internship in Nice, France, with Amadeus, a leading provider of solutions for the airline and travel industry. Within months I was hired by Amadeus, and now I conduct strategic studies on varied mission-critical subjects, and support Amadeus leadership take better decisions in defining their product strategy and portfolio vision for the future. This role is really interesting, and it is sharpening my business consulting skills.

In time, I want to work in different countries, in different roles, become a real global citizen.

One day I want to try out my own business idea, and bring a different educational experience to India. When established, I'd like to set up a scholarship for people from India and Mexico to attend RMS. It is a great institution, with great pedagogy, where you will find a melting pot of different cultures.