



1st Batch of PhD Students Participating in Overseas Training Residency at Carnegie Mellon University

The inaugural batch of 5 PhD students participated in the overseas training residency at Carnegie Mellon and they departed for Pittsburgh in August 2011. The students are being hosted at the Heinz College.

During the overseas training residency, they will conduct their dissertation research on LARC projects, under the joint supervision of SMU and CMU faculty. They will also get to register for 1 formal course in each academic term.

Visit our website for more information on the programme:

<http://www.larc.smu.edu.sg/LARC-overseas-PhD-residency.html>

Our home for the next 10 months...

Our experiences at CMU...

CMU has a unique atmosphere for effectively learning knowledge and conducting scientific research... we can meet CMU professors or PhD students, and collaborate with them on some interesting and exciting research topics.

~ **ZHANG Jilian**

Thanks to the LARC programme, I have the chance to discuss and exchange research ideas with various people here who have different knowledge background and different research experiences. I am presently working on a project, which I believe is helpful and usable for people in their daily life.

~ **LI YAN**



L-R: Li YAN, Freddy CHUA, ZHANG Jilian, Payas GUPTA and YAN Qiang

I was in doubt and I chose a change. My life got better, not by chance but by that change. I met people about whom I had only read before, I worked on projects which I always wanted to explore. With new perspectives and new goals, this was just simply not an 'exchange'.

~ **Payas GUPTA**

It will be a challenge to raise your CMU advisor's interest in your research topic. But if you manage it, you will learn what is high quality research.

Pittsburgh is a peaceful city where you can find peace of mind.

~ **YAN Qiang**

The LARC programme has given me an opportunity to work with other researchers and professors in a related but different field of research. The project I work on in LARC tests how well I adapt to working on new problems that are different from my dissertation work. Being far away from SMU makes it more difficult to communicate with my dissertation advisor but it develops my ability to do independent research in my advisor's absence.

~ **Freddy CHUA**