

## Alumni profiles - Michelle Ngiam

### Biomedical Materials Science (2005)



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### What are your career experiences since graduating from the University of Birmingham?

I worked in start-up companies on medical devices and software for a short stint of eight months prior to my PhD admission. My 4-year PhD was in bioengineering at the National University of Singapore. My dissertation was on bone tissue engineering.

### What is the best thing about what you are doing now?

Enjoying my life!

### What was the best thing about your time as a student here?

Making great friends whom I am still closely in touch with! In fact, we visited each other since we graduated in 2005, even though we come from different countries!

### In what way did living and studying in Birmingham live up to your expectations?

Living abroad was an excellent experience, something which I won't trade for. The friends, tutors and warm welcome extended to me during my candidature at Birmingham made my stay truly enjoyable

### What advice would you give to current students studying on your degree programme?

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### How did you grow as a person by coming to University? Did it change your life in any way?

Living away from home had built up my character and it also changed my perspectives in life, that there are so many untapped opportunities out there. I have also learned how to cook, which is great because I love food!