NTU Career Fair 2012 sees record number of 221 employers

Despite the modest economic outlook, a record number of 221 Singapore and multinational organisations is zeroing in on Nanyang Technological University (NTU) students at this year’s NTU Career Fair, which runs on Feb 7 and 10.

In total, there are about 3,000 job openings at this year’s Fair, offered by well-known companies such as Credit Suisse and ExxonMobil. Close to 15,000 students are expected to attend the event, including more than 8,000 final-year students who will graduate in July this year.

Internship ‘conversions’ to full-time positions are expected to increase this year as well. Internships have proven to be effective talent-spotting for organisations as they extend offers of full-time employment to students who have held internships with their firms. For the Class of 2010, nearly 800 out of about 4,000 undergraduate students surveyed by the university had received job offers from their internship companies. In that year, about 4,300 NTU students did their internships at more than 1,200 organisations worldwide, such as global technology company 3M, the Big Four accounting firms, Lucasfilm Animation and power systems giant Rolls-Royce.

Credit Suisse and ExxonMobil were honoured as major employers at the NTU Career Fair on Tuesday. The two companies have converted a high percentage of NTU interns to full-time hires over the years, and have employed a total of 100 or more students over five consecutive years. At ExxonMobil, which hired over 150 NTU graduates in the last five years, about four out of 10 were employed through internships programmes, and a third was recruited through campus recruitment activities.

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