

Hi Foo Ying, welcome to the team! What encouraged you to intern with WOMAG?

Thank you! I applied for the internship position with WOMAG because I knew it would provide me with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a professional work environment alongside the opportunity to broaden my network from a wide range of fields. Being a medical student is hard work and can be stressful in times, and I believe my time with WOMAG will help me improve my time management and prioritization skills.

What does gender equality mean to you? Why does it matter to you?

Gender equality, to me, is having equal chances and recognition, and allowing everyone the opportunity to realise their full potential. According to a wise woman - Maya Angelou - it is critical for the world to acknowledge and honour our heroes and she-roes!

For my medical studies, research showed that women often receive poorer medical treatment than men. Sexism in the medical research community results in subpar care. Diseases that afflict women more than men are understudied. Medical experts frequently do not take them seriously. This is the last thing I want to witness as a future medical practitioner and that is why gender equality is important to me.

How does this internship fit with your longer-term professional goals?

As a university student who is pursuing her dream to be successful in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) field as a medical doctor, I have noticed an under-representation of women in the field. With this internship I hope to make meaningful connection with successful women from the agriculture and food industry, learn from them, and apply some of their advice/ lessons to the medical field. Together with them I believe we can amplify the voices of women across all sectors.

What is one thing you hope to learn during your internship?

Through interaction and working with the WOMAG community, I hope to gain confidence in social interaction among working professionals and improve my communication skills.

What is one thing you are excited to contribute to WOMAG during the internship?

Joining WOMAG is an amazing experience in and of itself. What excites me most is that I can practise my time management and prioritization skills, learn to be more resourceful and leverage the power of the WOMAG community to work effectively.

Nothing can distract me while I am focused on a task, and this aspect of my personality ensures that I complete my tasks on time.

Self-motivation is another of my strengths that I am excited to contribute to WOMAG. When I am self-motivated, I immediately carry the duty in the proper direction. Self-motivation drives me to study more and learn more about the agriculture sector.

