

Atziri Hernández Carrillo  
IAP Experience 2018

My experience at IAP was very nurturing, there were several activities on this 3-week program such as Industry Speakers from companies of different fields sharing their experience about how they are managing their supply chain. I learned from those talks that not one Supply Chain solution is suitable for every company, that you need to know the company environment and find the most suitable solution for your company and even tropicalize many solutions into one feasible for your company.

We had different courses such as Retail Operations, SC software, Green Supply Chain, Leadership, among others. What I found very interesting is that every course was really interesting and showing us different perspectives of Industries around the world. The sharing of experiences among the professors and students made the courses interesting allowing a good discussion regarding every topic. The disadvantage was that even though you wanted to assist to every seminar, some of them were at the same hour, so it was not possible to attend to all of them.

The activities and projects we have to work on those weeks were very interesting and fun, in a way in which you get to know people from different countries and cultures and building a project with different points of view was challenging and fun. I enjoyed every project we had to do, I was very lucky to have excellent team work attitude from every person in the teams I was part of.

In the Fresh Connection game, in which in a simulation game they give you a company that has negative R.O.I and together with your team have to make decisions to improve the profitability of the company, was a very enriching experience. Getting to know in a simulation game how can decisions in one area in a company can have an impact on another one. Knowing how to work with different cultures with a team work vision is a challenge to develop, but once you dominate that, I saw you can do great things and we could manage to have a 37.40% of ROI as a team.

Another important activity we had was the research Expo. We have the opportunity to explain to our colleagues, professors and Industry people what we have been working on, the stage of our research and how applicable is for some industries. I can say that I enjoyed it a lot, to share with them your research and also to hear from them their point of view enhanced and widened my vision about my thesis project.

Over all, the opportunity to go and have a multicultural experience with new Industry trends applicable in the supply chain was very nurturing for me. Knowing colleagues from different centers and background gave me the chance to expand my contact network.

This 3-week program has also some areas of opportunity, one thing I noticed was that in every lecture that was to be imparted by Industry speakers or professors from other centers they got the help from MIT staff for any need they would have, thing that Unfortunately I didn't see for our MISI faculty.