



Career Chronicle

preparing you for the future

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Greetings from CGP

Welcome to the 9th edition of our Career Chronicle!

2019 was a great year, full of effective career related activities and programs.

A good number of events took place on the campus. Especially, seminars and campus recruitment programs by Prime Bank, Berger, KITC, BKash, Banglalink etc. were very effective and an eye-opener for our students to be successful in their job hunts. The expectations of the employers and the selection process, as emphasized by the Experts, would definitely help our students stand out in the competitive job market.

'Smart Center', a one stop support center for all career related activities, started its journey in 2019. It was established with the aim of providing even better and more effective career services to our students.

Last but not the least, your feedback is extremely important and critical to us. We welcome your suggestions, feedback and recommendations on CGP activities in general and this newsletter in particular. Please feel free to contact us at cgp@iub.edu.bd

Finally, our best wishes for 2020. Good Luck!

Md. Abdullah Iqbal
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Smart Center A One Stop Career Related Services Center for all IUBians opens in CGP

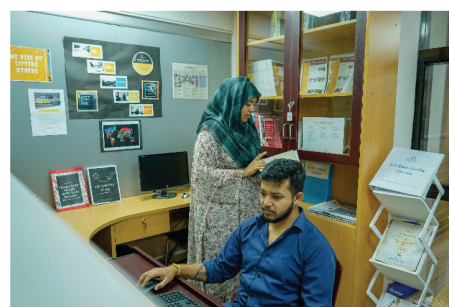
As a part of providing better, faster and effective career services the Office of Career Guidance and Placement (CGP) successfully set up the 'Smart Center'- an 'all in one' career services facility. The purpose of the Smart Center is to render

companies/prospective employers, go through the demo video on good and bad interview techniques and read various career related literature and resources available at the Smart Center library to guide students to be job smart.



all career related services required by the students under one roof, to make them ready to take effective first steps towards their career. All IUBians can avail this service to plan their careers; write, edit and print CVs using sample CVs and similar other career related services. Students can also gather important information on

Services like individual one-on-one career counselling and mock interviews are provided as well to make the student stand out in the job market. Besides, all current job openings/vacancies are updated regularly and can be accessed from the Smart Center.



Managing Director, Prime Bank Ltd. introduces the Management Trainee Program 2020

Mr. Rahel Ahmed, Managing Director & CEO, Prime Bank Ltd. and also an alumnus of IUB introduced the Management Trainee Program 2020 at IUB in a career grooming session on October 23, 2019. Mr. Ziaur Rahman, SEVP & Head-Human Resources interacted with the large turnout of students and appraised them of the company's history, HR policies and career grooming aspects. Mr. Rooslan Mizan, Management Trainee and alumnus of the Finance Department of IUB also spoke about his experiences and shared his advice and tips on how to successfully clear the rank as a Management Trainee. Following the presentation, the floor was open for question-answer session where students participated enthusiastically.



'Career Seminar' by Berger Bangladesh



Ms. Rahat Afroze, Head, Organization Development, Berger Bangladesh shared her valuable insights and advice on how to prepare oneself for job. She made presentations on different aspects of career development, interview skills and different other techniques in making a persuasive impression during the selection process. The seminar was held on July 8, 2019 at IUB. A large number of students attended the seminar and actively participated in the discussion.



KITC introduces the Management Trainee Program

Kazi IT Center-KITC, an Industry 4.0 company, introduced the Management Trainee Program at a career grooming session on November 6, 2019.

Mr. Mike Kazi, Chairman, KITC briefed the students about KITC and the huge prospect of IT sector in Bangladesh. He interacted freely with the audience and encouraged their active participation. Ms. Zara Mahbub, CEO and the Country Director, KITC also spoke on the occasion and shared her positive work experience with IUB graduates. Senior members of the faculty and administration and a large number of students of IUB attended the program.



Job Placements through Campus Visits - 2019

KITC Recruitment	
	No. of Students
Passed Eligibility Criteria	41
Shortlisted for Interview	14
Selected for Final Interview	4
Recruited	2

Internships through Campus Visits - 2019

Name of Organization	No. of Interns
Banglalink	10
bKash	17
KITC	11

‘Campus Recruitment’ by Banglalink



Banglalink, one of the leading digital communications service providers in Bangladesh, and the Office of the Career Guidance and Placement (CGP) at IUB organized an internship recruitment program on August 29, 2019.

All students enrolled for internship for the Autumn 2019 semester were eligible to apply for the internship. A large number of students from different academic departments applied and after initial scrutiny an interview session was conducted on campus.

Sadman Sakib Shovon, Talent Management Lead Specialist, Human Resources & Administration, from Banglalink Digital Communications Ltd. Was present during the program. The representatives from Banglalink were happy with the large turnout of students and expressed their desire for further cooperation with IUB.

Internship Report of 2019

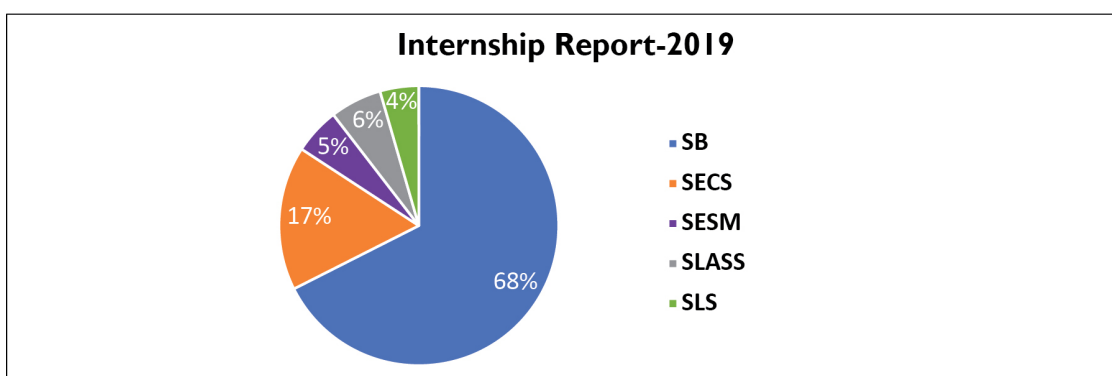
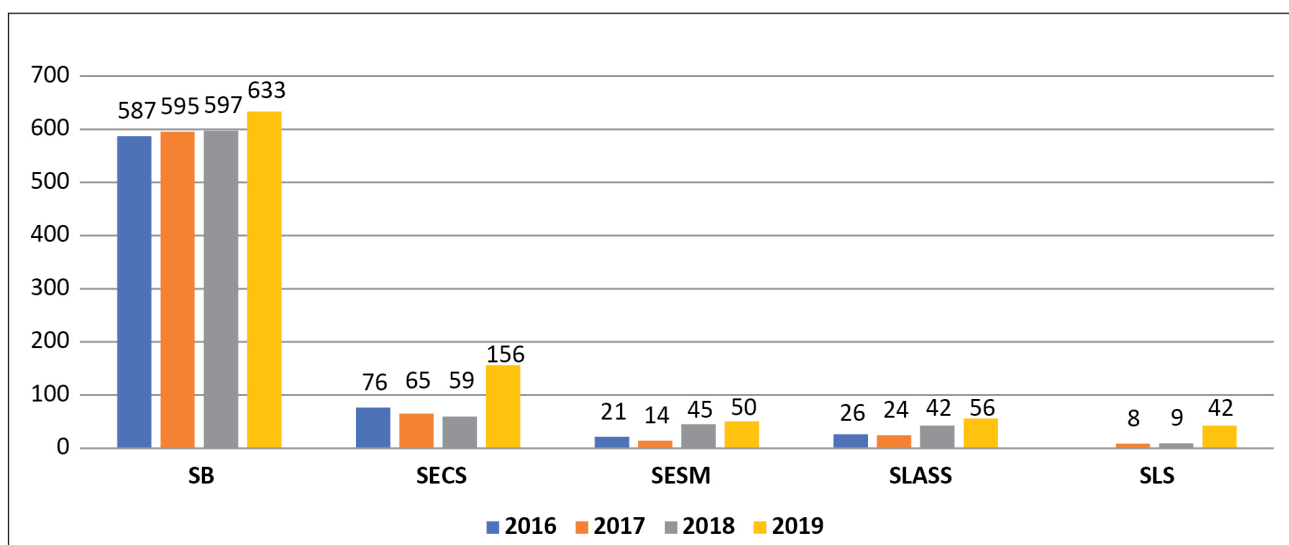
The office of Career Guidance and Placement (CGP) processes an Internship Program for students in their final year after completion of 118- 120 credits for those in the School of Business, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and School of Life Sciences. The requirements for the School of Engineering and Computer Science and the School of Environmental Science and Management is 100+ credits. The objective is to provide the students an opportunity to get acquainted with the workplace environment and also apply classroom knowledge in solving practical problems.

This year 937 students completed the internship, senior projects/thesis requirements in the Spring, Summer and Autumn semesters.

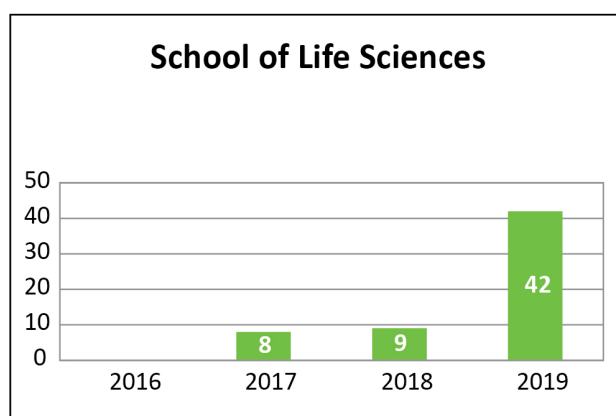
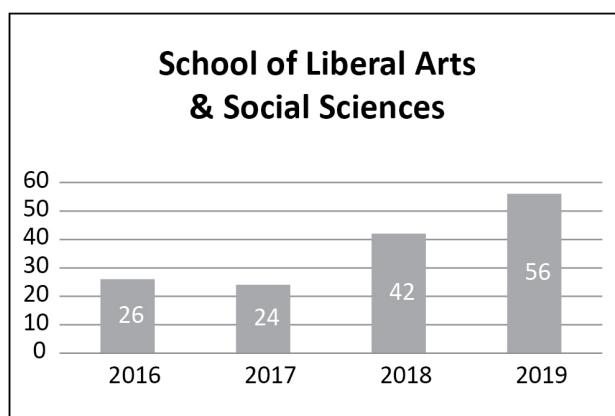
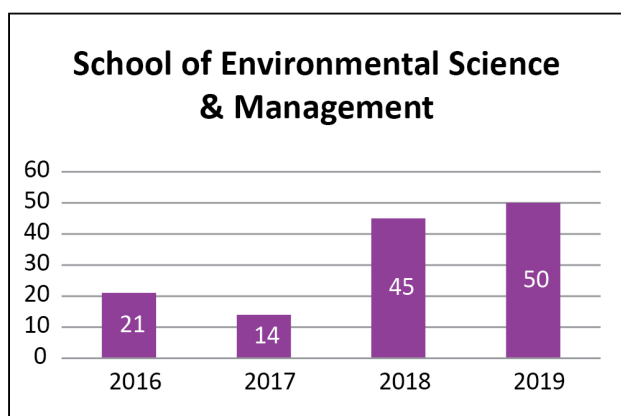
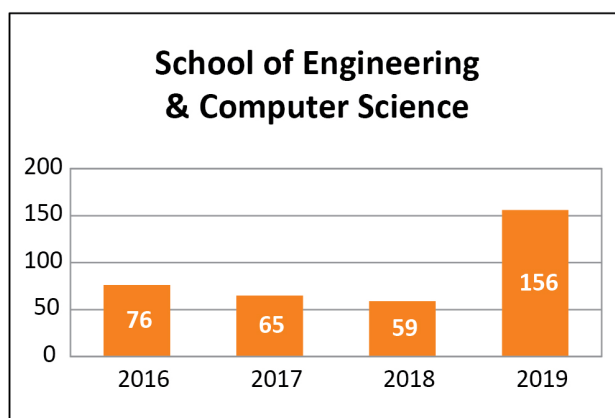
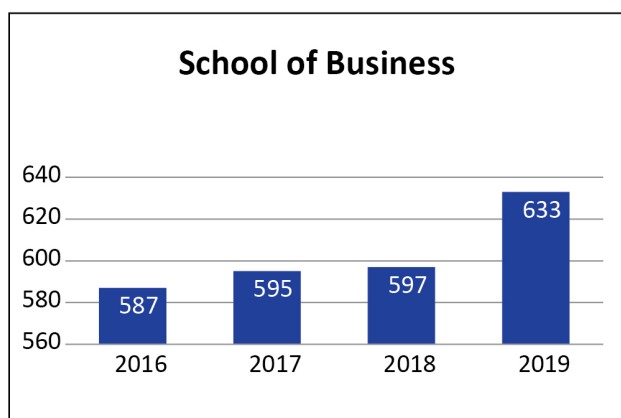
The figures below show a comparison in the upward trend in the number of internships, senior projects/thesis' processed by all Schools. Data collected from 2016 onwards shows a significant growth in the number of students who have completed the internship process and are ready for graduation.

Internship Comparison of all Schools (2016-2019)

	2016	2017	2018	2019
SB	587	595	597	633
SECS	76	65	59	156
SESM	21	14	45	50
SLASS	26	24	42	56
SLS		8	9	42
Total	710	706	752	937



Data showing an upward trend in Internships of individual Schools (2016- 2019)



*** All data has been collected from individual Schools and includes figures for Senior Projects and Thesis.**

***The first batch of interns of the School of Life Sciences (SLS) were eligible from 2017 onwards.**

IUB hosts the 'Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI)' Training Program



Independent University, Bangladesh Toastmasters (IUB Toastmasters) hosted a day long training program by Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) for the entire Toastmasters community of Bangladesh on 26 July 2019.

The training of TLI Dhaka consisted of 3 parts. It started off with the training of Club Officers' Training Program (COTP). Toastmasters District 41 Program Quality Director (PQD) Nimish Joseph was the core trainer of this event and conducted training for the offices of President and Vice President Education. The training was followed by a short cultural presentation by IUB students. The final and most important part was "Train the Trainers" - Chief Judges' Training Program (CJTP) by PQD Nimish Joseph. The trained ones would be eligible to conduct Judges' Training Program (JTP) and produce adequate number of judges for any Toastmasters International contest.



The IUB TM Club Executive Committee along with members from the 13 clubs under Division L District 41 were present at this leadership program. The event was well-organized and a successful one, with some very essential takeaways.

'Education in USA' seminar held in IUB

A seminar on 'Education in USA' was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 in IUB organized by the Office of Career Guidance and Placement (CGP). Mr. Mushfiq Hassan, Outreach Coordinator of Education in USA at the American Center, spoke on how students can better prepare themselves to pursue higher studies in the U.S. The presentation was followed by a question-answer session where the American Center officials answered all the questions asked by the students.



Augmedix Bangladesh 'Campus Recruitment'



Augmedix, a Silicon Valley based multinational company conducted a campus program in IUB on October 2, 2019 to recruit IUB graduates into a new medical industry emerging globally.

With the help of technology, doctors around the globe can deliver the best patient care possible. The use of google glasses connects U.S doctors with Bangladesh-based scribe assistants who assist the doctors by creating records of the patients. Mr. Rashed Noman, Country Manager, Augmedix Bangladesh presented the company's history & background, HR policies and career grooming aspects for Management Trainees.

A large number of IUB students from different departments and disciplines took part in the program.

Recruitment of CSE Graduates in Japan

Following the successful recruitment of 13 students in Japan in October 2018, a seminar titled, 'Recruitment of CSE Graduates of IUB in Japan' was held at IUB on July 2, 2019. The seminar was jointly organized by the Office of Career Guidance and Placement (CGP) and School of Engineering & Computer Science (SECS). The program was inaugurated by Prof. Mohammed Anwer, Dean, SECS. Japan, one of the advanced countries in the world, is welcoming young engineers to join their top emerging IT firms to build a career and settle there for a prosperous future. A large number of students attended the seminar to know about the pre-requisites and the selection process of CSE graduates for Japanese companies.



IUB student becomes Champion in Bangladesh in 'Humorous Speech' contest of Toastmasters Int'l

Yusra Binte Sikandar, a student of School of Life Sciences (SLS) of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) won the prestigious title of 'Division L' Champion in Humorous Speech Contest 2019 under Toastmasters International (TI). The event, named 'Ebullience 2019', was held in Cox's Bazar from November 15-16, 2019. Yusra will represent Bangladesh in Oration 2020 (TI District 41 Conference) in May 2020 at New Delhi, India against division champions of Bhutan, Nepal and India.

Division L is made up of all 16 Toastmaster clubs of Bangladesh distributed under 5 areas. The competition, Ebullience 2019, was participated by 5 Area Champions representing these 5 areas.

Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. The organization's membership exceeds 358,000 in more than 16,800 clubs in 143 countries.



"IUB, as always, strongly encourages and facilitates extracurricular activities and engagements. I am grateful to IUB in general and Office of Career Guidance and Placement (CGP) in particular, to provide me with extraordinary support, guidance, encouragement and above all, a conducive environment to help me attain my biggest achievement as a Humorous Speech Champion of Division L, Toastmasters International!"

-Yusra Binte Sikandar



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