# Innovation & Design Programme (*i*DP)

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### What is *i*DP?





- Apply knowledge and skills to solve real-world problems and design new products, services, and experiences.
- Interdisciplinary and projects-based learning.
- Exposure to entrepreneurship for projects that have potential for commercialisation or overseas internship with start-up companies.
- Offered as Second Major or Minor in Innovation & Design.

## What you will <u>LEARN</u> in *i*DP



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### Frameworks, tools and methods for understanding and creating innovations.









## What you will <u>DO</u> in *i*DP





### Work on hands-on projects that have real-world impact.

- Work with industry partners or propose your own projects.
- Funding and access to fabrication facilities are provided.

### Work with peers and mentors from different disciplines.





Architecture and Industrial Design

Arts and Social Sciences









Computing

Engineering

Science

**Business** 

### **Innovating for Better Healthcare**

#### Designing solutions for healthcare needs in hospitals and the community.





Enhanced cardiotocography system for Obstetric and Gynaecology care Winner of NUS Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Prize

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**Physipal** 

Improving physiotherapy for patients with knee osteoarthritis Winner of NUS Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Prize

### **Innovating for Future Mobility**

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### Designing future mobility solutions and novel vehicles for people and goods.



Delta World's lightest electric paraglider trike Featured on National Geographic Channel in 2016



Electric aircraft model (self-proposed project)



Alpha Electrics Battery swapping and charging system for light electric vehicles Winner of NUS Resilience and Growth (R&G) Innovation Challenge Launched start-up company in 2020

### **Innovating for Smarter Living**

#### Designing smart devices and solutions to enhance everyday life, work, and play.

IoT Gateway

IoT Senso

Installation



BoxBunny Intelligent boxing robot (self-proposed project) Eco-Air IoT-enabled energy consumption monitoring in warehouses *Collaboration with DB Schenker* 

**Data Visualisation** 

#### **ConcreteAl**

IoT smart sensor solution for real-time concrete curing monitoring Winner of NUS Enterprise Practicum Grant Launched start-up company in 2021

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### **Innovating for Sustainable Cities**

#### Designing solutions to tackle challenges of urbanisation and sustainability.



Valorising food waste into sustainable chemicals Upcycling food by-products to create new food products Winner of DBS Hungry for Change 2023 and Tech for Social 2022 Grand Prize Launched start-up company in 2021





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### Innovating with Immersive Reality

#### Developing novel applications using virtual reality and augmented reality.



InteractAI (formerly MediVR) AI-powered clinical training platform Winner of Enterprise Singapore's Founder Ignite Launched start-up company in 2021



**VIRTUAL HAND GUIDE** 

3 SCENARIOS OFFERED:

Normal Delivery Placenta Delivery Shoulder Dystocia

dilation	3-4 cms to full cervical dilation
Full dilation to delivery of the baby	The delivery of baby t delivery of the after-birt



DATA ANALYTICS

#### VReal

Childbirth delivery simulator Collaboration with Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine



Mind Peek Augmented reality museum exhibit Featured at SAM Art Dose in Aug 2023

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### **Innovations in Intelligent Systems**

### Designing complex engineering systems and automation for various applications.



Galassia Student-built nanosatellites Galassia-1 launched in 2015 Galassia-2 launched in 2023 Next launch in 2025







**HiveBotics** Autonomous cleaning robots Launched start-up company in 2021



SAM: Species Assessment Mapper Autonomous robot for invasive species detection Winner of GNSS Innovation Quest 2024

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### **Flagship competition projects**



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#### Multidisciplinary student teams participating in regular overseas competitions.



Formula SAE race car Ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in 2018 and 2019 (internal combustion engine) Ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in 2024 and 7<sup>th</sup> in 2025 (electric) Launched Singapore's first electric race car in 2022



#### **Bumblebee**

Autonomous underwater and surface vehicles Winners of RoboSub 2015, 2022, 2023, Singapore AUV Challenge 2024, Maritime RobotX Challenge 2018, 2024 Launched start-up company BeeX in 2019



#### **NUS Calibur Robotics**

Student-run competition team for the RoboMaster University Championships 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up in RoboMaster University League North America 2023, 2025

## Prototyping facilities in *i*DP

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#### Access to equipment and fabrication services for your projects from various workshops.



### **Project Showcase**



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# Bi-annual event to celebrate and showcase our students' work to benefactors, industry partners, NUS community, alumni, and prospective students.



### Nurturing entrepreneurship



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### Embark on NUS Overseas Colleges (NOC) programmes:

- Overseas internship programmes in leading entrepreneurial hotspots across the globe.
- NOC courses can be counted towards iDP.
- About 20% of iDP students go for NOC.

### Take the Ideas to Start-up final year project:

- Pursue commercialisation of your project ideas.
- Pitch to potential partners and investors.
- Join the Entrepreneur Fellowship after graduation and launch start-up company.





### **Global exposure opportunities**



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# Go for overseas competitions, work with international partners on projects, and increase your global network.



NUS Overseas Colleges Internships in leading entrepreneurial hotspots



Stanford Global Engineering Design Innovation programme Collaborate with students from Stanford on innovation projects



Overseas competitions and challenges

### Second Major or Minor in *i*DP



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### ▶ *i*DP is offered as **Second Major** or **Minor** in Innovation & Design.

Can be paired with primary major from different Faculties in NUS.



Architecture and Industrial Design



Arts and Social

**Sciences** 









Computing

Engineering

Science

**Business** 

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Used to fulfil Unrestricted Electives.

Unrestricted Electives	Unrestricted Electives	Unrestricted Electives	Unrestricted Electives
(40 units)	(48 units)	(40-48 units)	(40 units)
CDE Major	CHS Major	Business Major	Computing Major
(80 units)	(60 units)	(60-68 units)	(80 units)
CDE	CHS	Business	Computing
Common Curriculum	Common Curriculum	Common Curriculum	Common Curriculum
(40 units)	(52 units)	(52 units)	(40 units)
Design & Engineering	Humanities & Sciences	Business	Computing



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One-semester NOC fulfils some

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### For students who are planning to go for one-semester NOC



General education / common curriculum courses + Primary major courses + Unrestricted electives



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### For students who are planning to go for year-long NOC





General education / common curriculum courses + Primary major courses + Unrestricted electives



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### For students who are planning to graduate in **3 years** (E-Scholars, poly intake)



General education / common curriculum courses + Primary major courses + Unrestricted electives

## *i*DP is more than Engineering!



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- Learn how to work with peers from different disciplines on projects where technology plays a prominent role.
  - Design and innovation teams in companies are multidisciplinary!
- Holistic solutions require thoughtful design and execution that incorporate inputs from multiple perspectives.
  - Apply skills from your own discipline but also learn new skills outside your discipline.

Build your teamwork, communication, and project management skills.
Highly desired soft skills in industry.

### *i*DP is more than academics!





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Activities by *i*DP Students' Club

Leadership camp

**Overseas study trips** 

*i*DP residential cluster at UTown Residence

Be immersed in a **community** of peers who are passionate about design, innovation, entrepreneurship, and hands-on projects.

## How to apply

- Anytime before start of each semester in Year 1 or Year 2:
  - Preferably latest by start of Year 2 Sem 1.
- Freshman students can apply <u>NOW</u> if interested:
  - In particular those who are planning to graduate in 3 years or want to take *i*DP courses in Year 1 Sem 1.
  - Exclusive benefits: free credits for fabrication jobs and invitations to *i*DP events!

### No selection criteria – everyone is welcome!

Register your interest by 31 July 2025!





## Prototyping workshops on Week 0

- Introduction to 3D printing, laser cutting, PCB fabrication, VR app development, etc.
- Half-day workshops (3 hours each), earn digital badges for completion.
- Held on Week 0 (4-8 August 2025).

Registration links on *i*DP website.





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### Meet our staff and students as well as your peers who are interested in *i*DP.

Date: 13 August 2025 (Wednesday)

*i*DP Experience Day

- Time: 4 pm to 6 pm
- Venue: CDE Innovation & Design Hub
- See examples of *i*DP projects and hear from your seniors in *i*DP.

Refreshments will be served – all are welcome!



## **IDP** EXPERIENCE DAY

13 AUG 2025 (WED) | 4 PM TO 6 PM CDE INNOVATION 6 DESIGN HUB (BLOCK EA LEVEL 4)

INTERESTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE INNOVATION & DESIGN PROGRAMME (IDP)?





#### LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

ALL ARE WELCOME SCAN HERE TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE BY 8 AUG 2025



## **IDEATE 2025** makerthon



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Create real-world impact by turning your ideas into innovative solutions.

- Foster innovation and entrepreneurial spirit.
- Receive support for design and prototyping.

Get a taste of *i*DP.

Open to all NUS students.

Win attractive prizes!



Sign up by 9 August 2025!



### Join us as a CDE Maker!

- Paid part-time positions to assist with prototyping work in our facilities.
- Free training with certification.
- Free access to prototyping equipment for your own projects (subject to fair use).
- Gain *iDP* points to stay at *iDP* rooms at UTown Residences and other benefits.





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### **Contact us**



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