Do local business grads have what it takes to secure jobs?

NUS don says there is demand for S’pore talent; entrepreneur warns they must be wary of competition

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About 85 per cent of the 1,000 fresh graduates of the National University of Singapore (NUS) Business School have already found jobs even though they joined the workforce during the worst recession to hit Singapore.

Typically, the top five sectors where Singaporean graduates are recruited are: technology, advertising and marketing; technology, consulting, and retail that follows; and consumer goods.

In comparison, during better times, the figure would be 96 per cent, according to the Graduate Employment Survey 2019 by the Ministry of Education.

In these cases, employment comes full-time, part-time, temporary and freelance jobs.

That the majority of the newly minted financial executives of Class 2020 are the lucky ones — the vast majority of whom Singaporeans — were unforeseen.

A study showed that 85 per cent of the Class of 2020 graduates will be offered full-time jobs.

The study was conducted by the National University of Singapore (NUS) Business School.

Associate Professor of Finance John Subramaniam, who is an academic director of NUS Business School, noted that he was still surprised by the number of Singaporean graduates who were offered jobs.

“From the students we have spoken to, it seems that there are more job opportunities available for Singaporeans than for overseas students,” he said.

The survey, which is based on a sample of 200 students who graduated in 2020, found that 77 per cent of the students had received job offers, compared to 65 per cent in 2019.

NUS Business School and the School of Computing have a joint Master of Science in Business Analytics programme, which complements the experiential learning in class and in the workplace.

The programme is designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the fast-paced world of business.

Students in the programme have the opportunity to work on real-world projects and gain practical experience in the workplace.

In addition, the programme offers students the chance to network with industry leaders and gain insights into the latest trends and developments in the field.

For instance, the programme includes modules on data science, big data analytics, and information systems.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in industry projects and gain practical experience in solving real-world problems.

The programme also offers students the chance to earn a professional certification, such as the Certified Business Analyst (CBA) or the Certified Data Science Professional (CDS).

The programme is designed to prepare students for careers in a variety of industries, including finance, technology, consulting, and healthcare.

After all, there is nothing stopping you from putting your capital and skills to work in the US, Europe, or even Asia, as long as you have the necessary skills and experience.

But the challenge is finding the right opportunity, and that can be difficult in a competitive market.

Mr. John Subramaniam, who heads the finance and accounting division at a multinational company, said that the recruitment process can be long and tedious.

He noted that many companies require candidates to attend multiple interviews and complete extensive background checks.

Moreover, the hiring process can be unpredictable, and it may take months or even years to secure a job.

Nevertheless, he encouraged students to stay positive and continue to seek opportunities.

“While the process can be challenging, it is also a great opportunity to showcase your skills and experience to potential employers,” he said.

For those interested in the field of finance, there are many opportunities to choose from, and the demand for skilled professionals is expected to grow in the future.

The programme offers students the chance to gain valuable experience and develop the skills needed to succeed in the competitive job market.

In conclusion, while the current job market may be challenging, there are still opportunities available for students who are willing to put in the effort and work hard to achieve their goals.

For more information, please visit the NUS Business School or contact the programme coordinator.