

Shivvaan Sathasilvam

Singapore

Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics and Microengineering) (Honours), graduated 2005

Master of Engineering (Electrical Power Engineering), student

Shivvaan Sathasilvam has packed a lot into his four years at UniSA.

Between becoming a student representative, studying in Sweden for six months, working as a student buddy, representing UniSA at the Uni Games, publishing conference papers, competing in the 'Students in Free Enterprise' World Cup in Toronto, starting up and leading a United Nations Society at UniSA, and earning his scuba diving certificate through the Students Association, Shivvaan somehow managed to fit an undergraduate degree – with first-class Honours – into his schedule, and remained motivated enough to begin postgraduate study.

Now finishing his Masters degree, Shivvaan was keen to continue his studies at UniSA because he enjoyed working closely with supportive staff and gaining practical experience during his undergraduate program.

"Programs aren't just theory-based like other universities in Adelaide," he says. "Your job opportunities are better because you gain the experience that industry employers look for."

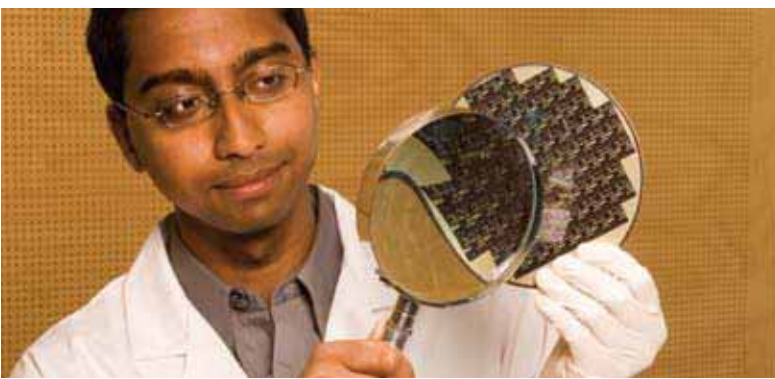
As a long-term member of the International Students Standing Committee, Shivvaan is also well aware of how UniSA's services have impacted his own student experience, as well as that of other international students.

"I've seen UniSA's services constantly evolve to better support the needs of the international students," he says. "There are clubs, recreation groups and societies, as well as a supportive induction program."

"I've talked to many students around Australia and I think UniSA has one of the best student support systems in the country."

Life after study doesn't sound like it will be any less hectic for Shivvaan, who aims to work in the field of artificial intelligence, creating systems that mimic the human brain.

"I want to help progress engineering education in developing countries," he says. "I really want to use my studies to improve people's way of life as a whole."



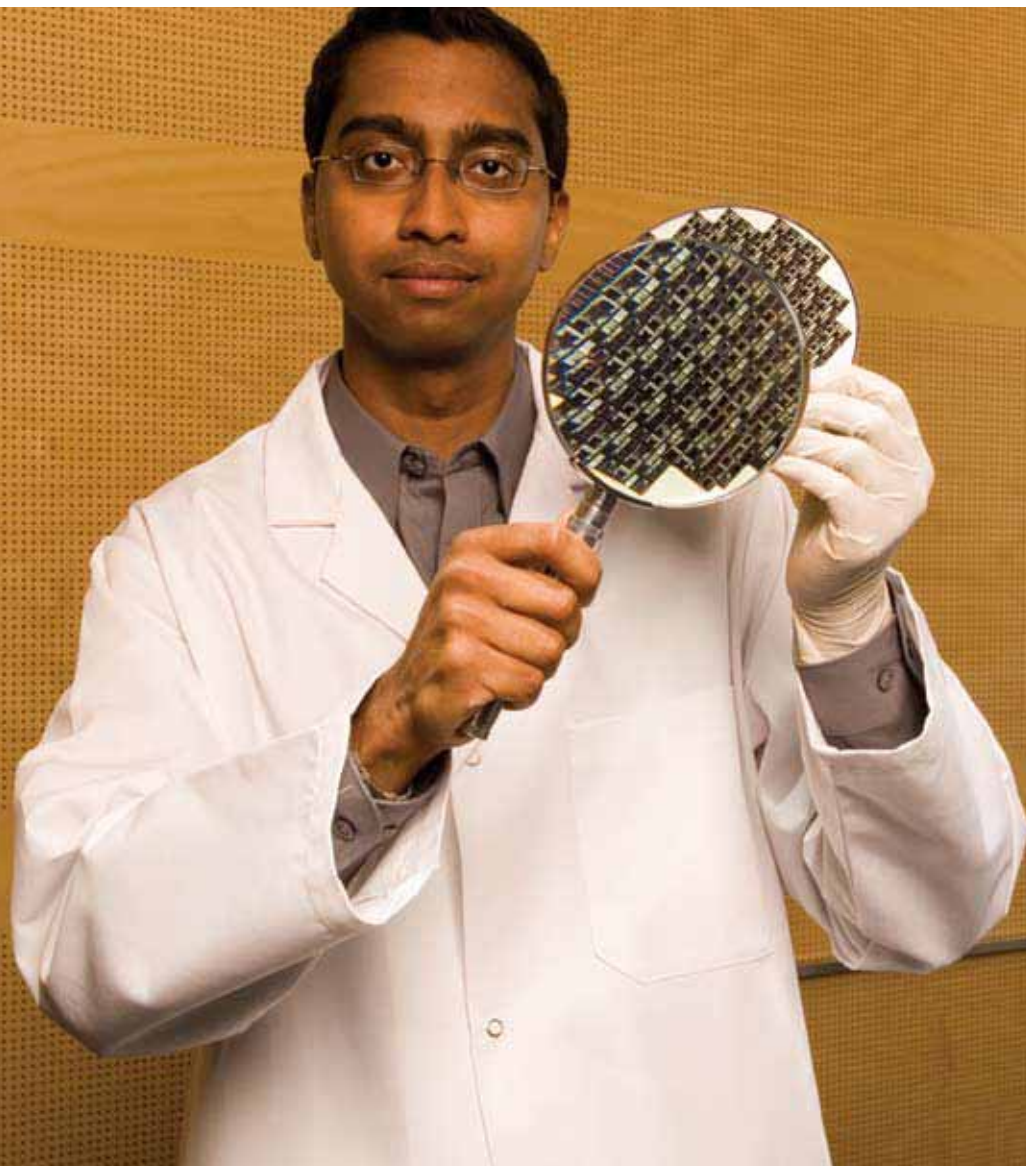
fast facts Singapore

Distance from Adelaide to
Singapore: 5409 km

Flying Time: approx 8 hrs

Time Difference from
Adelaide: -2.5 hrs

Official Languages:
English, Mandarin Chinese,
Malay, Tamil.



■ The Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics and Microengineering), and the Master of Engineering (Electrical Power Engineering) are delivered from the Mawson Lakes campus.

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