Meet Our Talent: Naomi Sutanto
Looking beyond the bionic eye

It was in the second year of her Bachelor of Biomedicine degree when Naomi realised medicine was not the path for her.

“Maths and physics were incorporated into the degree, which I thoroughly enjoyed, and I still wanted to do something health related, so I looked into the Master of Engineering (Biomedical),” she explains.

Intrigued by the bionic eye, Naomi spoke with the course coordinator and was hooked.

Now a student representative on the Melbourne University Biomedical Engineering Society, she hopes to pursue a career that will make a difference to the disadvantaged – whether it is in the socio-economic, physical or educational sense.

Naomi’s interest area was sparked after receiving a Melbourne Global Grant for a one semester exchange to the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands.

“I learnt a lot from the management of technology subjects that I took there, but the most important lessons were to do with self-discovery and exploring the world,” she recalls of her time abroad.

Naomi credits the care lecturers and coordinators at the University of Melbourne have for the subjects they manage. “They always make time in their busy schedules to see students who are struggling or seeking guidance.”

Naomi says the teachers have helped build her communication and teamwork skills, while the global exposure has enabled her to connect with people from different cultures, for which she is grateful.

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“I feel equipped not just with technical knowledge for engineering purposes, but also the problem-solving skills and work ethic which are applicable in many other professions.”

– Naomi Sutanto, Bachelor of Biomedicine, Master of Engineering (Biomedical).

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