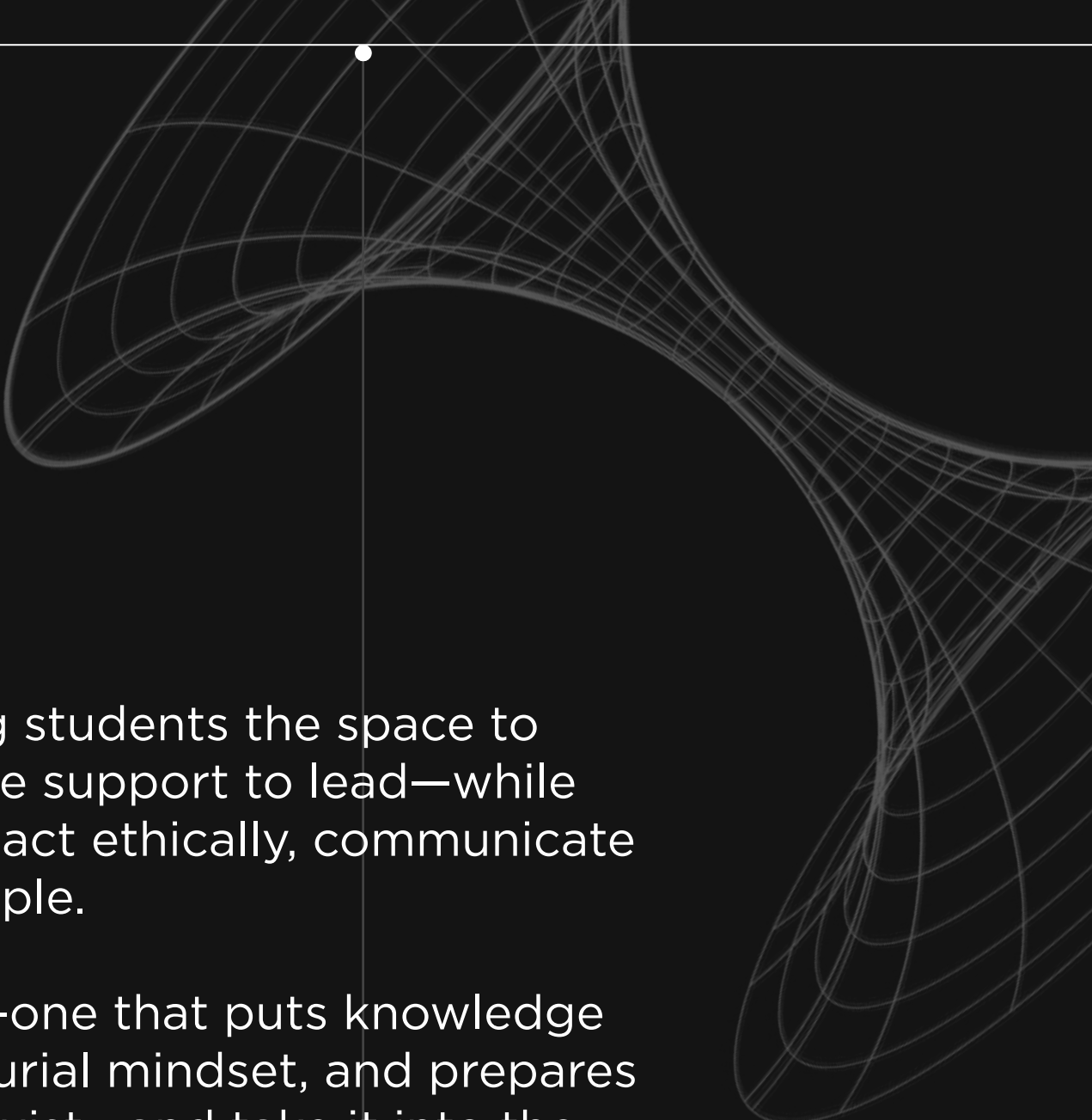


DIVE

The Student Engine of the
Design • AI University

**SOME THINGS CAN'T BE TAUGHT OR LEARNED IN CLASSROOMS.
THEY MUST BE LIVED—OR LEARNED THROUGH DOING.**

TRAILBLAZING A BETTER WORLD BY DESIGN.



That's why SUTD created **DIVE**: a platform for Design · AI Innovation and Venture Exploration.

It runs alongside academic life, giving students the space to explore, the structure to build, and the support to lead—while nurturing the ability to dream boldly, act ethically, communicate clearly, and tell stories that move people.

It's not a programme. It's a platform—one that puts knowledge into motion, cultivates an entrepreneurial mindset, and prepares students to create what doesn't yet exist—and take it into the world to make a meaningful impact.

Every SUTD student is trained to be a builder and innovator. DIVE is how students grow as whole individuals—and bring their ideas, ventures, and values into the world.



Why DIVE?

DIVE powers SUTD's transformation into the world's first Design · AI university, where design, artificial intelligence, and human values are fully integrated into how we learn, create, and lead.

It also brings to life LEAP—SUTD's boldest shift in education. It brings the world into the university, and takes the university out into the world—blurring the boundaries between academia and industry.

DIVE creates the opportunities for students to take advantage of those blurred boundaries—allowing them to step into realms of practice, creation, and impact that were once out of reach.

And **DIVE supports the whole student—not just academic achievement, but mindsets, character, and values.**

There's no exam on how to take risk. No textbook for how to lead a team, frame a story, or act on your values.

That's why the DIVE journey begins with doing.

Because every student's journey is different, DIVE is modular and fully optional. Students choose the elements that matter to them—and shape the version of growth that fits.



Key DIVE Components

1 Overseas Innovation Internships

Two full terms inside one of the world's leading innovation ecosystems, across Asia, Europe, and North America. Students join committed teams solving meaningful challenges—in startups, research labs, social ventures, and global companies.

They don't just observe innovation—they contribute to it.

All placements are curated and supported by SUTD to ensure relevance, safety, and impact—across industries and cultures.



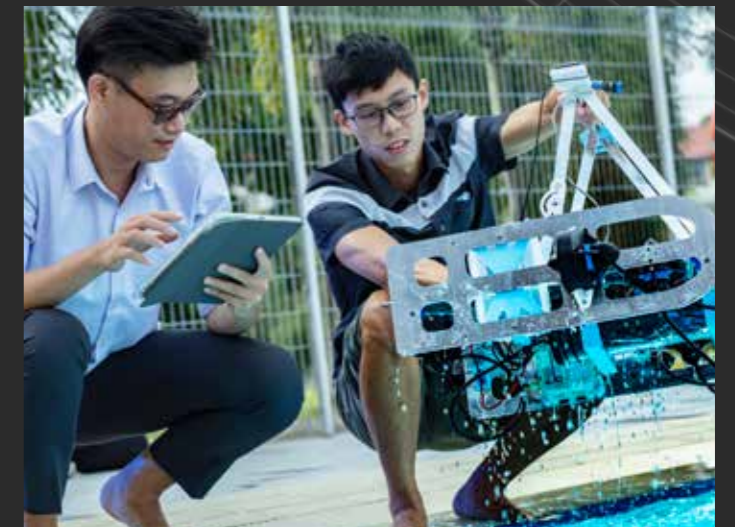
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2 Innovation-Themed Residential Life

Every student begins in the DIVE Residential College. Over three terms, students live and learn in a community focused on entrepreneurship, empathy, and ethics—not as extra content, but as essential experience.

A cornerstone of this journey is **StartSomething**, a workshop that introduces students to the entrepreneurial mindset from day one—encouraging them to imagine, build, reflect, and iterate.

After overseas innovation internships, students may return to the DIVE Residential Community—a space for builders and changemakers to continue developing their ventures and values among peers.



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3 Baby Shark Fund

The Baby Shark Fund provides up to **\$5,000** to students—at any stage—who want to test a bold idea, launch a micro-venture, or explore something untried. You don't need a perfect plan. You just need the courage to start.

DIVE supports that start—and helps students explore early ideas with intention and clarity.



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4 Design-to-Venture (D2V) Grant

For students ready to go further, the D2V Grant provides up to **S\$10,000** to take an idea from concept to launch. This isn't limited to startups. It supports any initiative grounded in design and driven by purpose—from platforms and tools to public goods and social experiments.

Each venture is supported by mentors from SUTD's global network of faculty, founders, investors, and partners—helping students shape ideas that are not only original, but responsible and relevant.



Recognition: Deep DIVERs

Students who complete all four key components —StartSomething, Overseas Innovation Internship, Baby Shark, and D2V—are recognised as **Deep DIVERs**. It's a badge, but more a signal—of depth, imagination, and the readiness to build things that matter.



The Students DIVE Shape

Globally-minded

They thrive in cross-cultural, high-impact environments.

Venture-literate

They are comfortable with uncertainty, ambiguity, risk, and iteration.

Values-anchored

They ground innovation in ethics, empathy, and civic purpose.

Because the most important thing a university can give you —is the power to build something new, the judgment to build something good, and the opportunity to bring it to the world.

