

# A debt FREE work-study degree that DOUBLES your PAY on graduation

## Problems with Conventional Academic Education

"Go to school, get good grades, and get a safe, secure job". This saying is one which we have all become quite familiar with. The real question today is: does that really work anymore?

The truth is, the world has evolved, is evolving, and will keep evolving, but that saying hasn't. It was sound advice a hundred years ago, but definitely not in today's context.

Those who can afford to get this rather high-priced education many a time end up studying a curriculum that has become near irrelevant in today's rapidly evolving digital economy.



Those who barely manage to scrape their way through school financially get buried in debt without any assurance of entering the workforce, let alone being able to pay off the debt racked up throughout their schooling years.

If any of the points raised above has crossed your mind at some point in time, then this article is tailored for you. You will be introduced to an innovative learning platform which is adapted to the dynamics of today's economy, and promises an affordable and practical path to a high pay high growth digital career.

## Work-Study Journey



Our work-study program aims to equip our graduates with work-ready skills and practical experiences so that modern employers will hire them into high paying in-demand jobs 12 months after they join the program. Our learners learn mainly through work, with 80% of his or her journey immersed in the industry.

## Work Ready after 12 Months



Our learners start their work-study journey with an intensive 12 months coding bootcamp, where they attend virtual live classes and received online mentoring from industry practitioners alongside other international students from our various regional learning campuses. Our learners clock over 1000 hours of coding practice, working on more than 20 projects guided by industry practitioner mentors. This is 3 times more than what conventional universities will deliver during the same period.

### **30-42 months of Working Experience before Graduation**

After the bootcamp, we match our learners with an employer, where they will start working full-time as a paid apprentice for the next 30-42 months, where they will receive on the job training while studying part-time.

**Double PAY compared to conventional graduates on graduation**



Upon graduation, our learners double or triple their pay compared to their peers from conventional universities, as they have accumulated 2.5 – 3.5 years of working experience, and are global ready, with good communication skills, having learned and worked in an international environment.

### **Debt Free International Degree**

Upon graduation, our learners acquire globally recognized credentials from Pearson UK and associated international universities.



Our learner starts earning once they get employed as a paid apprentice after completing the bootcamp. With satisfactory performance, they will be able to earn more than what they need to pay for the tuition fee to make it a debt-free degree.

### **A CASE STUDY**

Min Htet Kyaw enrolled in a local private university for an academic education pathway, while Ye Wint Aung took the unconventional path of joining Lithan's work-study degree program.

After the 12 months intensive coding bootcamp, Ye Wint started full-time work as a paid apprentice in the Yangon offshore software centre of a foreign company. Ye Wint received a monthly salary of US\$300/month during the second year, US\$450/month on the third year, US\$600/month on 4th year. Ye Wint managed to earn up to US\$16K while he studies which is more than sufficient to pay his entire tuition fee, therefore, giving him a debt-free degree on graduation.

Min Htet, however, has received no income, as he was cooped up in lecture halls on campus, with limited engagement with the industry.

Both Min Htet & Ye Wint manage to graduate with their respective degrees at about the same time. Min Htet, without any work experience, managed to land an IT job with a local company, where he received US\$250/month, which is the average starting pay for a fresh IT graduate in Myanmar.

However, Ye Wint received a far higher salary of US\$700/month, as he was promoted to lead a team, having accumulated 3.5 years of working experience with the foreign company. Besides that, Ye Wint is also global ready, with good communication skills, enabling him to work with a foreign company, which is paying a higher salary.

For the next 5 years, Ye Wint's total earning after graduation will be US\$27K more than Min Htet given the additional US\$450 salary he earns each month over Min Htet. Together with the US\$16k he earned before graduation, Ye Wint's total earnings over the same period will be US\$43k more than Min Htet.

Assuming Min Htet put away US\$100 each month, it would take him 35 years of his life to save US\$43K, which he had lost out on because of his decision to opt for the conventional academic university pathway.

Ye Wint on the other hand is living his dream life, with a high paying job, a fancy car, and a nice house.

