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SMU is also in discussions with other companies for entering into internship arrangements, but the partnership with the Tata Group is important as it is more than just about getting summer jobs for the students. According to the terms of the agreement the students will be offered, along with internship opportunities in the various companies of the Tata Group and scope to identify the areas of mutual interest in research engagements. They will also identify mutually beneficial opportunities of executive education for Tata managers and possibilities of mutually beneficial engagements vis-a-vis SMU faculty at the Tata Management Training Centre and vice versa. "The wide cultural mix at SMU provides a window to the group to work with diversity in a very operational sense," said Mr Gopalakrishnan.

Several SMU students have already done internship with the various companies of the Tata Group. Discussions are on currently to absorb some of these interns into the company. As for the SMU students, it gives them an opportunity to work in India, one of the most exciting markets in the world today. "We hope that our intellectual resources can benefit the Tata Group," said Prof Hunter.

SMU is the third and youngest university in Singapore. Modelled after American institutions, SMU has over 4,700 students and comprises four schools: Lee Kong Chian School of Business, School of Accountancy, School of Economics & Social Sciences and School of Information Systems.