

LIKES

MEET

Nicolas

FROM

DISLIKES

HEC LAUSANNE



CINEMA

SUNSETS



LONG FLIGHTS



LIVE MUSIC

ARROGANCE



AWKWARD SILENCE



**Tell us about yourself.**

I am a 22 year old from the French part of Switzerland, currently finishing my Masters degree in Management at the University of Lausanne. I love cinema and music (so very excited to go watch all the Bollywood classics and other regional cinema with no subtitles). Moreover, I am thinking of introducing myself to yoga while being in India, in order to find my inner balance and the true meaning of life. But I am not sure I have either the flexibility or the patience for this! I might instead visit all the temples of the region and hope for a monk to help me out on this. I am also starting to write my Masters thesis which will be about the role of location as a promoter of innovation. What better place to study that than at the heart of the Indian Silicon Valley?

**Why India?**

After an exchange semester in Canada and Italy I realised I wanted to continue discovering new countries and cultures. I felt swissnex India's Junior Project Manager internship role gave the best combination of professional and cultural experience. For the moment, the country is treating me well, although I must admit I overestimated my capacity to eat spicy food (very thankful for the yogurt sauce that saved my life many times already).

**What are the projects you would be working on?**

I will be helping the startup partnership team and supporting them in their multiple upcoming projects. For the moment I've started with the Digital Health Conclave that is set to happen in April. I'll also work on the launch of a startup here in Bangalore. Ultimately my goal is to be able to lead my own project for swissnex.

**What do you want to take away from this experience?**

Becoming that guy who can eat a biryani without burning from the inside...

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