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Age is no barrier to lifelong learning

Lifelong learning leads to new pathways, and sometimes, new careers. Hear from three continuing education graduates about how they pivoted from their previous roles and found a future in Fintech through the SGUS Fintech programme.



From left: Ms Naweera Sidik, Mr Lim Chye Joo and Mr Edward Joesoef embody the ethos of lifelong learning.

Famed French music composer Michel Legrand once said, “The more I live, the more I learn. The more I learn, the more I realise, the less I know.” These words ring true in today’s ever-changing world, where skills learnt in the past need to be upgraded to remain relevant in the future.

One such programme to keep the flame of lifelong learning burning is the [NUS SGUnited Skills \(SGUS\) Programme in International Financial Technology \(Fintech\)](#) for non-technical executives. Offered by the NUS School of Continuing and Lifelong Education (NUS SCALE) and taught by Fintech experts from [NUS Computing](#), the programme caters to mid-career jobseekers affected by the economic consequences of COVID-19, and trains students to gain deep skills in the burgeoning Fintech sector.

Students learn about contemporary issues in the Fintech space: from the integration of financial domain know-how (lending, payments, insurance, regulation and management) to the technology itself (front-end and back-end development, cloud systems, blockchain, payment algorithmic trading).

“With more businesses moving into the digital world, the future of Fintech is growing. There’s something for everyone and anyone who wants to be ready for the next new wave of technology,” said Associate Professor Keith Carter from NUS Computing, who is the Programme Director of the SGUS Fintech Programme.

After graduation, students can take on the roles of data analyst, full-stack developer and project manager,