

Statement of Purpose

I present my statement of purpose to you in reference to my application for visa subclass 500 in order to pursue my undergraduate degree in University of Tasmania, one of the most reputed education providers in Australia. I have done best to meet the Genuine Temporary Entrant Requirement for my Student Visa (500) Application for Bachelor of Environmental Science and wilderness at University of Tasmania, Australia. I am career focused, independent, and hardworking with great enthusiasm towards achieving practical knowledge in environmental science and wilderness. Through this statement of purpose, I intend to address my personal, educational background, research interest, ambition and reason for choosing Australia and University of Tasmania.

My name is Mrisha Gurung, born on October, 1998 and currently residing at Kathmandu, Nepal. My family consists of 3 members including me, my mother Mrs. Mina Gurung is currently working as a manager in a Trekking and Tourism Company and my grandmother Mrs. Padma Gurung has her pension which she receives monthly. I live with my mother and Grand Mother Mrs. Padma Gurung, as my parents got divorced. After completion of my diploma I have been working in animal clinic for past seven months. I feel fortunate to have been born in a family where each individual is independent and yet we share close ties with each other. My family is sponsoring me for my study venture and it is going to be a tough and an emotional time for us all. But for greater good we all are ready to stay apart for few years. I am high school graduate from Shree Janta Secondary School, Bardibas also known as Technical Institute of Agriculture. I have completed all my previous studies comfortably from the best school and college with good grades. I am confident for my undergraduate; I will be able to perform equally well as I did for my school and high school. I have provided all details to why I believe I am a capable candidate to attain my bachelor's degree from one of the prestigious university of Australia seeking to study the course of Bachelor of Environmental Science and wilderness in University of Tasmania, Australia.

People gain experience through every experience and every event in life that can be seen as opportunity, but determination depends upon personality. I have been on a path to achieve my well-defined career goal and to develop attitude towards animals, curiosity, and proficiency in academic subjects to achieve my goal. The main



Purpose to writing this statement is to express you my true personal intensions and important reasons to study at UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA. I am applying for visa under subclass 500 requesting you to provide me an opportunity to study Bachelor in Environmental Science and Wilderness in Australia, as it is a challenging yet interesting experience I will gain from a developed nation.

Academic credentials:

I passed my school leaving certificate from Shree Janta High School obtaining 72% percentage in 2070 B.S. Talking about my strengths, I am a hardworking and dedicated student who loves to overcome new challenges of life with a smile. I was considered as a laborious, honest, disciplined and sincere student throughout my school life. After that, I joined +2 level in Classic College International in the science stream due to mental pressure from my family and relatives as most of the children of our relatives were studying either doctors or engineer. Later, I could not grow interested in the subject and realized that I am not a science person. However, I clung onto it, because of my love for biology, especially zoology where we get to study about animal ecology, biodiversity, and such. But, in other subjects like physics, chemistry and math I could not do well as it was too much vast for me and I failed in them. After a while I heard of the course that was completely suitable for me where the curriculum mostly focuses on related part that is animals. There were compulsory subjects similar to before like physics, math and chemistry however, I excelled in them and I was one of the top students in our college. I pursued my Diploma level course in Animal Science from Shree Janta Secondary School under CTEVT, Nepal. Because of my strong determination and hard work, I scored high percentage in Diploma in Animal Science, i.e., an aggregate of 78.83% percentages in the year 2019 in which I have been successful to secure second position. After that, I had an opportunity to work in a clinic as a veterinary technician at the place where I did my OJT (On Job Training) for three months where, I was provided with a boundless knowledge for my further studies for DVM (Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine). Due to my hard work, education, strong technical experience that I gained there, I was offered a decent income. Later on, I also had a chance to encounter experience of natural environments and wilderness with my mentors travelling to many places for natural resources and conservation which led me to this excitement degree of natural environment and wilderness. I loved the feel of the fresh air, nature and biodiversity around us. Practically getting out into the nature



Experiencing wildlife ecology and biodiversity, with such environment provided me with an opportunity to learn and practice the process of evaluation of environmental problem. I used to be amazed and intrigued at the same time, when I saw many species were protected and preserved and realized that balance between the wilderness and human could help the people improve, maintain, and promote the optimal health and quality of life. After observing the ultimate satisfaction, I found this profession to be very rewarding. This experience sparked my interest and desire to continue my further studies in this field.

As a mandatory document for enrollment, I also appeared in IELTS test on November 23, 2019 and scored an overall of 7.5 (Listening: 8.5, Reading: 8.5, Writing: 6, Speaking: 6.5) which opens me a door to study in International University. Given that I have studied in English Medium School, in my school and college life, English language has always been in the mightier side so I am very confident that English language is never going to be a problem during my study period and stay in Australia.

After completion of my IELTS I started doing research about various education providers in Australia and came to know about University of Tasmania. Having a fair background and keen interest in animals, I decided to apply for bachelor in natural environment and wilderness, as my intended course is reputed and renowned in UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA. After that, I started to application process providing all the required documents.

Gap Clearance:

As I had completed my Intermediate of Science in Agriculture on the year 2018 and received my certificates on the year 2019, March. So after the completion of my higher education I had researched some of the institutes for the preparation of IELTS and made a decision to continue my IELTS classes and after the preparation, I had attempted examination on 23rd November and received my certificates on 6th December. So afterwards I started searching for some of the Universities in Australia but unfortunately from the month of February lockdown started due to pandemic. So due to it I was compelled to postpone my further study plan and also want to assure you that pandemic is only the reason for the gap on my studies.

Why Australia?

While exploring and researching different countries, I found out Australia as the best suited destination to study abroad. The universities of Australia provide wide range of courses for the international students. The teaching methodology is both the blend of theoretical as well as practical education.

There are limited opportunities in Nepal for higher degrees in the sector for animals. Also, the institutions in Nepal are far from being at par with the international standards. I aspire for an education, recognized all over the world and not just within the given geographical boundary. So, I decided to continue my studies in Australia. Australia is a multicultural, safe, friendly and welcoming society offering excellent environment for international students to adjust and study. Australian institutions are widely recognized for their excellence as they deliver practical and career-oriented education so that students can acquire required skills and knowledge to enhance their career. Australia stands among popular study destinations with international students from across the globe. I believe Australia is an ideal destination to continue my higher degrees in nursing. Additionally, with an Australian degree, I will have better employment opportunities both in my home country and other parts of the world.

Some other reasons for choosing Australia rather than any other countries are:

Australia has low crime rates compared to other countries.

UK's climate, weather and cost of living are not as attractive as those of Australia.

USA's tuition fees are more or less similar with those of Australia; however, USA does not practice a uniform, whole nation accreditation system like Australia. I am also not guaranteed the quality of service after making such huge investment.

Australia, is a country with diverse culture and safer environment, and ranks as third most sought destination for international students with its universities consistently ranked among the top universities in the world.

Australia has a nationally accredited system for their vocational studies framework and this gives strong confidence to its quality.

Australia provides dynamic and progressive education program with a reputation for excellence, globally recognized course and qualification.

Australia provides unique kind of education and a learning style that encourages innovative, creative and independent thinking culture.

More importantly, the nursing education in Australia is world renowned to be practical with primary focus on employment, which exactly fits my expectations. Graduates from Australia are very successful in finding jobs and holding prominent position in my country.

Australia also practices ESOS act (Education Service for Overseas Students) for international students which governs fundamental rights of international students and enables our rights to receive accurate information before enrollment, current courses fees, mode of study and other relevant information about institution.

CRICOS (Commonwealth Registration of Institutions and Course for Overseas Students) is also an important factor of Australian Education System which ensures quality education to international students.

TPS (Tuition Protection Service) and gun control system are other attractions of Australia.

Not only that, Australia has diverse landscapes ,beautiful coastlines, vast outback and modern cities as well as unique marsupials like kangaroos, koalas, wombats and quokkas in the same way Australian are kind ,generous , friendly, rich in culture and always provide a warm welcome for new culture. There are plenty of opportunities available for both leisure and pleasure. Australia has been ranked the 4th happiest country in the world (behind only Norway, Denmark and Sweden)

Therefore, studying in Australia will be a ticket for me to visit natural attraction and enjoy numerous cultural, foods, music festival. Furthermore Australia has a strong reputation. The education system is carefully regulated by Australian government in order to maintain the high education standard. Learning in university of Australia would be a great experience.

Why not Nepal?



Nepal has very limited development in the sector of animals and insufficient education materials for students. I have completed my Diploma in Animal Science in Nepal and now I want to pursue higher education. For that, I have researched study options which are available in my home country Nepal but I decided to study in abroad. The quantity of universities is also very low. There are only 5 universities that are officially verified by the Nepal Government. As per my research, in Nepal, there are few universities but they are only providing specific courses only available at few universities like Tribhuwan University and Purbanchal University with a limited number of seats and there are no other partner institution and campuses for pursuing this course. Furthermore, the degree in Nepal has low demand and less market value in comparison with international degrees and international work experience.

After that the education system in Nepal is very weak. The teaching approach is more theoretical than a practical one. The board examination notice and results are never published on time. So, in order to make my future degree valued and wanted, it was necessary that I expand my research abroad. And my plan is to study Bachelor in natural environment and wilderness which provides many options as communication and thought, scientific research methods. And I am also more interested to experience a new education system from a developed country like Australia.

Why not other countries?

Studying abroad and getting an international degree has been a priority for so many students today. There is no doubt that there are various countries that I can apply for my postgraduate degree but there are various reasons for not choosing the countries like the USA, UK and Other European Countries.

USA: The requirement of GMAT and GRE courses along with high tuition costs is the main reason for not choosing the USA. The cost of living is also high in the USA. (\$1=NRS 118.07)

European Countries: The major reason for not applying to European countries is due to the language barrier. On the other hand, the weather is not favorable as there is an extremely cold climate. (1 EURO= NRS 143.38)

UK: The cost of living is high and low job security for international students. The constant amendment in policies regarding international students and in other various rules also makes it quite unstable to stay there. (1 POUND = NRS.158.77)

On the other hand, Australia is one of the best destinations for international students to gain highly qualitative education in prestigious and top-ranked universities which will benefit in future flexibility. Comparing the exchange rate of Australia and other countries, Australia has a lower exchange rate which makes the fee structure affordable for international students (1 AUD = NRs 86.05). Moreover, Australia's policies are highly favorable for international students which made me choose Australia over other countries.

(The exchange rate is dated on 4th December, 2020)

Why University of Tasmania (UTAS)?

Before making the decision to study Bachelor in Natural Environment and Wilderness in University of Tasmania, I have done a brief research about the course, cost recognition, duration and future scope for my career.

I took my time comparing the course and subject materials as well as a teaching environment. Among various world-class education providers in Australia I found many universities and their courses suitable for me but among them, the University of Tasmania is the one that stands out for me. Since its establishment, University of Tasmania has been providing a suite of quality education in undergraduate and postgraduate coursework programs to domestic and international students. As per the research, I found that University of Tasmania is the only public university in Queensland to be awarded 5 stars for teaching quality. University of Tasmania is rated as one of Australia's best universities for overall student experience. University of Tasmania will help, whether it's practical to work experience or the chance to pursue a lifelong passion, to connect with the community or to travel. University of Tasmania programs include a strong focus on the core skills in the future workplace. All programs include hands-on training, practical experience and internships. University of Tasmania has over 70 partner institutions worldwide and the opportunities are endless. In short, I will get everything I will need for a bright future. During my research, I have gone through the website of few other universities where I had found the related course of mine like Latrobe University is providing the course

Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bio Science with the annual fees of AUD \$ 37,800, University of Technology is offering the Course Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science) with the fees of 20,650 AUD \$ per session, Monash University is also providing the course Bachelor of Science and Global Studies with the annual tuition fees of 43,500 AUD \$ and so on. As the Universities are a bit expensive than the University of Tasmania which is providing me the subject of my choice in a reasonable tuition costs and I also found University of Tasmania more preferable and suitable from every prospects. University of Tasmania provides a high graduate employment rate with advance technology and teaching, learning facilities. I am also attracted to the affordable tuition fees and suitable location.

Why Bachelor of Natural Environment and Wilderness?

I am applying to study Environmental Science and wilderness because of my enthusiasm for the environment and my fascination for living organisms. I am particularly interested in animals and their behavior, ecology, conservation, human animal interaction and biodiversity which I have studied at diploma level and experienced during my job interval, and would welcome the opportunity of acquiring further knowledge on biological aspects with a focus on animals.

The opportunity to develop practical and field work skills whilst learning about the research and conservation required in helping protect and preserve this fragile environment is what attracts me to a degree in Environmental Science and wilderness. This degree ensures to gain integrative knowledge understanding of natural environment and understanding that will enable to conserve biodiversity and geo diversity, while being able to specialize in areas of interest.

Future Career Plans:

First of all, if get an opportunity to be a part of University of Tasmania. My plan is to study a Bachelor of Environmental Science and wilderness from Australia. It provides a comprehensive overview of biodiversity, conservation, human-animal interactions and the impact of a changing environment. I will make best out of these three years by portraying my hard work, zeal, sincerity, and dedications and ace my different exams for achieving my goal. With an accomplishment of three years of studies and with the extension of my visa I want to polish up my practical knowledge and would like to be working in any of the course-related fields over there. As per

The research, the potential field of employment includes animal ecologist, wildlife or environmental researcher, park or wildlife management and planning, environmental educator, ecotourism guide, environmental organizations and consultancies and many more. After completing my course from Australia and having some experience under the PSW I will return back to my home country Nepal. If I am not able to get PSW also I will return to Nepal and will apply for the job utilizing all the knowledge and information which I got from Australia. I would like to see myself working towards the benefit and development of the Environmental Science and wilderness. I have a genuine intention to go to Australia, I will return to my home county after the completion of my course as my birthplace has always been a place of comfort for me. With the Australian degree, I would be able to get employed in much reputed big organization of my countries like SPCA, Animal Welfare Organizations, SAWM, Wildlife Conservations of Nepal, Government Jobs Nepal and many more. I have got all the information regarding job through online job portals like www.merjob.com, www.kumarijob.com, www.ramrojob.com. They are giving more priority to international degree holders than local degree holder. They are paying NPR 65000- 75000 per month to International degree holder but for the same job Nepalese Degree holder will just get a pay of NPR 25000 -40000 per month. It seems that my investment to get an Australian degree will be more beneficial for me to get a competitive job nationally and internationally as Australian degree is globally accepted.

My course details:

The subjects that I will be studying in University of Tasmania for Bachelors in natural environment and wilderness requires the completion of 300 credit points comprising:

- 100 credit points Major
- 100 credit points of Core units
- 100 credit points of Elective units

Major

Natural environment management

Year 1

KGA171 Global Geographies of Change

KGA172 Space, Planet and Nature

Year 2

KGA 204 Earth, climate and Life

KGA223 Environmental Management

Year 3

KGA308 Political Ecologies of Development

KGA327 Geo heritage and Geo tourism

KGA332 Conserving Nature in Landscapes

KGA381 Environmental Impact Assessment

Core

Year 1

Choose two units from

BEA103 Ecosystem Services

KGG 102 GIS Introduction

KPZ163 Ecology

HSP102 Emergency Management Policy and Governance

choose two units from

HUM113 Indigenous Life worlds: Story, History and Country

KEA101 Understanding Earth Systems

KLA115 Sustainable Resource Management

KSA101 Introduction to Marine and Antarctic Science A

Year 2

KGA205 Geographies of Economy, Politics and Culture

KGA213 Natural Environment Field Techniques

KGA318 Geographies of Island Places

KGA331 Fire, Weeds and Feral: Conserving Nature in Protected Areas

Electives

Accommodation Arrangement and Immigration History:

I will be using University accommodation or will find the suitable place near the University area. Talking about my immigration history which is fair and clean as this is my very first attempt in a student visa, I don't have any visa rejections nor any denial before.

Reasons for the delay in my Application:

The world is really facing a same problem of this pandemic which has disturbed and became one of the barriers in our way, so due to this pandemic I was unable to proceed for my application on time.

Visa Obligations:

- I am aware of the visa conditions in Australia where
- I should maintain satisfactory attendance in the course and course progress for each period as required by the education provider.
- I must maintain adequate managements for health insurance.
- I must remain enrolled in a registered course.
- I should update my address.

I assure you that I will be maintaining my student visa conditions as well as other rules and regulations. I would be very thankful if I get the lifetime opportunity to educate myself in Australian way at esteemed university with Australian culture and lifestyle, which I believe will be both challenging and rewarding and when I come back to Nepal with my degree I can make myself and my family proud.

Conclusion:

I hereby certify that the information above, which has been supplied in support of my student visa application to assist me to demonstrate that I satisfy DIBP's GS and

GTE compliance requirements, has been completed in my own words and writing and is a true and correct account. I understand that if any incorrect, misleading or non-genuine information is found in this SOP, my student visa application will be refused.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrisha Gurung