

Statement of Purpose

The Visa Officer
Australian High Commission
New Delhi, India

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Rikish Shahi from Nepal. My permanent address is Khajura Rural Municipality-1, Banke, Nepal and my current address is Tarakeshwor Municipality-7, Kathmandu, Nepal. In regards to my Academics, I had completed my School Leaving Certificate (SLC) examination from Little Angels' Secondary School in 2016 AD, obtaining Grade Point Average (GPA) 3.55 with A+ in computer Science and CGPA 3.04 in 10+2 in 2018 AD from the same school which is located in Hattiban, Lalitpur, Nepal. I studied in Science Faculty with major subjects Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science and Mathematics where I have got B+ in Computer Science. My aim is to work in IT (Information Technology) sector, so I realized to receive some practical information after theoretical study of computer course at school. I therefore did unpaid internship of hardware and software installation of computer between 16 November 2018 and 15 May 2019 at Aama I.T. Solutions Pvt. Ltd. in Kathmandu, Nepal. In between time, I also took my IELTS examination on 23 February 2019 and scored overall band 6 because I have decided to continue higher education abroad especially in Australia.

After completing Grade 12, I did a lot of researches in both domestic and international market for my higher study to choose the right study destination. I finally decided to hold degree from Australia. The primary reason is that Australia is the safest study destination for international students whose tuition fees are protected through Tuition Protection Service, in case education providers get closed. International students can study without any fear of losing their time as there is credit transfer and tuition transfer system to compensate this effect. And also, quality of education providers are assessed and regulated through ASQA for Vocational Education and through TEQSA for Higher Education. Thus, international students like me can choose quality education provider before enrollment. Similarly, Australian Qualifications Framework is globally recognized so the degree gained in Australia is accepted anywhere in the world. What's more, Australia is the country of diversified populations which has attracted a large number of international students who can widen international experience and fellowship along with cultural exchange.

Moreover, Australia has world most livable cities in top ten, such as Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide but living expenses and tuition costs are lower in Australia than other English countries, such as the United States and United Kingdom. The cost seems higher in those two latter countries because of the foreign exchange conversion rate of Nepalese currency (NPR) into USD and GBP. Our currency is much weaker as compared to the currency of USA and UK, so the cost for tuitions and livings become higher there. We can also minimize the cost through the scholarships provided in tuition fees, just as I received 20% Scholarships through Federation University @ IIBIT for my complete study period. These reasons attracted me to study in Australia, leaving other countries behind.

Not only those foreign countries but also I made my research visiting and talking seniors and graduates who studied Information Technology in the colleges in my own country Nepal, such as Kantipur City College, Nepal College of Information Technology, College of Information Technology and Engineering, Kist College etc. where theoretical education with low laboratory facilities are practiced and the courses are not of international standard. Moreover, there are some colleges like The British College, Islington College, Naya Aayami Multi Disciplinary Institute, etc. in Nepal affiliated to international universities, but they do not provide expectedly high quality education. The reasons are infrastructure and academic facilities are not developed well as per international standard with modern academic facilities and also the teachers do not have much international experience to share international teaching learning activities. Therefore, Nepali students holding international degree from the foreign countries can widen more job opportunities with respectable position and salary in Nepal than domestic graduates. That's why, I would like to hold international degree of Bachelor of Information Technology delivered by Federation University through International Institute of Business and Information Technology (IIBIT), Sydney, Australia.

I not only made research among Nepalese education providers but also researched among Australian education providers before confirming Federation University for my higher education. I visited the site of QILT (Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching) for Computing and Information Systems. I found overall quality of educational experience of Federation University was 74% which was more than the National Average of 72.5%. However, Griffith University, Monash University, RMIT University, Southern Cross University, Australian Catholic University, Australian National University and Charles Darwin University were not able to meet the National Average Standard in Computing and Information Systems of Undergraduate Degree. Though Queensland University of Technology, Edith Cowan University, Curtin University and Flinders University stood higher in overall quality of educational experience as compared to Federation University, but tuition fees in Bachelor of Information Technology was lower with

AUD 23,700 per year in Federation University. Out of the fee, I have also received 20% scholarships for entire study period which has also further lowered my tuition fees expenses. Empathically, the three reasons- overall quality of educational experience of Federation University higher than the National Average, affordable tuition fees and partial scholarships- are the attracting points for me to choose Federation University. This university, being the third oldest (ie. established in 1870 AD) tertiary education provider in Australia, had a long academic history and produced many alumni. This has also received five star rating frequently for teaching quality education from Australian Good University Guide. Federation University located in Ballarat delivers its programs through its different campuses of multiple locations. It also associates with IIBIT Education Group in Sydney and Adelaide, so International students can choose its campuses and associated education provider by its location where quality of education is the same, though they are in different locations:

I would like to study in Federation University whose programs delivered at IIBIT (International Institute of Business and Technology), Sydney. This university also guarantees quality education of its programs taught through IIBIT. International students can receive globally recognized degree for their marketability, as this is providing commercially desirable and professionally accredited degree. Federation University programs at IIBIT are taught by teaching professionals who meet the teaching quality standards. IIBIT provides facilities, lectures and tutors, and student services, whereas Federation University controls the quality of the program, via moderation process and confers Degree. This ensures that students like us get the same awards from the university at Ballarat or another teaching location at IIBIT, Sydney. IIBIT's lecturing staffs and administration staffs have received excellence awards from Federation University for the services provided to students which show they are dedicated to provide quality education. IIBIT provides excellent facilities at class room for the delivery of the programs trying to equal university standard. The classrooms and IT labs are fitted with modern technology which facilitates delivery of lectures at high standards. Class sizes are small to maintain individual attention. The library is fully equipped for supporting a large number of students at any time. The three semesters in one year option here enables students to fast-track their studies. This flexibility means that students can complete their degrees earlier than students studying in a conventional two semester system. Additionally, IIBIT is located in the heart of the Central Business District in Sydney, so the campus is well connected to all the major public transport routes. Supermarkets, banks and post offices are within a few minutes' walk. As a result, I feel convenient to stay and study in this location. Moreover, I would like to study in Sydney, though it has campus location in Adelaide. Sydney stood in the seventh of global livability ranking according to Economist Intelligence Unit in 2018. This city is also one of the

most populous having international students, so I can widen my knowledge about various cultures meeting multicultural people and extend my social horizon building friendship with them. Sydney has temperate climate that is similar to Nepal, so I can easily adjust in this environment.

I would like to study Bachelor of Information Technology of Federation University through IIBIT as this program holds Professional Level accreditation with Australian Computer Society (ACS). I have made my interest in this field since my school age and also decided to make my future career. I studied computer course in grade 10 and also in grade 11 with score A+ and B+ respectively that provided me fundamental knowledge about computer application, programming and net working. After completing grade 12, I also did my unpaid internship at Aama I.T. Solutions Pvt. Ltd. for six months that gave me practical skills of hardware and software installation. In between time, I also prepare IELTS and made my research about country selection, university and course selection. Due to prior academic knowledge theoretically and practically, I tend to feel to continue Bachelor of Information Technology. This program supports to develop strong communication, academic, and problem solving skills needed in IT sector. I will learn programming skills to facilitate smooth communication with software developers, and explore web design, systems modeling and user experience. Being a professional course, we can gain the knowledge of network and enhance the knowledge of the IT industry. We can also build awareness of the latest research and developments of IT sectors, and explore the extent to which IT is embedded in areas as diverse as health, education, industry and more. I receive those knowledge and skills, studying the following courses in different years of study period.

First Year Curriculum

Semester 1	Semester 2
ITECH1001 Communications & Technology (15)	ITECH1103 Big Data & Analytics (15)
ITECH1100 Understanding the Digital Revolution (15)	ITECH1104 Cloud & Enterprise Computing (15)
ITECH1101 IT Problem Solving (15)	ITECH2000 Mobile Development Fundamentals (15)
ITECH1102 Networking & Security (15)	ITECH2001 Game Development Fundamentals (15)
ITECH3000 It professional engagement	

Second Year Curriculum

Semester 1	Semester 2
General Elective (15)	Computing Elective OR Stream Specialisation (15)
ITECH2002 Systems Modelling (15)	General Elective (15)
ITECH2003 Web Design (15)	ITECH2004 Data Modelling (15)
Computing Elective OR Stream Specialisation (15)	ITECH2250 IT Project Management Techniques (15)

Third Year Curriculum

Semester 1	Semester 2
Computing Elective OR Stream Specialisation (15)	Computing Elective OR Stream Specialisation (15)
General Elective (15)	General Elective (15)
ITECH3001 User Experience (15)	ITECH3002 Professionalism & Entrepreneurship (15)
ITECH3208 Project 1 (15)	ITECH3209 Project 2 (15)

Those courses provide us a fundamental knowledge of IT along with skills in key areas including cloud computing and mobile application development and allow us to keep our options wide open in the IT industry. We can find a variety of career opportunities in small, medium and large business as well as government sectors. Careers include many but not limited for the graduate who can work as Application developer, Application performance tester, Application security manager, Business analyst, Cloud computing engineer, Communications officer, Computer engineer, Computer programmer, Cyber security analyst, Cloud security technician, Data modeler, Database designer, Programmer, Data scientist, Digital designer, Digital designer, Electronic commerce administrator, Enterprise systems analyst, Ethical hacker, Games developer, Game designer, Hardware technician, Information and data manager, ICT security specialist, Information management administrator and many more.

I would like to work as Information and Data Manager as I find career possibilities in big companies in Nepal, such as Nepal Telecommunication Authority, Ncell, World Link, Vianet Communications, Classic Tech, UBA Solutions, Verisk Nepal, ITONICS Nepal, Cloud Factory Limited, Versend Technology, Nepal Life Insurance, Standard Chartered Bank, SBI Bank, Nabil

Bank, Nepal Investment Bank, foreign embassies and international companies in Nepal. These are the high salary providers and are in need of IT professionals. The field of study I have chosen provides both field based job that I can do from office and home based job that I can do through online or using internet for making software, mobile apps and many more, but it hard to find such dual opportunities in other field of studies. I can remain much hectic in my profession, earning over 1,500 Australian Dollars per month. This is a very good earning in Nepal where living expenses is low. What's more, my IT knowledge and skills will also add to enhance my parent's business, developing software and apps as well as promoting through online. My mother has registered two businesses: Jay Bageshwori Hardware Suppliers which sells building construction equipment, hardware materials and painting materials and which my father looks after this business, and New Pathibhara Tajakhabar Media which is online journalism and has also got additional authority for newspaper printing and publication, program and information providing service, advertising and marketing research services, radio and television broadcasting. My mother looks after the latter business (ie. New Pathibhara Tajakhabar Media) whose demand is growing due to access of news everywhere and instant news of the world's event through online journalism.

During my study period, my parents who have good earnings will sponsor me financially to support my further tuition, accommodation, travel and other necessary expenses while remaining in Australia for study. I will remain under the law of Australian government applied for international students and also abide the rules and regulations of Federation University @IIBIT. I have received COE and adequate OSHC from BUPA for over my study duration period. After graduation, I will come back to Nepal to continue my career in IT sector, staying with my parents and grandmother who have their own businesses and family income as well as house and lands.

Sincerely yours,



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