

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Immigration officer

Australia High Commission

New Delhi, India

I'm here to affirm my intention on studying in University of the Sunshine Coast, Sunshine Coast, Australia to pursue a Post Graduate Qualifying Pathway followed by Master of Social Work. I will also include a brief account on my educational and professional background and the reasons behind choosing University of the Sunshine Coast for further studies in Australia.

My date of birth is 17th August, 1992, I am Sujata Sundas daughter of Mrs. Gauri Damai and Mr. Shukra Damai, permanent residents of Lalitpur Metropolitan City Ward No. 25, Nepal, (Previously:- Bhainsepati, 01 Karyabinayak, and Lalitpur District). I hold a Nepalese citizenship with passport number-10116141.

Regarding my academic qualifications, I passed my School Leaving Certificate (S.L.C) from Mount Makalu Secondary School on 2010, securing 71.50% and further I did my 10+2 (Intermediate Level) of two years in Management Faculty at United Academy in the year 2012 and obtained 62.90% in aggregate. After that, I joined Kathmandu Model College for my Bachelor's degree in Social Work of three years and completed in 2016 by securing 56% in aggregate.

I started my professional career as a Senior Customer Service Representative at Dish Media Network Pvt.

Ltd. (outsourced by Margon Research and Consultant) from 9th September 2012- 30th September 2015 which further enhanced my capacity to communicate and build rapport with concerned clients. The experiences I gained were a gateway of opportunities to pursue my career goals. After that, I was promoted to SMS support Assistant in the Dish Media Network Pvt. Ltd. as a permanent staff from 1st October 2015- 15th November 2016. As a SMS Support Assistant, my major responsibilities were to support and assist CSRs for providing solutions to clients. And

trainings in coordination with the team members prepare timesheet, weekly/monthly reports and monitor and supervise several activities being conducted. Recently, I am working as a Public Relation Officer from 8th February 2017 at Bluewater Educational Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. The major responsibilities included guiding students for abroad study, assisting them for documentation, arranging meetings and preparing reports. Besides my working experiences, I have done internship and participated in workshops are as below:-

- Loo Niva Child Concern Group (1st June 2015 -30th July 2015) - As an Intern, major responsibilities were media and monitoring, translation, child related news research.
- Youth Leadership Camp (3 days) - Participated in different teamwork related activities. Interacted with foreign teachers for leadership qualities.

I had 1 year of gap after completion of intermediate level as I was engaged in an employment at Dish Media Network Pvt. Ltd.(outsourced by Margon Research and Consultant). I was working as Senior Customer Service Representative. In the year 2013 I joined Bachelors level at Kathmandu Model College located at Bagbazar, Kathmandu and also continued my job.

Furthermore, I decided to pursue my Master Degree in foreign country in order to boost my knowledge and academic growth. I dedicated my time and effort preparing for my PTE exam and researching on the possible career path through a suitable university. I did my PTE on 1st March 2019, where my Overall score is 68 (Listening-65 Reading-70 Writing- 64 Speaking-80).

Considering my marital status, I have been happily married with Mr. Amrit Darnal permanent resident of Gokarneshwor Municipality Ward No. 01, Kathmandu district Nepal. We got married on 25th November 2016 according to social customs and our marriage registration number is 2051041501363-2049050100903-4. We have one daughter named Subhashree Raj Darnal (DOB: 2017/10/30). My husband will be accompanying me during my study period in Australia. I found it better to apply along with my husband as he will be supporting me in adapting to the new environment so that I can fully concentrate on my studies. My husband has always motivated and encourages me to pursue my education on higher level. He is an educated person so he values education and its importance in an individual's life.

More importantly we have one beautiful daughter and being mother it will not be easy for me to be apart. Our both paternal and maternal parents will be taking care of our daughter so I want my husband to be with me as he will support me emotionally and encourage me to focus on my study. Our daughter is 1st and only child of our both families so our parents will take care of her very carefully as they are very loving, caring and responsible people. And my daughter is also very comfortable with both my parents. Specially, with my mother and mother in law as I am a working mother she spends most of the time with them. They will pamper and nurture our daughter in a family environment with lots of love and care. Leaving our daughter is not easy but it's only for few years, we both will return back to our country after the completion of my education

My husband's family and my own parents are a well settled Nepalese family with sound economic status and will be sponsoring me and my husband travel, studies, and living expenses in Australia. We have approved educational loan from Everest Bank Limited. My father is a Master Tailor at Odyssey Fabric Kathmandu and earns annual income of AUD \$7700.64 my grandmother is a landlord and earns annual income of AUD \$4585.99, my brother is a project based employee at Sprout Technology and earns annual income of AUD \$3415.03, my aunt is an accountant at Himalayan Coffee Beans and earns annual income of AUD \$4968.15 and my father in law is a retired army (gets pension) and currently working as a Supervisor at Quickway Cargo (P) Ltd. and his total annual income is AUD \$9145.27. Thus, we can afford the tuition fee and living expenses of me and my husband during our stay in Australia.

After all, I was in dilemma about where to study then, I started doing research. During my research, I found many countries like Germany USA, UK and Canada. When I compared them, I found Germany inappropriate due to language and cultural barrier. In case of USA, It has high rate of criminal activities and I have to go through GRE/GMAT/SAT to get admission which is time consuming. Similarly, In UK and Canada, the processing time is so lengthy that it takes several months and the Unfavorable weather condition of UK and Canada makes it harder to adjust in it. Moreover, tuition fee and living cost in these countries is so expensive in comparison to that of Australia. Australia has one of the highest standards of living and cost effective in terms of accommodation and education expenses. This is heightened more because of the

exchange rate. The current exchange rate according to the Nepal Rastra Bank of Nepal as of 4th June 2019 is 1USD=NRP 111.12, 1 Euro = NRP 124.29, and 1 UK Pound = NRP 140.41 whereas, 1 AUD = NRP 77.33. With relatively lower exchange rate, it is going to be considerably economical for me to live and study in Australia than in other countries.

There is an accessible system provided by Australia, where an international student can learn a lot about the various campuses and the course they offer with the help of a very helpful site called cricos.education.gov.au. CRICOS registration guarantees that the course and the institutions at which we study meet the high standards expected by international students. Australia have been a world leader in protecting the tuition fees of international students studying in Australia on a student visa. Recent changes to the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act have further strengthened protections for international students through the introduction of the Tuition Protection Service (TPS). The Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) framework protects the rights of international students studying in Australia, including: The Tuition Protection Service (TPS) is a placement and refund service for international students, which is activated in the event that your institution is unable to teach your course. Read more about this service on the Tuition Protection Service website. Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) is recognized by employers and leading educational institutions around the world. Under AQF system, students can move easily from one level of study to the next and receive credit for previous study.

I was completely satisfied with the universities and free structure provided by Australia. I went through different websites (www.studyinaustralia.gov.au) and (www.studiesinaustralia.com), social media and many other references. I found Australia to be the best destination to study and pursue my career. After surfing through various web pages and different universities such as University of Melbourne (Annual Fee: AUD\$ 29,000), LA TROBE University (Annual Fee: AUD\$ 33,600) and Monash University (Annual Fee: AUD\$ 32,000). But Based on its course, duration, location, course content, free structure and other facilities made me decide USC as the University of my Choice. USC is a renowned university globally recognized for its facilities, inclusiveness, research and innovation in teaching coinciding with my interest in social work. During my research, I discovered the USC has been awarded five stars for teaching quality

overall experienced, student support, lecturer resources and skill development which appealed me the most. USC is Australia's leading University and allows international students from all around the world providing them a united platform.

I developed a deep interest in learning about the challenges of the developing society after I studied social work course in my Bachelor's Level. I especially enjoyed lectures on social work, research and major English literature which encouraged me to further pursue this path as a student of social work. The combinations of my education and work experiences have prepared me to develop interest and knowledge in this particular sector. Social Work is an academic and professional discipline that seeks to facilitate the welfare of communities, individuals and groups. There is a high demand of social worker nowadays in Nepal as it is suffering from the different social problems and natural calamities. For revival from these conditions of people, they need helping hands and the social workers to release from worse condition. During my bachelor studies, I've dealt with various subjects such as community development, development communication, Case study, gender studies, project management and research which coincide with the course content of Master of Social Work in USC which will guide me to find ways to reduce core problems of my country further enhancing my academic and professional skills. I have decided to study Master of Social Work in USC, firstly Post Graduate Qualifying Pathway (CRICOS: Code: 096508M) followed by Master of Social Work (Qualifying) (CRICOS Code: 073869J). There are 12 required courses and 192 units which include SCS701 engaging effectively with Aboriginal People, SCS725 Advanced Social Research, SCS730 Critical Social Theory, SCS790 Engaging Effectively with Culturally Diverse People and others.

For living arrangement, we are planning to stay at hotel until we get a rental flat. Sunshine Coast is a peri-urban area and third most populated area in the Australian state of Queensland. And we prefer to have a share accommodation and we will search for flat which is nearby college located at Sippy Downs, Sunshine Coast, Queensland which will generally cost \$200 to \$600 per week. We did a lot of research on (www.gumtree.com.au) and (<http://m.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au>).

Upon graduation I would like to start my career in social activist at Hospital and community health Services, Child protection services, Youth and family services, Community work and development roles,

Social policy, research and advocacy roles. I would like to explore different sectors of development through research especially in the rural sector with indigenous communities. The course offers new skills which will be of great importance in securing good job prospects in my country. As Nepal is a developing country underlying many social issues to be researched and addressed, a career in social work has a great value. Further, after the completion of my master's degree, this course will open various avenues for me to explore in different NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) like Maiti Nepal, Health and Education for Nepal, Backward Society Education (BASE) so on. And INGO (International non-governmental organization) like Action Aid International Nepal, Aids Health Care Foundation (AHF), Oxfam GB, UK, HANDS International UK and so on. The added incentive of working in a range of international community engagement projects during the course work will boost my knowledge and understanding of the subject. Initially I expect to earn approximately 50 to 90 thousand NRs Per month and I expect to gain more based on my working performance. I can find the job through the vacancies sources like <https://merojob.com/>, <https://www.kumarijob.com> Also; I can give the exam in Public Commission as per Government of Nepal where I can get the Permanent Government Job. Through the joint combination of my previous experience from organizations and the practical essence of Social Work knowledge I will receive from USC, It will be no hard for me to find my desire job with expected salary.

Furthermore, leaving my daughter will not be easy task but yes I have understood the value of my international degree and it's about few years only. After completion of my study, I and my husband will return back to our home country as I have huge responsibility of my daughter and family because I am not taking her with me in Australia. I value my responsibility of being mother, daughter and daughter in-law as well. Moreover I am a patriotic person and always motivated to serve my country, which needs capable human resources for development. While I would develop myself and gain the required competency with the degree and experience from different organization, I strongly wish to establish my own organization in Nepal aiming to bring a positive change in country's development. Therefore, my goal is to be a change maker in my

country by implementing more effective tools and proper working conditions in bringing substantial changes in the society.

I and my husband do not have any Visa grants/refusals/cancellations. As per the requirement, I have dispatched all my documents that render all the information that may help you in making affirmative, assessment and decision for issuing my and my husband's Visa for Australia. I would be grateful if you can consider my application for admission. These opportunities will not only help me to fulfill my dream but also will help my country towards infinite progress.

I am completely aware about the obligations of a student under higher education visa subclass 500. As I am applying for Master of Social Work, I understand and agree to adhere to the following visa conditions:

- ❖ I must maintain a full time enrolment in student visa.
- ❖ I must achieve satisfactory academic performance i.e. 50% to pass the exam.
- ❖ I must attend minimum 80% class during the study period.
- ❖ I must take and maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of visa length.
- ❖ I must notify University and DIBP in writing, within 7 days of my arrival in Australia of my residential address, and/or any change to my residential address in Australia
- ❖ I cannot change the college for 6 months after the enrolment.
- ❖ I cannot work more than 40 hours per fortnight in the study period.

It would be my privilege to enroll in proposed course in University of the Sunshine Coast, which will help me to build my academic and professional career. I assure you that I and my husband will act in accordance with all the student visa obligations under visa subclass 500 during my stay and I will be abiding by all the norms and values, terms and conditions of both university and the Australian government. I would like to humbly request you to consider my application for my future career. Your kind thoughts would really be appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

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