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Introduction

With the great hope of getting opportunity to study Information Technology from Victoria Institute of Technology, I am presenting this Statement of Purpose (SOP) to express my genuine intention and career plans. I am ……………………………. , born on ……………………………… on of Mr. ……………………………and Mrs. …………………………., permanent resident of …………………………... I am completely extrovert by nature having high interest in computer games, computer programing, data processing, software and hardware components. It gives me an immense pleasure to apply Bachelors of Information Technology & System at

Victorian Institute of Technology Melbourne (VIT), Australia. I would like to express my sincere gratitude towards VIT for believing my caliber and career plan via offer letter for the proposed study plan. This will be eminent breakthrough for me to develop leadership skills, build confidence and learn advanced form of computers technology in depth which is my passion and strong enthusiasm that I dreamt from childhood. I enjoy investigative and innovative work, especially when it leads to practical applications. My real vision of career has always been a lucrative job that involves modern creativity, innovation and flexibility. Furthermore, to be an undergraduate student at VIT, one of the renowned education institution, is life time opportunity to expand my horizon and modify myself into IT specialist.

Academic Background

I completed my School Leaving Certificate from …………. in the year 2015 AD, with distinction, securing 80.83%. Later, I completed my high school in Science from same school in the year 2017 obtaining 62.10%. I always have been hard working, disciplined and proactive student. I have chosen science stream in my high school, which is consider as tough and challenging to pass out. Although it is challenging, I have so much devotion & passion towards science and technology which lead me to complete my high school with first division. Now, I wish to pursue my future studies in Bachelors of Information Technology & System as I believe the course that I am applying for, will help me to develop in depth understanding of the global practices across the spectrum of IT fields and will ultimately prepare me for my future career. After completion of high school, I started working as junior IT assistant in ……………… till 31 st of October 2018, in order to achieve hands on practical knowledge and understanding of implementation and importance of IT in workforce. At the same time, I was preparing for my higher education and I took IELTS Exam on 17 th January, 2018 and obtained an overall score of 6 with each section not less than 5.5. I am glad to find out that my IELTS score is sufficient to make me eligible for my desired program of study. Working as IT assistant, given me a chance to realize the scope of IT in today's globalized world and high demand of IT specialist in each and every sector in Nepal.

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Employment History:

I started working as junior IT assistant in ………………… from 1 st September 2017 to 31 st October, 2018. I strongly believe that before acquiring advanced knowledge in Information Technology and Systems it would be better to get some basic knowledge in IT and how we implement in work and daily life. I was assigned to monitor power supply to computers, printers & IT related devices, diagnose problems related to software and hardware, dealing with data processing of patients, monitor intercom, internet & telephone functionality and reporting to supervisor. I came to know about C-programming language and some basic but important aspect of IT.

Why not to study in home country:

Before choosing abroad study, I visited various colleges here in Nepal such as Amrit Science Campus, Deer walk College, Patan Nursing Campus, Kathmandu Bernhardt College. Those colleges offer me to study Bachelors of Information Management, Computer Science Information Technology (CSIT) and Computing. Eventually, I came to know that in a dynamic subject like Information Technology which requires a lots of practical exposure, most of the Nepalese institutions emphasizing on theoretical aspects rather than practical knowledge. More than 60% credits are given to theory. Theoretical knowledge alone cannot be used as competitive advantage in workforce. It is also an acquainted fact a degree from Nepal is outweighed by Australian or overseas degree. The political stability in Nepal is still in its infancy & huge disturbance in curriculum due to political based student union and its election at most of the colleges. So students cannot complete their degrees with stipulated time. Time to time educational strike is hampering the student's education career. Colleges in Nepal do not have experienced faculty members. Moreover, Nepalese colleges are also unknown with the international market demands, new technologies, enhanced syllabus and working mechanism. There are some college in Nepal that offer franchised international degree such as iSlington College, Softwarica College, Nami College, British College etc. but this degree has recognition and accreditation problem with Ministry of Education and the fee structure in this colleges are more than that of the fees in the Australia too. Moreover, these colleges are still lack for modern infrastructure and technology in their laboratory. These are the major reasons that I have chosen to receive higher degrees from abroad.

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Why Australia?

The main reason for choosing Australia for my higher education is the quality of education and diversity of people helps me to think from nationalism to internationalism. This nation has its restlessness journey towards excellence since decades. Australian colleges and universities are way ahead in the technological like computer engineering and IT engineering with compared to other countries of the world. Australia is a popular destination for international students and it hasbeen country of interest of mine as there are number of well recognized and reputed universities and colleges which prefer higher education to both domestic and international students. Also, the Australian government has set in place measures for international students to feel their well-being and that their social security is well guarded. The act of Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS 2000) protects the rights of international students studying in Australia and ensures that quality based education is provided to them. Australia also has special health insurance coverage for international students called Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). This insurance is required while residing in Australia on a student visa which will cover unexpected sickness or any emergency case. Furthermore, there is Tuition Protection Service (TPS) which is a placement and refund service for international students, which is activated in the event that the institution is unable to teach the students enrolled course. Besides this, Australia has a national regularity and quality agency for higher education called Tertiary Education Quality and Students Agency (TEQSA). Apart for these, different rights and acts to protect the right of International students like ECSOS, TPS which have been providing rigorous protection for international students. Australian government also offers PSW (Post Study Work) for gaining the better experience for students. Other reasons for me to choose Australia are; low crime rate, opportunity to work in part time, moderate climate, outback bush, kangaroos, koalas, laid back structure etc. Additionally, Melbourne is the coastal capital of the south-eastern Australian state of Victoria which is a peaceful city generally famous for Australia's top educational institutions, a broad range of academic disciplines, degrees and also recognized as the world's great creative hubs. I have heard that Melbourne Museum provides various educational material and programs for teachers and students which can be helpful for my study. Besides, being the second most populous metropolitan city, Melbourne has its own identity of Australian and indigenous art including multiple arts centers to attract visitors more to its own identity and strength of history, not only this, during leisure time students have chance to visit city area, full of plazas and restaurants, especially the Yarra River adds much into its attractions and coastal side of the city offers great experience and exposure of big waters for the students of landlocked countries. There are over 200 different nationalities and more than 230 languages used in there, which make it one of most vibrant and multicultural cities in Australia. Central colleges provide homelike environment with well-maintained facilities especially for international students.

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Australia is one and only option for me for acquiring international degree. The United States is not very appealing to me as destination because of absence of gun control, increase in crime rate and health care. The processing of USA is a bit lengthy as the number of college ask for SAT or ACT. The hostility towards immigrants in recent months is very alarming rate. On the other hands, I am not familiar with Canadian culture and some parts of Canada are predominantly French-speaking. Furthermore, the fee structure of colleges in Canada is more than that of Australia. Moreover, I will not be able to withstand that cold and harsh climate of Canada. Mainland Europe is not favorable due to linguistic barrier and harsher climate than that of Canada. The UK is only to be the option but the fee structure and living expenses is higher than Australia. According to the speculators and experts, the recent BREXIT is going to raise the expense even higher. Also, it is difficult to say for sure how BREXIT is going to impact students. I believe that the education received from Australia will definitely benefits my personal and professional aspects.

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Why Information Technology?

I have been really fascinated by computers ever since I got my first video game in my childhood. I got amused how things inside the box can be simulated by a person outside of it. First, I was just into gaming but when I really started getting deep into it and learned that I could do some tinkering with the games that's when I got introduced to programming. Since then, I have just been astounded that I have out of thin air, I could create something that people could find useful. I really want to pursue this passion further and thus want to study IT so that I can get a deeper knowledge and nitty-gritty about it. There are lots of more opportunities in I.T. sector in our country. It has been backbone of any organization. IT professional are needed in every type of industry. Every industry uses IT professionals for protecting the important documents of organization, for storing their large amount of documents. Besides industry sector, problems in Science, engineering, health care and so many areas can be solved by I.T. professionals. But it is up to those professionals to figure out how they design the software to apply the solution. And I.T. professionals earn big bucks than other professionals. There are many computer lord who have been in top of billionaire who use tips and tricks in the Information Technology. For instant, I am much inspired by Mark Zuckenberg (the developer of Facebook), Bill Gates (The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Microsoft), Steve Jobs (Creator of Apple world and also Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Apple till death). For certain, IT is and will remain the foundation of the global economy for years to come. The Bureau of Labor of USA statistics has consistently ranked the IT professional one of the fastest growing professions and top list of richest people in the world started their business with IT such as Jeff Bezos of Amazon, Jack Ma of Alibaba and Elon Musk of Tesla. In the context of Nepal, I.T. is needed in the each and every sector whether it is government of private organization. While studying Bachelors of Information Technology and System, I will be covering the core subject like;

· Computer systems and Networking.
· Project Management.
· Wireless Communication and Networks.
· Network Operating System and Configuration.
· Advanced Network and Infrastructure Security.
· Software Testing.
· Software Engineering.

These core subjects will modify myself to work as IT manager or Data Administrator which will very lucrative job opportunity in the context of Nepal.

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Why Victoria Institute of Technology (VIT)?

It's been tough job to choose a perfect college from the mass of good ones. I did a lot of research trying to find out the university and college that suits me best. Alternatively, I found a website "www.cricos.education.gov.au" where I got detailed information about course with corresponding providers. It made the process much easier than I filtered lots of universities and college according to the rankings, placements, cost and quality.

Subsequently I deducted the number to three **Macquarie University** (www.mq.edu.au) has more than 26000AUD per year, **Monash University** ($AU 95,458), **La Trobe University** ($AU 85,500), **Southern Cross University** ($51,200) and **MIT (Melbourne Institute of Technology)** ($52,530), they seem more expensive. I was in search of the institutions that would offer Bachelor of IT and systems in an affordable cost but quality was not something that I would compromise with. So I found out that **VIT (Victorian Institute Of Technology)** offers exactly what I was seeking for. There are numerous reasons why I chose Victorian Institute of Technology. Firstly, the tuition fee is quite affordable and it is located in Melbourne. This institute also provides scholarships, which can be a plus point for me in the future. Many international students who studied in Victorian Institute of Technology have been able to be successful to shape up their career perfectly by turning out to be the best candidates in their field. As I am planning to study Bachelors of informational technology and system, this course is available in Victorian Institute of Technology and I am satisfied with the content of this course. There is practical based learning, which can help students to learn more effectively. More importantly, Bachelors of informational technology and system is one of the courses where practical learning is emphasized and Victorian Institute of Technology offers students the platform to do so. According to my research, mentors of Victorian Institute of Technology are quite friendly, highly qualified as well as understanding. I suppose Victorian Institute of technology to be the best choice for me to study Bachelor of Information Technology Systems for my higher education and to build a strong foundation of my career. Therefore, For this journey, I find no other university as promising as Victorian Institute of Technology (VIT).

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Plan After Graduation

After the completion of the intended course, I plan to apply for post study work in order to get international experience and then return to my home country Nepal and deploy my skill and knowledge to develop my country more in networking and security. With a degree in Information Technology from reputed institutions from Australia, I will have the credibility and capabilities to compete easily in Nepalese market. I am sure that I will also impart some knowledge to my future colleagues base upon my experience in Australia. It would be a proud moment for me to serve my country as a skilled manpower in one of the most important sectors in my country's ICT. My first target will be getting better placement according to my qualifications and work experience in big IT Companies like NTC, Ncell, World link, Mercantile, Versed Technologies, Deer walk, F1 Soft, E-Sewa etc. as a Project Manager or Database Administrator and in order to operate e-marketing, I should be able to receive a fat pay by getting enrolled into such big companies. My long term plan is to establish my own company and work as an IT Specialist. I plan to cater the financial sector as the world is moving towards cashless transaction which is very uncommon in Nepal. People have just started using mobile wallets and application to pay utility bills. I see the future in this venture and will be working very hard to achieve my goals. When I return back to Nepal after my studies, I see myself as IT specialists contributing to my own country. I would be proud to serve my nation upon gaining the knowledge and education rather than spending rest of my life in settling in a new country. I am sure working in government office will provide me high salaries and other benefits and also tons of respect. I am a genuine student and I do not intend to stay in Australia more than my period of education.

Motivation to return back to Nepal

There are a number of reasons for me to come back to my home country. As I have clearly mentioned above, I have certain career goals to be accomplished in Nepal and I must return to realize my ambition of becoming a successful IT professional and run my own IT company. Furthermore, my parents hadn't left a single stone unturned in taking good care of me and my education. They have very high expectation from me in the time of their old age. So, I have infinite responsibility towards them as being only one child of them. Being only one child of my family, my father's property is inherited to me. The protection and care of those assets lies in my head and I have to look after them in future. In context of our country, IT sector is scarcely developed and people with higher level of qualification in this field is in greater demand. Consequently, I think job prospects for this qualification can foster in Nepal both economically and respectfully.

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Financial status & Visa Conditions:

My parents believe that Education is a life time valuable property of a person and investments on it never goes waste. My family members are great supporter towards my decision to study in foreign institution. They are ready to sponsor me for my further education in Australia. My father (………………………) owns a Trekking agency named ……………… and also owns a shop that supplies trekking and mountaineering equipment's …………………. So, he will be funding me by the income from his business. Likewise, my mother (………………………..) works as a Marketing manager in ………………, she will also be assisting for the fund from her salary. Hence, my parents will be sponsoring me for studying in Australia.

Students Visa Conditions:

I am applying for Temporary Visa subclass (500). There are number of conditions applied in this visa that I must comply with and follow. I have listed my understanding related to these visa conditions as following:

- I need to maintain a minimum of 80% attendance.
- I am allowed to work 40 hours per fortnight.
- I have to clear 50% of subjects of my enrollment in each term.
- I have to maintain my Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) during my stay in Australia.
- I must notify DIBP within 7 days of my arrival of my residential address and/or any changes to my residential address in Australia in writing.

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Conclusion:

I declared myself as a genuine temporary entrant and intend to come to Australia with the purpose of academic study, and have the language, education ability and financial capacity to undertake and successfully complete my academic plan. Aforementioned information are true and correct in every details. I understand the incorrect or misleading statements may result in refusal of my student visa application. Thus, I would like to assure the Australian High Commission that I satisfy the criteria for admission along with a possible financial aid. I believe that a proposed study will provide the milestone in my career along with invaluable experiences and skills that will allow me to become a successful, innovative professional and give assistance to accomplish my career goals. I am certain that application to Victorian Institute of Technology is the best possible step to accomplish my carrier goal and I would regard my admission not only as a great honor but also a great responsibility and an obligation to work hard.

I look forward to receive your positive response.

Yours Sincerely,

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Contact Number:……………………

Email Address: ………………………….