

You can change the future for a student like Amrita

Swinburne Annual Appeal

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Amrita's story

Amrita came to Australia with her family in 2006, fleeing war-torn Nepal.

"My family were farmers living in a small rural town. It was a very turbulent and unstable time in Nepal. We had a government imposed curfew, and could not leave the house at certain times."

When she arrived in Australia, Amrita faced many challenges.

"We did not know any English and my father was trying to find steady work. Although I tried to improve my English, I was always more passionate about mathematics."

After completing her schooling, Amrita decided to study a Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours).

"I chose this area of study because when we lived in Nepal we did not have good infrastructure and sometimes there were issues with the roads. I think it is an area of study that has real impact."

There were many factors to consider when selecting a university.

"I know that Swinburne will provide me with a global and quality education in the field of civil engineering. I also know that Swinburne graduates have a high employment rate."

Amrita's family were determined to support her throughout her first year at university.

"My father saw how dedicated I was. He tried very hard to pay my university bills, going heavily into debt. It was heartbreaking for me to see this."

When completing her first year of civil engineering, Amrita's visa status was suddenly changed and she was unable to work or study for two years.

"I felt restless and disheartened."

Despite this, Amrita's commitment to creating a better life for herself and pursuing higher education was stronger than ever, and eventually her visa status was reversed.

In 2017, Amrita was awarded one of Swinburne's Welcome Scholarships.

"I was so grateful and honoured to receive this scholarship – it has been life-changing. It gives me the financial support I need to get back to my studies and pursue my goals."

Amrita works in a palliative care facility and tutors students, occasionally working nights and going to class in the morning.

As for her future, Amrita has her sights set high.

"I want to be a professor, I want to conduct research and teach. It is such a rewarding job."

Amrita Kharel

Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours)
Welcome Scholar '17





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challenge and shape our world.”

Professor Linda Kristjanson AO
Vice-Chancellor and President

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