

## Bikram Sherchan

**Country:** Nepal

**Course:** Advanced Diploma of Tourism

**Institute:** TAFE NSW - Western Sydney Institute, Baulkham Hills College

**Scholarship:** Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships



Nepalese student Bikram Sherchan has been awarded a prestigious scholarship to study tourism at The Hills College, formerly Baulkham Hills TAFE.

The 28-year-old has already started his two-year Advanced Diploma of Tourism and is excited about what he has learned so far.

“I am really impressed by the way Australia approaches tourism,” he said.

Mr Sherchan first learned about TAFE NSW via the internet and chose the Western Sydney Institute, The Hills College because it had the course he wanted to study.

He said it was his dream to establish a tourism business in Nepal which featured the culture and music of one of the smallest of the 100 ethnic groups in Nepal, the “Gaine” or Gandarbha people.

“I want to help preserve their traditions and their music,” said Mr Sherchan, whose home is in far west Nepal, close to the Indian border.

“I miss family and friends, but it’s been incredible to learn about tourism and understand how to market it,” he said.

Relieving institute director Ron Wright congratulated him on his achievement.

“This is a very prestigious scholarship and I wish Bikram all the best as he studies with us and experiences Australia first-hand.”

“Our international students are a very welcome part of our student body, bringing with them their own cultural perspectives, knowledge and experiences.”

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