

Yasir Al-Khateeb

Country: Iraq

Course: Advanced Diploma of Telecommunications Engineering

Institute: TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute, Lidcombe College

Scholarship: Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships



Yasir Al-Khateeb is a young Iraqi with a dream to do his part to reconstruct his country and reconnect his fellow citizens with the outside world.

A lack of experience and infrastructure in the telecommunications field in Iraq is a major problem facing the country's challenge to rebuild.

To develop his knowledge and skills, Yasir applied for an Endeavour Vocational Education and Training Award to undertake an Advanced Diploma of Telecommunications Engineering at TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute, Lidcombe College.

Yasir completed his qualification in June 2009 and is confident that his Australian qualifications will assist him to get a good job in Iraq.

Yasir's experience in Australia has helped him build lifelong relationships and has contributed immensely to his personal development.

"This experience has changed my life, granting me the good fortune to gain qualifications from a world-respected institution."

Yasir's Australian education experience

Yasir thoroughly enjoyed the lifestyle he experienced while he studied in Sydney.

"The public transport network is excellent making it easy for students to get around. The library is a fantastic resource and having access to Muslim prayer rooms was great for me. I regularly used the gym for boxing and yoga classes."

Yasir enjoyed spending time with his classmates and found inspiration interacting with students from such diverse backgrounds and cultures.

Plans for the future

Yasir plans to pursue a career in telecommunications which will play an important role in supporting the Iraqi economy and creating employment opportunities for the Iraqi people.

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