1. Please provide details of your current circumstances, including ties to family, community, employment, and economic circumstances. Outline and explain any academic or professional gap of more than six months.

I'm a recent graduate from Tribhuwan University, acquiring a BSc. CSIT degree.

Born and raised in a Nepalese family, I'm blessed to have a close-knit family consisting of my parents and a sibling. My family has always been a beacon of support and encouragement. Despite living in different cities, we share harmonious bonding and understanding.

Not only that, but my ties to the community have also been commendable. As a highly enthusiast member of Leo Club, I've volunteered in several events like Gender and Climate Change sessions, Self-Defense Training and so on.

Moreover, I'm currently working as a Graphics Designer in Generation Nepal Pvt. Ltd. I've recently joined this company where I've been designing engaging content and advertisements. However, I'd like to extend my wings in the field of Web development with enriching experiences gained while working on some remote Upwork website projects.

Despite <u>post-COVID economic challenges</u>, I'm privileged to have my family fund my studies. Furthermore, their unwavering support as an economic backbone ensures to cover my overall expenses while studying in Australia.

2. Explain the reason you wish to study this course in Australia with ACU and your understanding of the requirements of the intended course and studying and living in Australia. You must outline the relevance of your previous studies and/or work experience. Please provide reason/s for not studying in your home country or region if a similar course is available there.

Australia has become a focal point for Information Technology students—thanks to its top-notch education, technology-driven industry and abundant scholarships. In addition to its core offerings, <u>Tuition Protection Service (TPS)</u> and <u>Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)</u> fuel essential safeguards in my educational journey. For this reason, I've chosen Australia as my number one destination for my study abroad.

More specifically, I've chosen Australian Catholic University (ACU) to pursue my Master of Information Technology (<u>CRICOS:079874G</u>). This course offered by ACU aligns with my career growth and personal interests. Having been positioned among top universities, ACU has resonated with its name across the globe. ACU has ranked in the top 2 per cent of all universities worldwide. Moreover, ACU has also ranked #801-850 per QS World University Rankings.

Regardless of the availability of IT courses in Nepal, there are several drawbacks such as unrevised courses, lack of practicality, and limited global exposure. This has further prompted me to look for a better option like Australia.

3. Explain how completing the course will be of benefit to you. Identify specific positions you plan to apply for, potential future employers, and your expected salary. Demonstrate how you expect to receive a return on your investment.

As the course provided by ACU coincides with my career objectives, I'm looking forward to embarking on this golden opportunity. Moreover, this course seamlessly integrates Foundation Units, Specialist Area Units, a Masters Project Unit and an Elective Unit. This

After completion of my postgraduate studies, this course will provide me with advanced knowledge and hands-on skillsets which will boost my career goals. Above all, I aim to lead my career as a Web Developer. My initial motivation for Web Development stemmed from facing challenges while doing semester projects. So, I'd like to apply as a Web Developer in some reputable Web Development companies such as Butterfly, Webential, Stone Digital or maybe tech startups.

 Please provide any other relevant information that demonstrates that you are a genuine student. For more information, please refer to Ministerial Direction No. 106.

I have been avidly interested in understanding new technologies and honing problem-solving since an early age. This desire led me to study Computer Science in my high school (+2). Delving deeper, I immersed myself in understanding programming languages, databases, and frameworks. My fascination grew over time ultimately solidifying my decision to pursue Information Technology as my undergraduate degree.

As a genuine student, I've always devoted my hard work and efforts to maintaining prolific academics. Throughout my academic journey, I've always shown my true potential and also consistently upheld remarkable grades. I achieved a **3.69 GPA** in my highschool. For my academic excellence, I was honored to receive the **Golden Jubilee Scholarship** in **2018-19** from the Government of India. This award was solely merit-based.

In addition, I've also maintained significant grades in my Bachelor level. Well, I've secured **76.57%** in aggregate of my 4-year (8 semesters) BSc. CSIT course. During this period, one of my notable achievements was a final-year project titled "**Automated Face Recognition Based Attendance System Using RetinaFace and Facenet**", where I collaborated with my team members under the guidance of mentors.

