

How will an international education help me make a difference in the world?

My desire for hands on learning based study motivated me to apply to a US university for my graduate studies. Right now, I am studying Masters in Agriculture Science in Northwest Missouri State University. I am also involved in Northwest UNICEF, a grass root UNICEF campus initiative with a belief that college students can play an important role in saving the lives of children in the world. Similarly I am also actively involved in Agronomy club which is an agriculture club at Northwest and recently I have applied my candidacy for the position of President for Nepalese Northwest Student Association.

International education has changed my world in lot of different ways. Although this is just my second semester in the US, I have experienced a vast difference in the learning process in a developed country like US and my home country Nepal. The study in US is more practical oriented and the professors encourage us to build a solid understanding of concepts and to apply them rather than working on memorizing concepts just like in my country. My professors encourage me in my study project and are always there to help and guide me whenever I need their help. Right now, I am working on a project that involves study of effects of cover crops in yield, pest suppression, soil health and economic analysis in corn-corn rotation in northwest Missouri. I have had the opportunity of using high end equipments in my project which would have been a far cry if I had opted to study my masters in Nepal. My university has excellent lab facilities for working on weed and soil research as well has field technicians and equipments for my study which encompasses both field and lab work. I feel really fortunate to have gotten this opportunity for my higher studies which would not have been possible without international education.

I do not want to limit the benefits of my international education to myself that would be complete injustice to people who are not fortunate enough to get same opportunities like me. My personal desire and ambition is to go for a doctorate right after my masters in plant and soil science and serve as research scientist and an academician in my home country Nepal. I would give the practical agriculture knowledge and my transferable skills to my students so that they can make change in the lives of not only themselves but also in a way that they can make an impact on society and the nation as a whole through agriculture development. The international education has not only broadened my education and wisdom, it has also instilled in me a strong work ethic, high moral values, time management and a sense of team work. I am pretty much confident that I will be able to carry all of these attributes and values with me and work towards changing the face of my country.