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The Greater Himalayas Foundation

Honoring the legacy of Mingma Norbu Sherpa





Pic: Mingma Norbu Sherpa (center) as a young student at the Hillary Khumjung School in Nepal

"Our purpose in life is to be better citizens to our
community and to the world."

— Mingma Norbu Sherpa



The Greater Himalayas Foundation is a non profit organization created in 2008 to honor the legacy of Mingma Norbu Sherpa by supporting conservation and humanitarian efforts in the Himalayas.

To date, we have supported 10 Masters scholarships, 3 Undergraduate scholarships, and 18 High School "Plus Two" scholarships. In addition, we have also provided grants to Himalayan communities working in conservation, cultural preservation, and humanitarian projects in Nepal.

With your support, the Greater Himalayas Foundation is realizing Mingma's vision of conservation that is rooted in local leadership by supporting the next generation of conservation leaders. As we look forward to the new year, we hope you will continue to support our scholarship programs in the Himalayas.



"It was not just any scholarship. There is a great deal of respect and admiration for Mingma in Lincoln and we knew we had to live up to his name. We have big shoes to fill. There's a lot to do before we can even come close to the achievements of those who we lost in Kanchenjunga. For now, we can at least follow their footsteps."

- 2008 Mingma Norbu Sherpa memorial scholarship student Salina Poudyal graduated with a Masters in Environmental Policy and Planning from Lincoln University, New Zealand, Mingma's alma mater

Mingma Norbu Sherpa Masters Scholarship at Lincoln University

To honor Mingma's life-long commitment to help Nepal's rural poor to improve their livelihoods while living in harmony with nature, Lincoln University, WWF, and the Greater Himalayas Foundation partnered together to support students from remote regions of Nepal to study at Lincoln University, New Zealand, Mingma's alma mater. Mingma's time at Lincoln helped to propel him to the next level of his career in conservation, nearly forty years ago. We are honored to empower tomorrow's environmental leaders to follow in Mingma's footsteps.

The Mingma Norbu Sherpa Memorial scholarship at Lincoln University supports young Nepalese who are committed to the future of environmental protection and sustainable natural resource management. To date, this partnership has enabled 10 promising Nepalese to pursue a Masters degree in environment and wildlife conservation.

Lincoln University has agreed to cover the cost of 10 additional graduate scholarships over the next 10 years. However, the Greater Himalayas Foundation needs your support to help raise funds to cover the students' living stipend, airfare, and health insurance.

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Nepalese lives changed by Mingma Norbu Sherpa Memorial Scholarship at Lincoln University, New Zealand



Anu Lama and **Salina Poudyal** are the first two Mingma Norbu Sherpa (MNS) memorial scholarship recipients. In 2011, Anu won the Humboldt International Climate Protection Fellowship in Germany. Anu is now working as the tourism advisor for the International Centre for the Integrated Mountain Development in Nepal.

Laxmi Gurung obtained her Masters in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management. Laxmi returned to her home village of Kagbeni, where she works for Nepal's Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction.

Ananath Baral completed his Masters thesis on the impact of wildlife tourism on poaching of rhinos in Chitwan National Park. Ananath is currently working with the Department of Parks in Makalu Barun National Park.

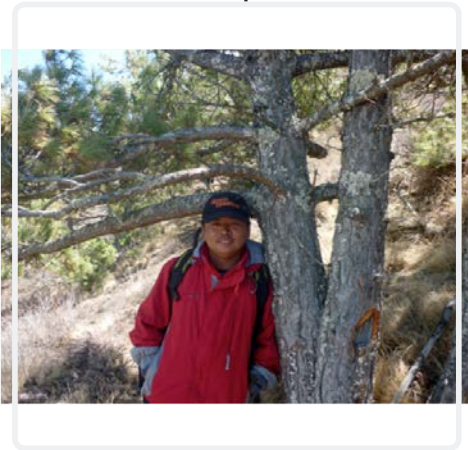


Doma Sherpa obtained her Masters in Natural Resource Management and Ecological Engineering, which was offered jointly with Lincoln University and BOKU University in Austria.

Ujjwal Gurung obtained his Masters in Resource Studies. He is currently working with INTERPOL on wildlife crime control in Asia Pacific.



Pratigya Silwal conducted her thesis on "Local Adaptation Plans of Action: An analysis of approaches to planning for climate change in Nepal." She is currently working as the Disaster Risk Reduction Coordinator for Save the Children in Nepal.



Krishna Gurung is from Ghandruk and worked with the Annapurna Conservation Area Project from 1999 to 2014. After completing his Masters in Tourism Management at Lincoln, Krishna was recruited by WWF Nepal as an ecotourism officer.

Sonam Tashi Lama is from Taplejung, where he worked as Conservation Coordinator with the Red Panda Network, a community based red panda monitoring and conservation project in Kanchenjunga National Park. Sonam is currently a MNS Memorial Scholarship student, pursuing a Masters in Nature Conservation, which is offered jointly by Goettingen University Germany and Lincoln University.

Rebecca Gurung is from Lamjung. She is also currently a MNS Memorial Scholarship student, pursuing a Masters of Applied Science (Environmental Management) at Lincoln University.



Mingma Norbu Sherpa Bhutan Scholarship Program

The Greater Himalayas Foundation offers a full undergraduate scholarship in Environmental Management at the Royal Thimphu College in Bhutan in the name and memory of Mingma Norbu Sherpa. The scholarship covers full tuition and boarding fees for one student each year. Priority is given to students from rural areas in need of financial assistance.

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Bhutanese scholarship students are currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in environmental conservation



"As a woman and a mother, I foresee the potential to contribute towards our nation building and humanity at large, and dedicate myself to the cause of conservation and environment."

- Tshering Choden

Dechen Tshomo is the first student from Bhutan to receive the Mingma Norbu Sherpa Memorial Scholarship at Royal Thimphu College. Dechen was born and raised in rural eastern Bhutan (Radi, Trashigang). Dechen vividly remembers accompanying her three siblings to the forest to collect branches for firewood before the arrival of electricity in her village. "I have and will always have this special attachment to nature," said Dechen, whose parents are both farmers. Dechen wants to become an advocate of environmental conservation in Bhutan and beyond.

Tshering Choden comes from Samdrup Jongkhar, Bhutan. She is the first member of her family to receive formal secondary education and is determined to be a role model for her siblings and youth from her village.



Tashi Namgyel is from Chukha, Bhutan, but moved to the capital city of Thimphu for school. "As a child from a remote place which had its environment intact, it always gives me pain when I think of the urban waste." Tashi believes that by getting a Bachelors in Environmental Management, he will be able to educate and create awareness on the impact of waste and to find solution to such problems, especially in urban areas.

Plus Two Scholarship Program



For children living in Nepal's villages, completing high school can be challenging as public schools only go up to the 10th grade. The Greater Himalayas Foundation "Plus Two" Scholarship Program funds a minimum of one student each year from a remote Himalayan community to pursue the 11th and 12th grade in Kathmandu. Priorities are given to students with financial needs and from rural mountainous regions. This scholarship program is managed by Himalayan Trust Nepal.

18 students have benefitted from the Greater Himalayas Foundation's Plus Two scholarship program





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\$2,500

Provides one "Plus Two" high school scholarship for a child from a rural community in Nepal

\$10,000

Fully funds one undergraduate college scholarship in environmental conservation at the Royal Thimphu College, Bhutan

\$25,000

Supports one student for two years to pursue a Masters in Environment at Lincoln University, New Zealand

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