

Mona Shrestha

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Mona Shrestha, a Nepali recipient of the **Women in Technology** scholarship and recent graduate of the **Cisco Networking Academy Program**, is avidly pursuing a career in computer networking. Originally from Kathmandu, Mona received a TCS Colombo Plan Scholarship from the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in August 1999, and earned a Bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering from the Birla Institute of Technology in Mesra, India in May, 2003. After completing her undergraduate studies, Mona was then selected to



participate in the 2004 WIT scholarship program at the Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University in Lalitpur, Nepal.

Ms. Shrestha continues to advance her technology skills and career development opportunities as a Master of Science student at the University of Massachusetts, in the Department of Computer and Electrical Engineering. Ms. Shrestha received several scholarship offers to pursue her engineering studies abroad. She chose the University of Massachusetts for it's strong program and opportunity to work in a research assistantship under Dr. Howard Michel.

Remarking on her WIT experience, Mona said, "It has helped me a lot...and is very helpful for my research and it has given me a perfect practical background in networking". Eager to use the valuable skills she learned, and teach them to other women, Mona hopes the WIT program will continue to provide women in Nepal with activities and scholarships that allow women to discover the importance of technology and computer training.

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