



**Where will Strathclyde Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering take you?**



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**Degree studying/studied:** MSc Renewable Energy Systems and the Environment

**Year of graduation:** 2010

**Country you came from to study at Strathclyde:** India



### **Why did you choose to study at Strathclyde?**

Strathclyde has a great reputation in energy research, especially ESRU, and along with the course structure and excellent teaching and supporting staff, it made my choice to come to Strathclyde an easy one as I knew studying here would give me the knowledge and skills I wanted to achieve my aims and goals. Strathclyde is also Europe's number one institution for sustainable studies accredited by EESD, which also influenced my decision.

### **What did you like about the programme?**

During the period of my course I enjoyed every part of the programme especially the group and final projects. I got an opportunity to express and exchange my views and knowledge with my colleagues, who came from different parts of the world and had different educational and working backgrounds. I felt it was a great privilege to work and study under the guidance and supervision of the professors at Strathclyde, and I feel I learned a lot from them.

### **How relevant were your studies in relation to you current employment?**

My current role and the jobs I have taken after my course completion are all totally based on my studies at Strathclyde. The skills and knowledge used in my current and previous role are all ones that I gained during my time at Strathclyde.

### **Would you recommend University of Strathclyde?**

Definitely, one hundred and ten percent yes! The quality of education, method of teaching and the expertise of staff make Strathclyde the best. When it comes to the course, the structure and modules were challenging, but enjoyable. They were modelled in such a way that a student can understand the need for and how to conserve global energy resources by harnessing the renewable resources to protect the environment and ecology, how the environmental problems can be mitigated by knowing the technical relationship between renewable energy systems and the environment.

### **What did you like about Glasgow and Scotland?**

I really enjoyed my stay in Scotland. Scotland is rich in culture, tradition and scenic beauty. I especially liked the Scottish pipes, drums, kilts, highlands and islands. Glasgow is the cultural and financial capital of Scotland and life in Glasgow is vibrant and fun especially the pubs and shopping. The thing I'm really missing is Irn Bru, a Scottish fizzy drink which I loved!

### **What did you do after graduation?**

After finishing my studies at Strathclyde, I returned to my home country, India, and started my career as a renewable energy consultant. Recently I've started my own firm, power generation from renewable energy sources, along with my cousin. We acquired a license and permission for a 1MW Bio-gas power plant and we are in the process of acquiring licenses for a mini hydro project.