Meet Our Talent: Hussain Alamein

Refugee family exceeds own expectations

When Hussain’s family arrived in Australia as refugees, they did not anticipate what was ahead for Hussain and his brothers. “We, as a group of refugees, came to Australia with nothing,” says Hussain, “but we were able to come so far, and every day I am forever thankful for everything I have.”

After enjoying science and maths at high school in Shepparton, Hussain chose a Bachelor of Biomedicine because of the broad range of subjects covered. Hussain joined the University via an Access Melbourne scholarship from 2014 to 2016, following in his brothers’ footsteps, who also studied at the Parkville campus.

“When I started, I wasn’t sure what kind of career I wanted to pursue, but the Bachelor of Biomedicine gave me enough exposure to perfectly realise what direction was best for me. “After second year, I decided to major in neuroscience because I was always curious as to how our brains work and how memories are formed.”

Hussain says he enjoyed learning about the foundations of neuroscience and how far humans have come to understand our own brains.

Now, at the University’s Shepparton campus, he completed his second year Doctor of Medicine in 2018.

He is looking forward to where his career might lead, concluding he is driven by the resilience of his patients’ “No matter how awful certain peoples’ circumstances are, they are still able to live happy and meaningful lives,” he says.

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“Every day I am inspired by human nature and our innate ability that we have in common to persevere despite difficulties.”

– Hussain Alamein, Bachelor of Biomedicine, Doctor of Medicine.

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