

# New South Wales Skilled Migration Case Study

## PINAKI CHATTERJEE

"I feel like I lost six years of my life" recalls Pinaki Chatterjee when he thinks about his time away from Sydney.

Pinaki moved to Sydney in 1996 as a student from India to undertake a two year Diploma in Business Computing. While studying he worked part time as a Personal Banking Officer with St George Bank.

Pinaki then started his own business and obtained a one year 457 temporary visa. But at that time it was difficult for overseas students to qualify for permanent residence in Australia so Pinaki and his wife Chaitali migrated to Canada in 2000.

In Canada Pinaki developed a career in financial planning, sales and service specialising in finance, insurance, investment and banking products working for some of Canada's largest insurance and investment companies.

"But Sydney was in my eyes all the time and I couldn't get rid of the idea of returning. I travelled extensively overseas but finally decided Sydney was the place where I want to be" he says.

In September 2006 Pinaki applied for sponsorship from the NSW Department of State and Regional Development for a State/Territory Nominated Independent (STNI) visa.

He was granted the visa by the Department of Immigration and



*Pinaki Chatterjee with a view of Sydney Harbour.*

Citizenship in April 2007 and arrived in Sydney in June, two months later, initially settling in Campsie before moving into a house in Rooty Hill in Sydney's western suburbs.

Pinaki found a position as a Wealth Manager with one of Australia's largest banks, the National Australia Bank. He is responsible for financial planning services in six branches in western Sydney.

"I am happy now" says Pinaki. His five year old daughter Bianca was impressed with Sydney after a trip to Manly on a harbour ferry, "it's beautiful" she told her Dad. Pinaki and Chaitali also have a two year old son and they are all enjoying the warmer weather in Sydney after living for six years in Toronto.

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[www.business.nsw.gov.au/migration](http://www.business.nsw.gov.au/migration)