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Student Visa Interview Guide

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As part of your student Visa application, you may be required to attend an interview to assess your credibility as a genuine student. The interviews are typically carried out online via a video link by a member of UKVI staff in the UK. The interview will be in English, so you will be expected to communicate and understand clearly. If you don't understand a question, ask the interviewer to repeat or clarify to ensure you provide accurate and relevant information.

After the interview, a report which includes your answers will be submitted to the Entry Clearance Officer who will decide the outcome of your Student Visa application.

Preparing for your Interview

For a successful interview, ensure you are well-prepared, honest, reflective and confident in your responses. Avoid reading from a script, as the interview should reflect your genuine intentions. Ensure you attend the interview, as failure to do so may result in a refusal. If you are not able to attend, you must contact and reschedule.

Prior to the interview, you will need to carry out further research of your own and think about your personal situation so you can provide specific and detailed answers. Although, you will not be asked any set questions, common questions that are typically asked, along with some guidance, can be found below:



Personal and General Questions:

Q: Why did you choose Bishop Grosseteste University?

Consider why you chose to study in the UK rather than in your home country. What specifically attracted you to Bishop Grosseteste University? What facilities and opportunities are you expecting from the university?

Q. You have had a long break in your studies, why are you returning to study now?

Reflect on how this course could help you in your career plans and why now is the right time to continue your studies.

Q. What are your plans after completing the course?

You will need to think about your intentions once you complete the course. Do you intend to stay in the UK (for further studies) or return home? Provide a response that aligns with your career goals.

Q. What are the benefits of studying in the UK compared to your home country or other countries?

Consider what attracted you to the UK and why you chose the UK over other countries, such as USA or Canada. Consider education quality and opportunities available to international students.

Course-Related Questions:

Q: Why did you choose your course?

What is it specifically about this course at Bishop Grosseteste University which suits you compared to other courses? What do you hope to achieve by studying this course? Be aware of the academic level of the course. For example, if you will be studying a Postgraduate Taught masters, this is level 7 course.

Q. How long does your course last?

Ensure you know the course details and refer to your CAS statement for the course start and end dates.

Q. How do your studies fit into your career plans?

Think about what you plan to do after you graduate. Will the skills you gain from your course help you with your career and professional goals? Does the course provide skills or qualifications that may not be available in your home country?

Financial Questions:

Q. How will you fund your studies?

You will need to be very clear about the source and availability of the funds you have submitted as evidence in your application. If you have a financial sponsor or scholarship, be aware of the amount covered. Also, understand the cost of living in the UK, including tuition fees, accommodation and daily expenses.



Q. Are you able to verify these documents and prove the money is available?

Please ensure you have original financial documents available, for example bank statements or a bursary form. Will the UKVI caseworker be able to verify these documents?

Q. Do you have a financial sponsor?

If your parent is financing your studies, you will need to have evidence from your sponsor confirming their financial status. How are they able to sponsor you? Can you justify how they can continue to support you?

Q. Do you plan to work in the UK?

As a student, you cannot rely on funds from working to pay your tuition fees and living costs. Your main purpose of being in the UK is to study, so if you are planning on working, you need to think about why this would enhance your academic studies, such as gaining relevant experience.

Q. Do you know how much it costs to live in the UK?

Demonstrate awareness of your financial responsibilities. Think about the total cost of the course fees, accommodation, food and travel expenses.



Final tips:

- Research, prepare and be confident in your answers.
- Provide natural responses—demonstrate a genuine understanding of your academic and financial plans.
- Be honest, clear, and professional in your communication.
- Ensure you have all necessary documents readily available.

Second Interview:

It is unlikely, but you could be required to attend a second interview for further clarification regarding your visa application. This may involve provide additional documentation or answering more detailed questions. If you are required to attend a second interview, please contact us at admissions@bishopg.ac.uk for guidance.



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