

RGU Intent to Study and UKVI Credibility Interviews



- Under UK Immigration rules any person who makes a Tier 4 (General) application can be interviewed as part of the visa process.
- As an approved Tier 4 Sponsor, Robert Gordon University will assess your reasons or 'intent' to study in the UK with us as part of your main application.
- You will therefore need to complete the 'Intent to Study' form prior to submission of your application to study.
- This assessment works in conjunction with the onward Tier 4 visa process which includes an interview.
- There is a significant focus on this stage of the process and you should read the guidance below, prior to attending an interview, to familiarise yourself with the requirements.

The Interview

As part of your Tier 4 student visa application you are likely to be required to undertake a short interview when you visit the visa centre to submit your application/documents. The Government expect that this interview will be approximately 5 minutes long and will be conducted, in most cases, via a video link with a specialist team who are based in Sheffield, UK. The interview will focus on your reasons for choosing to study in the UK – this is known as a Credibility Interview.

The Process

A video record of this interview will be attached to your application file and the visa officer in your chosen Embassy will consider this with the visa application and other supporting documentation. Some students may be called for a face to face interview if the visa officer requires more information. If you are requested to attend an interview then it is mandatory and failure to attend without a satisfactory explanation will result in an automatic refusal of your visa application.

We will Help You

We have always worked closely with our prospective students to ensure they have a good understanding of the course for which they are issued a CAS. It is important to us that our students are able to explain their chosen course of study and onward career intentions when they are questioned. It is advisable for you to review the questions below and consider how you might answer them.

What and Why should I prepare?

It is important to not be unduly nervous about the Credibility Interview. Through completion of the Admissions Office Intent to Study form you have already researched your UK study plans and understand the benefits of commencing your study with RGU. You should, therefore, be able to explain your credibility easily and obtain your visa. Our experience shows that research and preparation in this area reduces the chance of refusal by 73%.

Possible Interview Questions

Please note that these are examples only – in the short interview, only a selection of questions will be asked.

- Why do you want to study in the UK?
- What are the benefits of studying in the UK compared to your home country?
- Why did you choose this University?
- Which other colleges/ Universities did you consider?
- Where is your chosen University?
- Do you know anyone who has already studied there?
- Do you know how large the University is, how many students there are?
- Why did you choose this Course and how does it relate to previous study?
- How do you explain the gaps in your study history (if relevant)
- What is the relevance of the Course to your future career path?
- What qualification will you receive?
- How long does the Course last?
- How is your chosen Course assessed?
- Did you consider any other Course?
- Does this Course offer any professional recognition?
- Are you planning to stay in the UK on completion to study for a higher award e.g. Masters or PhD?
- What facilities are you expecting at your chosen University?
- What accommodation is available at the University?

Application Process

