



Student Visa and U.S. Higher Education

A U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad Face book Chat, held on
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Facebook Chat Transcript

Student: I am Shreya SHaran studying Final year B.Tech in RVR & JC College of Engineering. My profile is Gre: 302(Quant-161, Verbal:141), IELTS: 6.5 and my B.Tech percentage is 73. I got admits for Masters in Electrical Engineering from

1. University of Missouri at Kansas city.
2. George Mason university
3. University of North Texas, Denton
4. University of South Florida, Tampa.

Due to the extensive research going on in my field of interest at UMKC i wish to pursue my masters there. My father is funding my education and has the proof of financial funds.

Kindly let me know my chances of getting visa??

U.S. Vice Consul Consular officers look at the totality of a student's profile during their interview to assess whether they meet the qualifications for a visa class. You should be prepared to talk about your academic past in India and future plans to prove you are a credible, qualified student.

An applicant for a student visa (F-1 or M-1) must demonstrate the following:

- Acceptance at a school.
- Possession of sufficient funds.
- Minimum preparation for course of study.
- Present intent to leave the United States at conclusion of studies

If you are able to discuss these things, you should have no problem!

Student : How many colleges in America accept only tofel as a test for admission

U.S. Vice Consul : Each university in the U.S. sets their own requirements for admittance. You will be able to get valuable information on this topic and others from the U.S.-India Educational Foundation at www.usief.org.in (1-800-103-1231)

Student : Explain me about f1 visa .?

U.S. Vice Consul : Please visit our website <http://ustraveldocs.com/in/> to get information about student and other visas.

Student : when should we register for visa interview for July intake.?

U.S. Vice Consul : F1 visas can be issued no more than 120 days in advance of the start date listed on your I-20. You can apply any time within that time period.

Student :Can I go for student visa interview without tofel or gre.?

U.S. Vice Consul : There are no specific test scores required for the visa interview -- they are part of the admission process at the school and may determine whether you get admitted to a particular school. If you have taken them, however, you should be prepared to talk about your results during your visa interview.

Student :My friend is studying mba ,duration two years.one year in india and second year in u.s,can he go to u.s without any exam like tofel or gre.?

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Student :I have been selected for a funded internship at a University in the U.S. for 8 weeks. Can you please confirm whether non attested printouts of bank statements will suffice as evidence of financial sufficiency?

U.S. Vice Consul :You need to submit whatever documents you have available that will show the ability to pay for your program of study. If you are receiving payment as an intern, you should certainly present documentation of that, along with personal finances.

Student :Could you please clarify as to whether printouts taken through online banking is sufficient or we need attested copies from banks or a bank statement for a specific time period ?

U.S. Vice Consul :Original documents -- generated from the source, i.e., the bank -- are always preferred if they are available. If the only thing you have access to is a printout, you should bring it and be prepared to explain why that's all you have.

Student : Is there any way to get visa without a interview..?

U.S. Vice Consul :If you already have a visa that is expiring, you may qualify for the Interview Waiver Program (IWP). Students returning to the same program at the same university for which the visa was issued are usually eligible for the Interview Waiver Program. To determine whether or not you qualify, please visit the VFS website at:www.ustraveldocs.com/in and click on 'Renew my Visa' under the category 'Non-immigrant Visa Applications.'

Student : What are the chances of a student for getting F1 visa when they have their sibling in US either on F1/OPT/H1/Citizen?? Does it effect in any way?

U.S. Vice Consul :Each applicant is interviewed to determine if they meet the requirements for a visa based on their own merits. Consular officers will look at many aspects of an individual's situations, including whether there are family members in the U.S. Having relatives in the U.S. is not, in and of itself, a reason for visa denial. You will be asked to discuss your plans for studies in the U.S. and what your intent is after you finish your program. That, along with information about your academic background, financial ability to pay for your program of study, etc., will also all be considered in the officer's decision.

Student :Hey Good Afternoon Sir

I Am completed my Graduation Bachelor of Commerce 10+2+3 Format, I want to do MS (Finance) in USA, I Am eligible or not for MS finance. Please give information sir regarding my question.

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Student :Is there any new way to get student visa like online interview

U.S. Vice Consul Why don't you want to come and see us? Really, we're nice people! Sorry -- unless you meet the qualifications of the IWP, you must come for an interview.

Student :Can we provide bank loan sanction statements as proof of financial capability during Visa interview?

U.S. Vice Consul :You need to present whatever financial documents you have available that will support your ability to pay for your studies. If a bank loan is all you have, you should be prepared to discuss how you intend to pay off the loan after your studies are complete.

Student : hello Sir,

Can you please tell me about the visa interviews,

(the kind of questions you ask, and answers you expect, and the aspects you look in an applicant giving the interview)

U.S. Vice Consul :Let's start with the answers we expect -- the truth. Seriously, we don't have an answer that we "expect". What we want is an honest discussion about your situation. This might include such topics as how you chose which schools to apply to, how you selected the one you plan to attend, your prior academic background, your family situation (especially finances), what you plan to study and why, what you will do once your studies are complete etc.. We don't expect you to have memorized minute details about the school -- more important are your reasons for choosing it. Think of it more as a conversation about your future plans than a formal, intimidating interview. I know that's easy for me to say -- but, believe it or not, we really want to issue student visas to each and every student who meets the qualifications for one. Being open about all of these kinds of things helps the officer understand how you meet the requirements for a student visa.

Student : For F1 visa purpose can some one from USA sponsor (Family or Relative) us for our Higher Studies ?

U.S. Vice Consul :There is no formal sponsorship for a student visa. There is a requirement that there be a credible source of finances to support your studies. If the source of your finances is that family member or relative in the U.S., that's what you need to tell us. You should also be prepared to present information about the family member's financial situation and why he/she is willing to support you and your studies.

Student :My uncle visiting visa was rejected,can he apply again for a visa..?

U.S. Vice Consul :This is a forum for student visa questions. Please have your uncle check our website at <http://ustraveldocs.com/in/> for general information about visas.

Student :If a visa is rejected, can the candidate ask for a valid reason so that he can improve for the next interview??

U.S. Vice Consul :Every applicant is given information regarding the reason why the visa is being denied at the end of the interview.

Student : Hello office, I am Rahul Ghosh and I m in b-tech final year.

My GRE: 299 (v:140, Q159)

Toelf :77 (very low I know)

GPA: 8.48(up to 7th semester)

1 International journal publication on Artificial Intelligence .

[Lamar University](#) accept my admissions in the department of Electrical Engineering with scholarship. scholarship details :\$1,000 scholarship, \$7,298 out of state fee waiver.

As my toefl score is low they accept me for International Bridge Program(1 mandatory English learning class in 1st semester).

So I want to know how much financial documents I have to submit for visa and If some one wants to Sponsor me, what documents will need? Is there any problem for low Toefl score?

U.S. Vice Consul :The same information about the financial situation from that person as you would from your parents.

Student : Hello Sir/Ma'am

First of all thank you very much for coming forward to clarify F1 visa doubts that's really helpful for all of us

My query is "Can we attend Visa Interview without last semester transcript as my university, JNTU releases results a bit late (might be in month of July or august)and it might be very late for visa if we have to wait for consolidated marks memo or last sem transcript ?" , "Do that reduces my chances of visa approval ??"

U.S. Vice Consul :You should plan to submit anything you sent to the U.S. school as part of your application. If the school has accepted you and issued the I-20 based on that, we would not likely need to see anything else.

Hello .

Sir/mam will d visa acceptance increase if the university provide scholarship??!?

Funding is only one part of the visa application. You still will need to answer the officer's questions about your background, your plans, and your school choice, etc. But -- congratulations on the scholarship!

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