

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Are we allowed to do part time job?

All international students who are going for a graduate degree level or post graduate degree level course are allowed to do part time job along with their studies from day one. As per the rule, all students can work for 20 hrs/week during their term period and full time (40 hrs/week) during vacations. This might offset the living costs of the students.

2. Will we get admission ?

Admissions will not be guaranteed by us. But if your qualifications are suited for the course you are applying for, we do not foresee you having a problem in getting an admission. Guidance for course selection according to personal want and eligibility will be given to you by our experienced counselors in the office.

3. How long will it take to get a response from the university?

Most universities take 10-15 working days to decide upon whether they can give a conditional / unconditional offer. As soon as we are intimated, the student is given the feedback promptly.

4. University or a college?

Graduate Overseas represents ONLY Universities of good standing in UK. We are the direct agents to the listed Universities here in India.

5. How much savings do we have to show?

Students planning to go abroad for further education will have to show that they have sufficient funds to take care of their educational costs as well as living costs in UK for the duration of their stay. For example: **if** students take bank loan for their entire fees, then they will have to show their living expenses for a year, which amounts to GBP 7200 in Inner London, UK and GBP 5400 for outside London, UK. This money need to be shown in parents account ,your account or education loan , or it can be a combination of all these.

6. Who can be my sponsor?

Your parents can sponsor you . If the funds are in your own name that is acceptable too . If the funds are in your parents name , then original documents to prove the relationship has to be furnished .

7. How long does the VISA procedures take for UK?

It does not take long. After submission it takes 10-15 days to know the outcome . If all your papers are in order and there are no fraudulent documents submitted , the outcome of your VISA application should be positive . Assistance in putting your VISA documents in order would be given to the students from expert VISA counselors in the office.

8. Can we get our full tuition fees as an education loan? Are all banks accepted by the UKBA ?

Yes. There is no problem in availing a bank loan. You can take a loan for the living costs too . There is a list of banks that the UKBA has acceptable financial institutions. The website - <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/october/57-financial-institutions> - has the entire list of acceptable financial institutions.

9. Can we can get Scholarship / Funding / bursary?

There are many schemes through which students can apply for scholarship. Many Universities give a bursary on the tuition fees thus reducing the fees by a considerable amount. Funding is also provided for some courses in select Universities. Scholarships are also available provided application has been put in early and the student has good academic record.

10. Will accommodation be arranged for us?

Yes. University accommodation will be arranged for you before your departure from here. You can either choose to stay in the university campus or can opt to stay out in a private apartment on a single / sharing basis. Options will be given to you and you can make the final choice according to the affordability and want.

11. What are your charges for the service rendered?

Graduate Overseas are the direct agents of the Universities in UK. Hence we are NOT authorized to charge the students any kind of registration charge /service charge or counseling charge. We are trained on VISA documentation by the UKBA and certified education UK advisors by the British Council. We ensure that the best of practices are followed.

12. Are you the direct agents for the Universities that are listed?

Yes. We are the direct agents for the universities that are listed.

13. Advantages of applying through the direct agent as against non-direct agents?

Advantages would be that your papers will be sent over to the University directly from our office to the university. We would know the status of your application at all times. As soon as a decision is made the University will inform us and you at the same time. Some universities give more preference to students using an agent for scholarships too . Once the application is filled, the student is kept informed about the proceedings. All this at no cost – service is completely free!

14. What is the step towards going abroad?

The first step would be to decide where to apply after a personal counseling session.

15. When do we start with the application procedure?

There is no set time for applying. As soon as you have identified the course that you want to go for and the university, you can apply. Ideally, students are encouraged to apply atleast two months before the intake date. It is always better to apply early so that your place is ensured.

16. I am presently doing my final year . Can I still apply?

Yes you can apply even whilst you are studying. In fact this is encouraged, because it makes it easier for you to start making your plans well in advance.

17. Can I meet the University delegates?

Yes you can . Most of the universities that we work with , come down couple of times in a year to Graduate Overseas offices . If you are registered with us , you will be informed of the same .

18. What is the salient feature of Graduate Overseas?

The best thing about Graduate Overseas would be that students are guided according to student's want and affordability. Students are guided professionally from the first day throughout the whole procedure. This could be the reason that Graduate Overseas boasts of minimum VISA rejection for any country. This would also explain why most of our students are referrals of students who have gone through us earlier. Course selection, according to academic background and inclination, as well as guidance on applying for scholarships are some of the important steps that the students are taken through by able counselors in office.

List of documents required from the students :

- Academic Documents (10th onwards)
- Resume / Bio data
- Reference Letters - 2
- Work Experience Certificate (if applicable)
- IELTS / TOEFL (if available)(not mandatory for all universities)

