

HOW TO PREPARE FOR A SUCCESSFUL TIER 4 (GENERAL) STUDENT VISA APPLICATION

Every visa application requires good preparation. Please follow these steps below!

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#1

Check the maintenance requirements

You need enough money to pay for your course fees and your living costs. The Home Office calls this the maintenance requirements. [UKCISA](#) has information on how to calculate your living costs. The specified amount of money has to stay in your account for at least 28 days. Your financial documents will already have been checked by the CAS team and if they still meet UKVI's requirements (ie. they are dated within one month of your visa application) you should submit them with your visa application. If you need to submit new financial evidence, you should have the documents checked by the International Student Support team to ensure that they meet all of UKVI's requirements prior to submitting your visa application.

#2

Complete the Tier 4 (G) Student visa application form

Refer to the [Step by Step Tier 4 Visa Guide](#) to help you complete the online visa application. The answers you give will influence the questions asked during the credibility interview. Ensure you answer each question accurately and with as much detail as necessary.

#3

Prepare your documents carefully

Remember to include your original documents with your application. If you forget to include one of the required documents, your visa application will be refused. Keep a copy of the documents that you include with your application so you have a record of what is submitted.

#4

Ensure the correct document format

Check the requirements for each document format. For example, each document translated into English must contain a date, signature, name and contact details of the translator. If the translation is missing the date, the whole document may be considered invalid. Every detail on a document is important. Please refer to the [Tier 4 Policy Guidance](#) for information on what each document must contain and for up-to-date requirements.

#5

Prepare for your Credibility interview

Most students have a credibility interview so it is your opportunity to clarify your reasons for wanting to study at UWS. For example give specific details about your course such as how it is assessed and show that you have researched your choice of study by comparing it to other institutions. Make sure you have career goals. Give detailed answers, particular to you and avoid general, vague answers. See UWS online [Credibility Interview](#) resource.



Student Services



International Student Support

Any questions you have, regarding your Tier 4 (G) Student Visa application, please email:
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