

Newcastle University visa sponsorship interview.

Thank you for accepting an offer of a place on a programme at Newcastle University.

Newcastle University wishes to conduct a brief interview as a final assessment of your eligibility for student visa sponsorship.

The interview will focus on key areas of your decision to study your programme at Newcastle University, your funding arrangements for your programme and your immigration history. The questions are in line with the type of question that UK Visas and Immigration may ask when conducting their own interviews.

If you do not wish to proceed to interview, you should be aware that your offer of a place on your programme at Newcastle may be withdrawn.

Booking your interview

You can book your interview in any available booking slot, but you must have your interview no later than 28th August 2026 to receive your CAS by the deadline of 4th September 2026

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Preparation for your interview

You must be ready for interview at the time specified on the booking. We recommend that you log-in in advance of the time on your booking.

You should be in a well-lit room and there should not be anyone else in the room with you. You should ensure that your camera is on and that you are comfortable enough to talk clearly directly to the camera.

You should not bring any reading material into the room with you.

Identification

You must have your passport ready to hold up to the screen so that we can check your identification against your Admissions record at the beginning of the interview. The interviewers must be able to view the passport clearly. If you have obtained a new passport recently, please upload your most recent document to the Admissions portal.

If we cannot verify your identification, we will not be able to proceed with the interview.

The interview

The interview will be conducted by a Visa Support Manager in Registry and Education Services.

The interview will last around 20 minutes. You will be asked questions about your programme, your reasons for studying in UK, your immigration history, your financial arrangements and your plans for your arrival in the UK.

Please try to be as thorough as you can with your answers. You can ask the interviewers to repeat the questions, as required and you will be given plenty of time to answer the questions.

The interview will be recorded for assessment purposes. Please see below for the data protection and retention statement.

Reasonable adjustments

If you have any challenges which may affect your ability to be interviewed as described, please e-mail the Visa Support Managers at compliance@ncl.ac.uk before you book your interview.

Assessment

Each group of questions will receive a score within a range to help to guide our assessment of your intentions. Where there are any doubts or concerns, Senior Managers will be asked to offer further assessment based on the interview recording. English language will not be assessed in detail. If it is found that you cannot communicate effectively, notwithstanding any technical issues, further assessment of your English language ability may be requested, or visa sponsorship may be declined.

Visa Sponsorship

If your interview receives a satisfactory score, and there are no outstanding eligibility requirements, your CAS will be issued, and you should proceed to make your student visa application as soon as possible.

Privacy notice.

Who we are

Newcastle University is the data controller for the personal data described in this privacy notice. This means the University is responsible for deciding how your personal data is used.

What personal data we collect

We collect and process the following personal data: - Name - Student ID number - Passport information. When conducting an interview with you we will ask you a series of questions regarding your application to study at Newcastle University. Interviews will be conducted on Microsoft Teams and will be recorded.

Depending on your circumstances, we may ask about your reasons for choosing Newcastle University and your programme, your previous study or employment history, your immigration and travel plans, any relevant family connections in the UK, and how your studies will be funded. We may also ask you to show your passport during the Teams interview so that we can verify your identity against information already held in your application record.

Why we process your data

We use your personal data for the purpose of: - Verifying your identity - Assessing your eligibility for visa sponsorship - Confirming the details provided in your application to the University - Establishing the source of funds required for your student visa application.

Information provided during the interview may be assessed against agreed credibility criteria and considered alongside information already provided as part of your application. A decision will not be based solely on the recording itself, and adverse decisions will be subject to review by an appropriate manager before being finalised.

Lawful basis for processing

The lawful basis for this processing is Article 6(1)(e), public task. The processing is necessary for the University to perform its official functions in relation to student admissions, visa sponsorship and compliance with immigration requirements. We are not relying on consent as the UK GDPR lawful basis for this processing.

What happens if you do not participate

If you do not participate in the interview, or do not provide information needed to complete the assessment, the University may be unable to assess whether it can issue a CAS. This may affect your ability to apply for a student visa sponsored by Newcastle University.

Who we share your data with

Your data will be shared internally only where necessary, including with relevant colleagues in Registry, Admissions, Student Recruitment and senior managers involved in reviewing visa sponsorship decisions. We do not expect to share the interview recording externally unless required by law, regulatory obligation, legal claim or a relevant immigration compliance process.

How long we keep your data

We will retain your personal data until you have been issued with your student visa, and you have arrived in Newcastle and completed your registration. If you do not arrive and register, we will delete your data after the latest registration date for your specific programme. Your data will be securely deleted or anonymised in line with the University's data retention policies.

Your rights

Under data protection law, you have rights including: - The right to access your personal data - The right to request correction of inaccurate data - The right to request erasure (in certain circumstances) - The right to restrict or object to processing (in certain circumstances) To exercise any of these rights, please contact us using the details below.

Contact us

If you have any questions about this privacy notice or how your data is handled, please contact: rec-man@newcastle.ac.uk

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) if you are unhappy with how your data has been used.

Consent

I confirm that I consent to the above arrangements, and I wish to proceed with the interview to assess my eligibility for student visa sponsorship. I understand that if I fail to attend the interview at the time and date booked without good reason, visa sponsorship will be declined and my offer of a place at Newcastle University will be declined. I understand that I must book an interview for no later than 28th August 2026 to proceed to visa sponsorship.

I have read and understand the above privacy notice.

Name

Signature

Date