

SRUC and UKVI Credibility Interview Guide





UKVI INTERVIEW

Unless you are a national of a country with a “differentiation agreement” with UKVI, it is highly likely that you will be invited by the Home Office to attend an interview before being granted permission (a visa) to come to the UK.

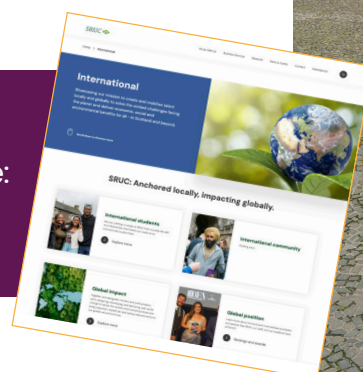
You may therefore be sent an email asking you to attend an interview as part of the visa application process. You should check your email (including the junk folder) regularly, as your application is likely to be refused if you are asked to attend an interview and you do not do so without providing a reasonable explanation.

During your interview, a staff member from the Home Office will ask you a number of questions about your course, where you want to study and your reasons for studying in the UK. The report of the interview will be sent to the caseworker within the Home Office who makes the decision on your Student visa application. They must be satisfied that you are a **genuine student**, and that your English language ability is at the correct level, otherwise you might be called for a further interview and/or your entry clearance application may be refused.

At the end of the interview with UKVI, you can request a copy of your interview transcript, and we suggest that all students do this. In the event of a visa refusal, you may have the opportunity to submit an Administrative Review, a type of appeal, and the transcript will be helpful in preparing for this.



You can read more on our website:
www.sruc.ac.uk/international



The Home Office expects SRUC to take reasonable steps to ensure that we are satisfied that we only issue CAS to genuine students. We do this through an interview process, which will also help you get ready for your interview with UKVI.

SRUC CREDIBILITY INTERVIEW

We will invite you to a **credibility interview** as part of your application to study with us and prior to a CAS being issued. The compliance interview will be conducted online via the CAS Shield platform and you will need to answer a series of questions which demonstrate you have a strong knowledge of your programme and the institution and that you have clear motivations for studying in the UK.

It's important you have carefully researched and considered these factors in advance of your interview, so we recommend you only sit the interview once you are properly prepared. We recommend you prepare for and sit your compliance interview at the earliest opportunity.

You will receive instructions on how to record your interview on CAS Shield once you have created an account and followed the relevant steps. On completion of your interview, the outcome will be communicated to you within 3 working days and you will be informed of the next stage of the application process. You must ensure that you check your CAS Shield account regularly for updates.

For both the UKVI interview and the SRUC credibility interview via Enrolly/CAS Shield, it is essential that you prepare properly in advance and that you are able to answer questions on the following:

Immigration History

Have you had any previous UK visa refusals or have you breached your visa conditions in the past?

Education History

How is your previous education related to the course that you have chosen to study at SRUC? You should be prepared to provide detailed answers in response to these questions. If you



have chosen a course unrelated to your previous educational background, you should be prepared to explain how and why you made this decision.

Your Course and SRUC

You should talk confidently about your course content, dates, modules etc. You should also be able to explain what you know about SRUC and your chosen campus.

Future Plans

Think about how your course will help you achieve your future career plans. How will this course at SRUC enable you to fulfil your future goals?

Personal and Financial Circumstances

Ensure that you are very clear about the availability of your funds, and if your family covers these, make sure you know your parents' financial circumstances well. If you are financially sponsored, you should know what is covered with your scholarship and when the funds will be available to you. If you have a loan, you must confidently explain how you will pay this back. You should also know the cost of living in Scotland (i.e. accommodation, transport, etc.)

The UK as a Study Destination

If there are similar courses offered in your country of origin, think about why you have chosen to incur extra costs to study in Scotland and how a UK degree may help you achieve your goals.