



The Best F1 Visa Mock Interview Questions & Answers – UCLA

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In return favour, i promise to post my real visa interview experience detail.

I admitted in UCLA with TOEFL 101/120, GRE:304/340. I am having 9 years professional exp.

I already got B1/B2 for me and my family at same Taipei consulate and going to apply F1/F2 this time.

Below is mock QA to get suggestion from you and HSB readers.

1) Which university and degree?

Well-known and US Top 10 Engineering college UCLA for M.S in Electrical Engineering field.

Reference proof:

- [US News and World Report \(http://www.ucla.edu/pdf/ucla-rankings-oct-2011.pdf\)](http://www.ucla.edu/pdf/ucla-rankings-oct-2011.pdf)
- [THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2011-2012 \(http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/2011-2012/top-400.html\)](http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/2011-2012/top-400.html)
- UCLA Again Ranks 2nd among Public Universities Worldwide

2) Why did you select this university? OR Why the specified university? OR Why do you plan to do MS?

Major reason is to advance my carrier further with MS degree from reputed UCLA, which is having direct collaboration with Taiwan TSMC, giant IC manufacturing company.

This tie up between UCLA and TSMC allow me to learn latest IC design knowledge at UCLA and TSMC practical implementation of such future technology.

This includes latest 22nm and future coming 16nm & 11nm IC fabrication technique and related electrical engineering work.

Hence, once I finished my MS, I will have direct internship option with TSMC which has 90% results to convert internship into permanent job.

Reference proof:

- <http://www.ee.ucla.edu/~hse/> (<http://www.ee.ucla.edu/~hse/>)
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3) How many universities did you apply and list them OR which universities did you apply to and Where did you get admission?

In USA, I applied to UC campuses LA, Berkeley, San Diego and Santa Barbara and got admitted in UCLA.

For safe side I applied to Calpoly and I am no longer waiting for its admission result.

In Taiwan, I applied to NCTU/NTHU and I admitted in both.

[Reference proof: I-20 and from GRE scorecard VO can know about it more than I told]

4) Did you get any scholarship?

No. From my close friend who graduated this year from UCLA, I was quite aware about scholarship current situation for MS international student in UCLA.

GSR scholarship mostly awarded to PHD candidate and for MS student TA is offered at 2nd year based on ESL Exam result at UCLA.
Hardly professor hired MS candidate for project work.

Though, I had no serious intention for TA since I wanted to focus more on learning new things, knowing I have enough fund by myself.

In fact, I got 100% tuition waiver with 10,000NT\$ scholarship from Taiwan NCTU and NTHU but I still select UCLA since there is no compromisation for study.

[Reference proof: NCTU/NTHU admission letter]

5) Why USA? OR Why did you choose US but not Canada or Germany? OR Why do you wish to study in the USA and not in India?

Simply, USA education quality and flexible system is not comparable with any other part of world. Though I got admitted in Taiwan NCTU/NTHU, I would still prefer UCLA considering global brand & competency. At the end of day, UCLA fall in world's top 10 Engineering institute.

There is no comparison with quality.

6) These subjects are also taught in other universities but why this university?

Major reason is collaboration between Taiwan giant IC manufacturing TSMC and UCLA. Though Taiwan student also get chance to join TSMC but brand of UCLA will give global competency considering future

aspect.

I also admitted in Taiwan NCTU/NTHU but if we talk about globally, we have chance to do master once in life time then why should I not go for best especially I have already enough fund for my education.

Also UCLA is publicly funded university with reasonable fees.

[Incase VO asked more: Based on my profile, if I choose PHD instead of MS then I may be able to admit in MIT OR Stanford but only on MS basis due to high admission competency, I did not select those. Still I tried UC-Berkeley but as I expected could not impress my profile at least for MS due to tough competition]

7) How do you know about this university?

I am having professional experience in IC designed and closely follow Taiwan TSMC. Through wide professional contact, I met xxx, who did MS in electrical from UCLA and did her internship from TSMC. Since we share common interest in same IC design technology, she introduces and recommended to prefer UCLA and get touch with my adviser Jason C. Woo at UCLA. Then result is here that I am interviewing now.

8) What is your fees in I-20 for first the year?

Tuition fees come to US\$30000. Total amount on i20 is US\$56500.

9) Who is going to sponsor your education and how?

I had enough savings from my 10 years professional work carrier. From my last two years savings itself, I am able to cover my Tuition fees. In current global economical turmoil, I see spending on MS for latest IC design technology as an investment for future.

[Reference proof: current bank balance of Taiwan and India with Passbook detail. If asked then show Taiwan and India Tax document]

10) What will you do after graduation? OR What do you expect after returning back?

Immediate short term goal is to join Taiwan TSMC since TSMC has direct collaboration with UCLA for internship which has 90% results of converting internship into permanent job. Since TSMC is pioneer to use latest 22nm (now) & 16nm (future) IC manufacturing technique, I will like to take another 3-4 years experience or more at TSMC depending on how it goes.

This TSMC experience with UCLA Degree will make me in front row to work further in Taiwan OR my home country India which also rapidly grow in IC manufacturing/verification..

[Reference proof: http://www.eetindia.co.in/articleLogin.do?artId=8800659216&fromWhere=/ART_8800659216_1800000_NT_e2ba2cb1.HTM&ca]

11) Why are you leaving you current job?

There is nothing wrong with my current job since I am financially and technically satisfied with it.

But if I have to work on 22nm or future 16nm IC design Technology then it will take years for my current company.

It is matter of further challenge in life to achieve further goal. Without challenge in life, it will not produce enjoyment at least for me.

I worked almost 5 years and 6 months for my current company in wireless embedded domain and I also gain IrDA organization co-chair post in this young age.

But thirst for new learning never fulfill.

12) Tell me how you can prove that you are going to come back? OR You look like a potential immigrant or I don't think you will come back?

My whole intention to study in UCLA is to gain latest IC design technology knowledge which will give me chance to work on those technologies in TSMC.

Further education of UCLA and experience of TSMC will put in front raw to secure my position in anywhere in India.

From the current job market situation, one can easily foresee that next decade will be of China and India and I have close tie up with both the nations since India is my home country and china/Taiwan, I worked for 6+ years.

US education system is worldwide recognized and really depth with flexibility, so why can't I also not get benefit from it.

In conclusion, I did not see any reason to continue further in US after my MS. At least, now trend is get reversed that most of brain returned back to India and china.

13) Your bank pass book shows large transactions recently been deposited? How do you explain that?

That amount was transferred from Taiwan by me during last 4 years. I have each & every amount transfer record.

After investing in bank FD and life insurance, I had left much more amount in bank, so I thought to invest in my close relative business on %basis. Since now I needed them so I ask them to return back. However, I have enough funds in my Taiwan bank to support my first year education.

14) How much do you have in savings?

My current salary package is xxON\$ x14 months fixed + variable pay of quarterly bonus and profit sharing. On average, I did get one month salary as profit sharing and half month salary in quarterly bonus. I earned around 6 million NT\$ in my last 5.5 years job from Taiwan and I was able to save around 3.5 million NT\$.

15) How many brother and sisters do you have? Do you have any relatives in USA?

I have two brothers. Younger brother working in India MNC Company and elder brother is in USA.

He is handling cash counter at some utility shop. His wife has US citizenship and he has Legal US permanent residence.

16) Tell me more about your brother?

My brother did under-graduation and after that he joined my father's business. He was average in study and more interested in doing business. He got married with my father's close friend's daughter who has US citizenship.

17) What does your father do? Where do your parents live?

My father and his brother started family business of ready-made clothes and he is running this business since more than 30 years. My father actively runs this business till date today in India.

My mother is house-wife.

18) What is your father's income?

It is business and income varies from xyz to xyz Lac INR/annum depending on profit.

19) What will you do if your student visa is rejected?

First of all, I am more than sure to get visa knowing my interest to study in US is genuine. Furthermore, I admitted in TOP 10 US engineering college and have more than enough funds to support my education.

In case, I am unlucky to secure visa, I may need to think on whether to applied next year again or join already admitted Taiwan NCTU in same Electrical engineering.

Best Mock Interview

I don't come across students who spend so much energy and time to prepare for F1 Visa.

Writing down your answers is one of the best way to prepare for F1 Visa Interview.

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