

VISA QUESTIONS

Disclaimer: The questions highlighted in BOLD Characters are the frequently asked questions and it may vary with the course student applying for.

1. Tell me something about yourself?

Suggested Answer: Answer should be crisp and clear “ My name is Smith, I am currently working /studying in X company/university from past X years (only applicable in case of working) and I am planning to study Bachelors/Master’s/PhD X course at Y university.

2. Which University have you applied to?

Suggested Answer: I have applied to 5 universities and got an admit from X university

3. Why the specified University?

Suggested Answer: Student should be able to tell positive points about the university and should mention why he is interested in the course

4. How many Universities have you applied?(both admits and rejects)

5. Which University accepted you?

6. Where have you done your Under Graduation?

7. What does your father do?

8. What is your father’s income?

9. Do you have any brothers/sisters?

10. What will you do after completing MS? /plans after Graduation? (Important)

Suggested Answer: Student should be able to clearly explain that he wants to come back to India for professional reasons and not personal reasons like family is here and we have a lot of property. (For eg. I would like to come back to India and would like to start up my own business or would like to work with X companies in India as it offers a lot of potential for growth. Moreover, I would be closer to my family in India or I will join my family business.

11. Why study in USA?

Suggested Answer: Flexible program—Practical/Research Based Education—International Exposure

12. Did you get any scholarship?

13. Why haven’t you got any scholarship?

14. Have you got any loans?

15. What is your Undergraduate GPA/Percentage?

16. Tell about your University?

Suggested Answer: Student should know about the universities curriculum and what interests him in this university and why does he want to study in the specified university

17. Mention some professor’s names?

Suggested Answer: It is suggested that student should mention some professor’s name so that it adds a positive impact on his application and student has done his homework before.

18. Where did you brother/parents complete their studies?

19. Why are you leaving your current job?(if you are working)

20. Where do your parents live?

21. Do you know anyone (in USA) in your University?

22. What will you do if your visa is rejected?

Suggested Answer: "It is recommended that student mentions that "I will apply again as I have prepared hard for my application."

23. Will you come home during summer?

24. Why do you think the University is giving you a scholarship?

25. Why do you wish to study in the USA and not in India?

Suggested Answer: Flexible program—Practical/Research Based Education—International Exposure and DO NOT mention any derogatory statements like "India doesn't offer such education or education system is poor."

If you have changed your field of specialization (for e.g. if you are BE Mechanical and opting for MS in Computer Science) then what brought about the change?

26. What steps have you taken to ensure that you will be able to perform well in the new field you wish to change to?

27. What do you plan to study at the University?

28. How will you finance your education for 2 years or 4 years?(generally you have to prove that you have sufficient funds for the first year education but I suggest you be prepared with the answer)

Suggested Answer: Student should mention about the funds available with him and it is suggested that he mentions about the loans at the end of the statement. For eg. My parents/I will be sponsoring the education with their savings worth 30000 USD, additionally we have assets in form of properties/gold/deposits worth 90000USD and we will also take up a loan worth 40000 USD.

29. Do you have a brother/sister or any other relative already at this University?

30. Tell me about yourself?

31. What are your hobbies?

32. What does success mean to you?

33. Where do you plan to be in 5 years from now?

34. Tell about your achievements?

35. What are your strengths?

36. What are your weaknesses?

37. How did you prepare for this interview?

Suggested Answer: I have checked a couple of websites like www.immihelp.com and also from a couple of my friends who have already got their visa approved or studying abroad.

38. What are your grades like?

39. Why do you plan to do MS?

40. Why are your GRE/TOEFL scores low?

41. Why are you changing your stream? (if applicable) .

42. What are your career goals?

43. What do you know about US education?

It is more flexible, it offers practical knowledge and education system is well renowned and accepted globally.

44. Why are you applying for Fall only?

45. What is your university yearly expense?

Suggested Answer: Student should mention the exact cost mentioned on the I-20.

46. Say about the positive points of USA?

47. How much time you are going to stay in USA?

Suggested Answer: It should be the duration of the program.

48. What are your expectations after returning back to your native country?

49. Have you ever gone to USA before?

Tips: The student should keep the following things in mind while answering the questions

- Intent of studying in USA as a student: Student should always say that he is planning to study there and do not talk about any internships/job opportunities.
- Ties to the home country – Student should always mention that he will come back to his home country for professional reasons like (business/jobs) and not personal ties like (have family here, have to support my family or have assets here) and do not plan to stay in USA for employment or any internship.
- Have sufficient funds to cover expenses to for 1/2/4 years— Student should mention that he has sufficient funds to cover expenses for the program and should be able to mention the funds. The higher the funds, the better it is.
- Student should sound confident throughout the interview
- Student should provide proactive information to avoid being asked more questions
- Student should give clear/crisp and to the point answers.
- Do not ask more than 15 questions from the student as an ideal interview lasts only from 10 seconds to 3 minutes unless there is a major goof up.