

To be noted:

- Go there as a winner.
- Attitude matters.
- Give a straightforward answer.
- Try to use it as simply as you can.
- When you give the answer there, you have all the supporting documents.
- If you have any weak areas, like test scores or marks, you have to answer the questions related to them also.
- If a new question arises, it should belong to your prepared questions.

References for F1 visa interview questions:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qf0Y6xDn64U> [Bimal - 100 F1 questions/answers]

Questions:

1. Why are you applying for a visa? Which type of visa are you applying for?

I am applying for a visa because I want to go to the United States for an MS in CS. I am applying for an F1 visa.

2. **Why USA?**

Officer, From my analysis, I learned that the USA is best known for its quality education and research. More importantly, most of the USA's universities give more funding to scientific research than any other university worldwide. The US university education method is more practical and research oriented and US university degrees are world-wide accepted, which gives me global exposure. Moreover, US university certificates are highly prestigious in my country. Therefore, when I return to my home country, I will be able to obtain better opportunities and a higher-level position within the company.

3. **Why this university?**

Final Answer:

ABC University is a leading public research university with an extensive artificial intelligence research program. Before choosing this university, I attended online webinars of other universities to learn about their courses and projects. The course content and instructors' research interests at this university are most suitable for me. Also, I had a one-to-one session with assistant professor XYZ, and he explained about his research labs, papers, which align closely with mine in the field of image enhancement using ____, which encouraged me to study at this university. Moreover, this university gives me a research assistantship, which gives me

the opportunity to contribute to research projects and gain in-depth knowledge in my master's. The university has a 16:1 student-faculty ratio.

4. When did you complete your undergraduate?

I completed my undergraduate degree in ___ in ___ from the ___ with distinction (x % out of 100).

5. What course are you going to study for your Masters?

I am going to pursue a master's degree in computer science with a specialization in artificial intelligence under the supervision of Dr. ABC. The courses I am planning to take are related to ___ in my first semester. And the rest of the subjects will be determined with the guidance of my advisor. I am especially interested in ___, which I want to work on during my master's.

6. Why do you want to take that course?

Officer I worked at ABC Company as a XYZ, and during that time I researched building AI models for medical imaging, and I found that image enhancement techniques are very important to building good AI models. Also, diffusion models applications are in many other fields that are in high demand in the current scenario. So, through this course, I will have in-depth knowledge related to computer vision through state-of-art research and upgrade my skills to meet the current industry demands, which will help me get a senior machine learning engineer position in a good company when I come back to my country, Nepal.

7. After completing your master's, why do you not work in the USA, Why do you come back to Nepal?

- I have to join the Senior position at ABC, where I have some promise with my current manager.
- I will get a good position here in Nepal, and the Cost of living is lower in Nepal in comparison to the USA. I have to look up to my parents.
- Also, Nepal has a huge scope for AI, and there are currently few startups here in Nepal that are building products in terms of healthcare. So, I am seeing huge potential to launch a startup for AI healthcare here in Nepal.

8. Why computer science? [Need to edit]

Officer I have been interested in computer programming since high school. So, to pursue my interest, I chose a bachelor's in ___ as my undergraduate major. In my undergraduate studies, I did a couple of projects related to building software applications using tools like Java, Python, and AI related projects. Also, I have work experience as an ML engineer. So, an MS in CS is relatable, I want to get a specialization in AI; and I want to be a senior machine learning engineer in the future, which is aligned with computer science. Therefore, I chose this.

9. You are doing good. Why Master, then?

Answer1:

Currently, I am working as an ___ and feel that I have not been exposed to cutting edge technologies and research. So, with a master's degree, I can deepen my knowledge and have expertise in AI, including machine learning and computer vision. I can also upgrade my skills and knowledge, which will provide many opportunities when I come back to my country. I am planning to work as a senior machine learning engineer in a good company, and for that, a master's degree is most important.

10. Tell me about your course curriculum?

11. How do you know about the university?

I found this university through the university professors' profiles

12. Tell me about the university you are going to.

ABC is a public research university and is known as a top 150 ranked CS college in the USA, according to US News. Its faculty are experts in their fields of study, and many are nationally and internationally known for their contributions within the scientific community. It has a 16:1 student to faculty ratio. Many US government agencies, like the National Science Foundation (NSF), NASA, DARPA, the Department of Defense (DOD), and more, have funded research projects at this university. It has an advanced lab for AI and autonomous vehicles called the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems (CAVS), and for image processing, it has the Institute of Imaging and Analytical Technologies. Other related research labs are also available, which help with research in cutting edge technologies.

13. Why are you going to the USA?

I am going to the USA to pursue a _ in _ at ABC University.

14. Why are you applying from India? Why not from your home country?

Officer, I got my I20 at the end of April and applied for my visa at the Kathmandu embassy. I got the date of April 2024, but my semester will begin in August 2023. When I attended the visa session at the Kathmandu embassy, they said we had already opened 7,000 slots for F1 visas before mid April and informed them that no more slots would be opened for fall semesters. So, my preferred other option is to give the interview at the Delhi Consulate, which is closer to me.

15. What are your roles and responsibilities in the ABC position?

16. Tell me about your work experience? [Hint: Only explain the current work experience, if VO ask previous work experience then only explain about that]

17. What's your future plan?

My future plan is to first complete my MS in CS. After that, I will come back to my country, Nepal, and join ABC company as a senior machine learning engineer, where I am currently working, and look after my parents. However, in the long run, I am planning to open my own startup to build products and provide services related to AI.

18. How will this course help you in the future? [Need Edit]

This course is essential for me to become a senior machine learning engineer. This course gives me a specialization in AI and algorithms. Specialization in AI gives me in-depth knowledge and cutting edge research skills to build AI models to solve problems. Also, the course in algorithms gives me the skills to build highly efficient systems. So, when I come back to my country, Nepal, I can get a higher level position in a good company as a senior machine learning engineer.

19. What do you expect after completing your masters? What do you expect from yourself in 5 years?

After completing my master's degree, I will be joining as a Senior machine learning engineer at ABC company. And in 5 years, I will open my own startup in Nepal, where I am leading the effort to build AI products that can have an impact on people's lives.

20. Tell me about your LAB/research where you work in MS CS?

21. Tell me about the research topics that are under way at the university you are going to now.

22. When did you have an idea to do your Master's? Why not last fall?

I had an idea to do a master's last fall. But I have not found a related professor on AI and computer vision for my master's program, and due to COVID, I do not have the mindset to go abroad to study.

23. Why did you continue your study/Why do you want to do MS in CS? [Need Edit]

Officer, I want to specialize in AI and be a senior ML engineer in the future. I am currently working as an ML engineer, and during my work I realized that there is a lot to learn about the latest advancements in AI and that I should upgrade my skills, which makes me more competent and can provide me with ample opportunities when I come back to my country, Nepal. And to be a senior machine learning engineer with a master's degree is very important for me.

This drives me to get an MS in computer science.

24. What was the cause of the gap? Why are you leaving your job? Show me your experience letter.

No officer I don't have gap. [Describe your work experience.] ...

25. How will you relate this study program to your past work?

I did my bachelor's in ___ and studied more about AI through course assignments, projects, and research. Also, I have work experience related to AI where I worked for several startups, which gives me insights about the potential of AI in different aspects of our lives. And now I am planning for an MS in CS with a specialization in AI for in-depth understanding and to upgrade my skills in AI.

26. What course are you going to take?

I am going to pursue my master's degree in computer science. For that, I will take subjects such as AI, ML, and algorithms in my first semester, and for the rest of the semester, I will decide with my advisor.

27. How did you get a scholarship?

Based on my profile, with a good GPA and a professor who likes my experience and my own projects related to AI, he offers me a research assistantship. That will cover my full tuition and living expenses for two years of my master's degree.

28. What will you be doing in the university as a RA?

I will join the Prof. ABC lab at the ___ as a research assistant, where I will work on an ___ project. My main responsibilities are to implement the algorithm for the given problem, write articles about my findings on research projects, assist the professor, and collaborate with other students in research.

29. What are the responsibilities of a research assistantship?

- Contribute to the university's ongoing research.
- Self-study about the research problem, implement an algorithm, and experiment with other researchers.
- Write a paper/article about the research work and present it.

30. Do you know what the source of funding is for your university? I mean from where your research or university is getting funded.

From your university profile.

31. What if you don't get a research assistantship in your second year, How will you fund it?
Officer, Professor, said that my full funding is for two years for the current project, and it is renewed after one year. As a backup, my parents have savings of Rs. _ lakhs, and we have movable and immovable assets worth Rs. _ crores, which can be liquidated at any time if needed.

32. What do your father and your mother do?

33. What are the companies tied-up/collaborated with your University?
Nvidia, Boston Dynamics

34. Tell me about the state you are going to?

35. Mention the names of the professors you have contacted.

36. How many universities do you apply to?
I have applied to a total of four universities.

37. Name the universities to which you have applied.
[Name the same level of university.] [Not name the university of higher rank to the university we are applying]

38. Why these universities?

Before applying to these universities, I researched the course curriculum and research projects. I am interested in AI and computer vision, and based on this, the professors of this university have similar research interests; they have good AI related labs; and the course curriculum is flexible, which encouraged me to apply to these universities.

39. How many admissions and rejections have you had?

I got admissions from all X universities. The universities that have accepted me are:

40. Who are your sponsors?

My university is my sponsor, which gives me a research assistantship that covers my full tuition and living expenses. Also, my parents have savings of __ USD, and we have movable and immovable assets worth _ crores, which can be liquidated at any time.

41. What do your father and mother do?

42. Why didn't you choose other universities?

[Describe more details about the research interests and area too.]
because the professor's research interests at ABC University are similar to mine, and this university's financial assistance is stronger than others'.

43. Where will you stay in the US?

I will be staying on campus in an apartment in the city of __.

44. What is your TOEFL score?

45. What do you expect from your master's degree?

I would like to gain in-depth knowledge and upgrade my skills through research and course projects related to AI and computer vision. Through course projects, research, and practical experience through my master's program, I will become a competent candidate, which will help me get greater opportunities when I come back to my country, Nepal. And after completing my master's, I will return to Nepal and either join a high level position in the company I am currently working for or search for better opportunities.

46. What is the first thing you would do after visiting the US?

Officer I would explore the campus and see the facilities provided by the campus, and after that, they would give me a point of contact (Persons name), who would help me with the further proceedings. I am also planning to visit my advisor's research labs and will discuss more about ongoing projects and research.

47. Are you planning to work after your graduation?

After completing my graduation, I will come back to my country, Nepal, and join as a senior machine learning engineer at ABC company, where I am currently working.

48. Why should I give you the visa? What qualities do you have?

First of all, I believe that I have met all the requirements of the US F1 visa. I am a genuine student, and my intention to go to the USA is just to study and use the knowledge and experience I gained back in my country. Also, I got full funding from the university, which removes the need for family funding.

49. What will you do if you get a very high paying job in the US after your graduation? Will you return to Nepal, or will you stay in the US?

Officer, I will come back to Nepal. I have to take care of my parents as they get older. And I will apply for a higher level post as a senior machine learning engineer at the company for which I am currently working, where I promise the manager I will join after my master's degree. Apart from that, my dream is to build an AI community here in Nepal where I will train youths to learn AI and build products, which will later help me establish my own software company.

OR

Provide the assurance or guarantee of returning to Nepal once you are done with your studies.

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50. Why didn't you apply to any other countries like the UK, Australia, or Canada?

USA universities give more research funding compared to any other universities around the world. Most of the top universities in the US tie up with the job market for research so that they give more practical education. And a US university degree is highly ranked and widely accepted. Also, the US is a competitive market where there are many universities and a diversity of people, so if I go there, I will learn different things apart from my education.

51. What will you do if I do not issue you this visa?

First of all, I believe I will get a visa. If I don't get a visa, I will apply again.

52. How will your study help your country and yourself after you return? [Rewrite]

After MS, I am planning to come back to my country and utilize my skills and knowledge for the betterment of my country. I will join as a senior machine learning engineer at ABC company, where I am currently working. Also, I will join AI Nepal, which is a volunteer organization to train the youth in AI. After a few years, I am planning to open my own startup related to AI products and services, which will contribute to my country's GDP.

53. Why do you wish to pursue MS in the USA and not in Nepal?

The US education system is more practical and research-oriented compared to Nepal's. Also, this MS in Computer Science with a specialization in AI is not available in Nepal. In addition to that, Nepal University did not fully support the research in AI and could not conduct quality research.

54. Who is your point of contact/ Designated School Official (DSO) ?

XYZ is my point of contact, and she is an international counselor at ABC University.

55. Do you know how much your school costs?

ABC approx. But they give me full funding, which covers all my tuition and living expenses.

56. Tell me your SEVIS-ID?

57. Have you ever received any scholarships or financial aid?

Yes, I have received financial aid and a research assistantship under Prof. ABC from my university that covers my full tuition fee and living expenses.

58. How are you going to manage your fees?

from my university's financial aid, as I am working as a research assistant at the university.

59. How did you apply?

I applied to this university through the university portal. I search for related professors in research related to AI and computer vision at csrankings.org, where my research interests overlap with one of the professors at ABC University. So, I contacted him through email, and he gave me a positive response and was willing to be my advisor for my MS.

60. Where is your university located? How will you get there?

My university is located in ___. I will book my flight from ___ to ___ Airport, [State name]. From there, I will take a taxi to ___ and reach there in ___ hours.

61. What are your hobbies?

Listening to music, playing badminton, programming, and reading books.