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F-1 Student Visa Interview Preparation

Pre Mock Interview Questionnaire

Student name

Course and intake

WSA contact

Agreed return date

Save a copy before typing. Answer in your own words, save your progress and return the completed file to your WSA contact. If your phone cannot save the form, send your answers in question order.

Use these WSA practice questions for your F-1 interview. Check the appointment instructions from the U.S. embassy or consulate handling your application.

EducationUSA U.S. Department of State student visa guidance

Your study plans

1. What course, institution, campus, start date and duration are shown on your Form I-20?

2. What have you studied or done for work? Explain any gaps that are relevant to your plans.

3. Why the USA and why this course? Which comparable courses did you consider, including in your home country?

4. What transcripts, qualifications or test scores show that you are ready for this programme?

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Funding and living costs

5. What are your tuition and mandatory fees? Give the amounts in US dollars, what you have paid and what remains due.

6. What is your monthly budget in US dollars for rent, food, transport and health insurance? What will you need for travel and setup?

7. What estimated costs and funding are shown on your Form I-20? Who is contributing, and what evidence supports each contribution?

8. How will you fund the full course? If a sponsor or scholarship is involved, what does it cover and for how long?

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Documents, arrival and future plans

9. Which items do you need for your appointment, including the signed Form I-20, DS-160 confirmation and I-901 SEVIS fee receipt? What is outstanding?

10. Where do you plan to live, what will it cost and how will you get to campus? What is your backup plan?

11. When will you report to your school? How will you confirm your arrival and enrolment arrangements with its international student office?

12. What are your plans after your studies? Explain your intention to leave the United States when your authorised stay ends and how the course fits your plans.