

Application and UKVI Interview Guidance

We are committed to providing students with the best possible application experience and have created this guidance document as a tool to help you prepare.

Student meets conditions (if any) and pays deposit

Email invite sent out to register on CAS Shield (https://portal.casshield.com/login)

Complete information on CAS Shield, upload documents and sit for recorded interview

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The interview will be conducted in English, and you will be expected to be able to communicate at the correct level in order to be understood clearly.

Typical questions you may be asked are listed below:

Why did you choose Bangor University?

Think about why you chose the UK rather than your home country, and what attracted you to Bangor in particular and how you found out about Bangor University. Visit our website for more information: www.bangor.ac.uk/international

Why did you choose your course?

There may be many courses in the same subject area offered at other universities as the one you plan to study at Bangor so what is it specifically about the Bangor course which you prefer over the others?

How do your studies fit into your future career plans?

Think about what your plans are after you graduate and how will the knowledge and skills you gain from your course at Bangor University help you with the type of work you hope to do. If the course you plan to study is at a similar academic level to previous studies, think about how it represents progression.

You have previously studied in the UK so why have you chosen to return?

Think about how the new course relates to previous studies and how it might build on your previous learning.

You have had a long break in your studies, why are you returning to study now?

Think about how you explain your decision in the context of your long-term career plans.

Do you plan to work in the UK during your studies?

You cannot rely on funds from working in the UK to pay your course fees and living costs so you need to be aware of this beforehand. The main purpose for being in the UK is for your studies, so if you do hope to work, think about how this would enhance your academic studies. There are very strict rules associated with your visa and how many hours, and what kind of work you can do as a student. It is very important that you understand these rules. Find more information here: www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/volunteering_work

How will you fund your studies?

The purpose of this question is to check that your funds are genuinely available to you for your studies. As part of your application you will have submitted proof of your finances - ensure that you are very clear about the source and availability of these funds, also how you plan to pay for subsequent years fees if your course is more than a year in duration. If you have official financial sponsorship make sure you are aware of the amounts and exactly what is covered. How much will your accommodation cost and are you clear about the cost of living in the UK?