

Advice for Student Visa Interview Preparation

Booking for a Student Visa Interview:

Currently, student appointments are first made through a **'Waiting List'**. We strongly recommend that, students complete the waiting list appointment form several weeks in advance. Waiting time could be up 3 to 4 months before one is offered an appointment. Book via this [LINK](#). This link goes to the appointment booking platform for the German Embassy in Ghana. (Please keep a copy of the appointment confirmation you receive by e-mail).

For DAAD scholars, please ensure you select the option for scholarship holders when completing the waiting list.

In addition to the Checklist of the German Embassy, kindly find below further helpful advice for the personal Visa interview which is compulsory for the application process.

▪ **Motivational letter/Statement**

A handwritten motivational letter is an essential part of the required documents which you will have to hand in during your personal interview appointment. When writing it, please keep it specifically to your situation. There is no need to write about Germany's economy or educational system etc. This general information is not needed. Kindly focus on the school and study programme you have admission for.

The following points can help you structuring the letter:

- Why the programme in that specific university in Germany is unique.
- Which modules would you like to focus on most.
- What do you plan to benefit from.
- Are there any research centres in your faculty which will support your study plan.
- Are there any companies in your university city or even in Germany that you feel could enhance your career (by pursuing an internship/or work in such a company)?
- Is there any professor with a very specific area of interest you wish to get close to?

▪ **Personal interview**

Besides the required documents, the personal interview itself is also a crucial part of the application procedure. The following questions can potentially be asked during the interview.

- Why did you choose to study in Germany?
- Why did you choose that specific programme in that specific institution?
- What is your current profession and how will this study programme influence your future career prospects?
- What are your short to medium term career goals?

- What is the course structure of your chosen programme (how many semesters, how many individual course modules will you be studying per semesters, what type of examinations you will be writing etc.)?
 - When is the study programme starting?
 - What will your master thesis be about?
 - Do you have any idea about the town/state (location within Germany, i.e. East, West, North or South of Germany etc.)?
 - How are you planning to finance your stay in Germany? Who is your sponsor?
- **FAQ Visa Application Form for longer stays – more than 3 months** ([LINK](#))
Please find below frequently asked questions concerning the Online Visa Application form.

- What should I fill in **Travel data** section?

Intended duration of stay in the Federal Republic of Germany

* From (dd.mm.yyyy):

* To:

Here you can fill in the estimated date of your arrival and how long you intend to stay in Germany. If this has not been precisely determined or if permanent residence is planned, then kindly fill in a comment using text.

- What should I fill in **Reference** section?

Educational establishment/company/organisation

* Type of reference:

Educational establishment/company/organisation

Please always select "Educational establishment/company/organisation" when applying for a student visa. Kindly use the address of your school and add the name of the school's contact person. This can for example be a representative from the international office.

- What should I fill in as "**Means of support and details regarding stay**"?

Means of support and details regarding the stay

What are your means of support in the Federal Republic of Germany?

Kindly fill in how you are planning to sponsor yourself while living in Germany. For example if you're sponsor is a family member based in Ghana you fill in: "Sponsor based in Ghana".



* Postal code:

* Town/city:

If you do not yet have a residential address in Germany, please use the postcode and city of your school.

* In case your stay is less than 3 months, please book for Schengen visa ([short-term visa](#)) and use the short term visa appointment. For DAAD scholars attending short term programmes, you can book for the [‘Special appointment’ formerly ‘Walk-in’ appointment](#).