

#DMUglobal & DSU Advice Student Visa FAQ

A travel visa is an official document that shows you're allowed to enter a specific country, for a specific length of time, to do a specific activity. Depending on your nationality and the country you're visiting, you may require a visa prior to travel. The aim of this document is to provide practical advice and guidance for students who may require a visa to participate in a #DMUglobal opportunity.

When making a visa application, the following points should be considered:

Do you need a visa?

- Visit the embassy website of the country you are planning to visit, to see whether you require a visa. This is based on your nationality, what type of travel document you have, where you are visiting, what for, and for how long.

Is there enough time to obtain the visa?

- Check the processing times on the application website – bear in mind these are estimated, not guaranteed
- Look out for additional processing times for certain nationalities
- Don't forget to include extra days for postage/courier delivery
- Account for national and religious holidays that may affect processing times
- Remember the processing time counts from the date of your appointment, and at busy times, appointments may not be available right away – you may only be able to see what times are available after submitting your application.

Can you obtain all the necessary documentation?

- You need to have a firm plan before you apply
- See the embassy/application website and DSU Advice website for a list of required documents
- Make sure you have all of the information necessary to complete the application form
- #DMUglobal can provide visa support letters
- Student Gateway can provide proof of enrolment

Have you been in the UK long enough?

- You need 3 months of UK Bank statements to support your application
- You may be unable to get travel insurance if you have lived here less than 6 months – check your policy terms and conditions

Does your UK visa have sufficient time remaining?

- You must have at least 90 days remaining on your UK visa after the end of your trip to be eligible for some visitor visas

Is your passport valid?

- Your passport may be required to be valid for at least 90 days after your trip
- You must have 2 blank adjacent pages
- Your passport must be less than 10 years old
- Check that if there is a space for your signature that you have signed it

Can you afford to apply?

- Include the cost of travelling to London (and overnight stay if necessary) to attend the appointment, in addition to the application fee
- Consider the additional fee for courier delivery if you wish to use this service
- If you fail to be granted a visa in time for your opportunity then you will be liable for any costs you may have incurred. This will also include paying back any #DMUglobal bursaries you may have received.

Have you had problems before?

- If you have previously overstayed a visa you could be refused future visas
- If you have been refused previously, and the reason is still relevant, you would be likely to be refused again e.g. criminal record

Can you show evidence of your intention to return to the UK after your trip?

- Think of what else you can provide in addition to your travel booking e.g. UK accommodation (especially if paid in advance), proof of your course fees, your course achievements to date or attendance record, employment and family ties.

For more detail information about applying for a visa, please visit the [DSU Advice website](#).