



# International Student Support.

## Typical Credibility Interview Questions

### **Why did you choose The University of Sheffield?**

Think about why you chose the UK rather than your home or another English speaking country. You may find it useful to refer to the university profile on our website.

- [About the University of Sheffield](#)

### **Why did you choose your course?**

There may be many courses in the same subject area as the one you plan to study at Sheffield. Think about your decision process.

- What do you prefer about your course at Sheffield compared to other courses?
- If you applied for other courses - why did you choose Sheffield over them?

### **If you have previously studied in the UK, 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 can also talk about the benefits of your previous course.

### **If 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.

### **How do your studies fit into your career plans?**

Think about what your plans are after you graduate, how will the knowledge and skills you gain from your course at Sheffield help you with the type of work you hope to do.

- Does your course lead to any professional exemptions or qualifications, and are these recognised in your country?
- Do you know what other students graduating from your course went on to do (e.g. the types of roles and organisations they work for)?
- If the course you plan to study is at a similar academic level to previous studies, how does it represent progression and does it have a vocational focus?
- [Academic Progression](#)

**If the costs of pursuing your course of study are higher in the UK than in your home country, why have you decided to incur the extra costs involved with studying in the UK?**

Think about the advantages that a degree from the UK might give you and why you and/or your family are prepared to make this investment. Extra costs may include the course fees, living costs and accommodation.

- Have you made a realistic assessment of all the costs involved and how you plan to pay for them?

**Do you plan to work in the UK?**

You cannot rely on funds from working to pay your course fees and living costs. The main purpose for being in the UK is your studies, so if you do decide to work during your studies, think about how this would enhance your academic studies.

You must also demonstrate an understanding of the hours you are allowed to work and typical rates of pay. This information can be found on the page below.

- [Working in the UK](#)

**How will you fund your studies? (You should not be asked this unless you are called back for a second interview)**

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 and 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.

- Where you have a loan, how will you afford to pay this back?
- How much will your accommodation cost and are you clear about the cost of living in the UK?
- [Money and Fees](#)

**The interviewer will also be checking your ability to listen and speak in English. If you experience problems hearing them clearly due to a technical difficulty for example, you should make them aware this is a technical issue and not your ability to listen and speak in English.**