

Applying for a UK entry VISA

In order to make the process of applying for and acquiring your visa as efficient as possible, we have put together information/advice for getting a UK entry visa.

Your respective British Embassy and High Commission are ultimately responsible for issuing your visa and should be able to advise you on the appropriate visa to apply for. See the UK Visa & Immigration website www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa/overview. Do take great care with getting the terminology correct ie if you apply for a short-term student visa you should not refer to yourself as an academic visitor (this would require a business visa).

PLEASE NOTE: It is important that you apply for your visa as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to address any problems that may arise.

Information you may need to present with your visa application:

- Letters from GCAP confirming your place at the Academy after receipt of full payment
- Information about you, your finances and employment]
- Breakdown of accommodation/living expenses.

The Academy fees include bed and breakfast accommodation, all weekday lunches and five evening dinners. The accommodation has self-catering facilities to keep your costs down.

I think that you should be able to make a calculation about the cost of living at least whilst you are in Oxford. See University of Oxford link:
<http://www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/fees/livingcosts/>

Of course, you may have plans to take the bus/train to visits other part of the UK at the weekends, which will increase your expenses.

- Flight information - you need to book a return flight – they want to make sure you will leave the country after your stay

Do let us know if you require a formal letter to include with your visa application in addition to the above. Please keep us updated with you go through this process including any feedback from the British Embassy and High Commission, when you get your visa, etc.

We are here to help, so if there is anything you need from us to make the application process easier, let me know.