

# Completing the Student visa form for applications made outside the UK.

**SOAS Student Advice Service** endeavours to ensure that the information in this guide is accurate but please note that legislation is subject to change at short notice.

This guide should be used with the Student route caseworker guidance which can be found on the [GOV.UK website](#) and our [Outside the UK - Student visa requirements guide](#).

## Before applying online

Please read through our other guide [Outside the UK - Student visa requirements guide](#). You should only submit your visa application once you meet all the requirements and can submit any necessary documents. Once you pay for your visa application online, you will not be able to make any changes to your form and there may be limitations on withdrawing your application and receiving an application fee refund. **Your visa application date is considered to be the date you pay the application fee, not the date you enrol biometrics at a Visa Application Centre (if required to).**

## Applying online

- To start your application, [go to this GOV.UK web page](#).
- If you answer 'Yes' to having an EEA or Swiss passport, you will be directed to prove your identity via the **UK Immigration: ID Check App** and to register for a UK Visas & Immigration account. Please skip to page 14 of this guide now for information about this process and how to complete the form. If you're unable to use the app then please continue reading the guide from here.
- Confirm your visa type as **Student**
- Select a country to provide your biometrics
- Check and confirm the availability of biometric enrolment locations

Note: You can find the opening times, address and contact details for UK visa application centres near you on [this GOV.UK website](#).

If you have dependents, family members who will also need a visa to come to the UK with you, you will need to make a separate application. There is a link on [this GOV.UK webpage](#) to do so. To find

out more about which students can bring dependents and the maintenance requirements to do so, please see our guide, [Outside the UK - Student visa requirements guide](#).

## Register your email to create your account.

Enter an email address and password so you can save your answers. You will then be emailed a unique link to let you log back in to your application at a later point, if needed.

Throughout your application, you can select the option to 'Return to this application later' in order to re-send the link to your latest saved application.

Email address

Create a password

Your password must be 8 characters or longer and include a letter and a number or symbol.

Repeat your password

Save and continue

Remember to use a reliable email address that you can check daily. Keep a note of your password somewhere safe. You will be sent a verification email asking you to verify your email address. You will need to do this before submitting your visa application.

You will also be asked to provide a contact telephone number. Enter your preferred contact details including choosing the method by which you would like UK Visas and Immigration to contact you about your application.

If you need to pause your application, then always make sure you log out of your account. You will be sent a unique link to your application to your registered email address. You can use this link to return to your form and log back in.

### Do you have a Marshall, Chevening or Commonwealth Scholarship?

If you are receiving a full Chevening, Marshall or Commonwealth Scholars tick 'yes' when asked about this. If you are a full Chevening, Marshall or Commonwealth Scholars you will be exempt from paying the Immigration Health Surcharge and visa fee at the end of the application.

### **Do you have a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number?**

Once you have an unconditional offer for your programme you can [request](#) a CAS via the SOAS website. This is an electronic document created by SOAS within the UK Visas and Immigration computer system. Your CAS statement will be issued to you by email. If you do not have a valid CAS you must not submit your application. If you submit your application without one or with a CAS you have previously used, your application is likely to be rejected as invalid or refused.

### **Your name**

You must give your name exactly as it appears in your current passport. If your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) does not match the name given in your passport you will need to request an amendment to your CAS before applying for your visa.

### **In addition to the names already provided, are you now or have you ever been known by another name?**

If your name is different to that given in your passport, you will need to declare this on your application form and may need to provide original evidence to explain the name change (i.e. a marriage certificate, birth certificate, deed poll document). We recommend you submit evidence of any legal name changes with your application. If you need further advice, then email [adviceservice@soas.ac.uk](mailto:adviceservice@soas.ac.uk)

### **Your address and previous address history**

In this section you will be asked to provide the addresses (UK or overseas) that you lived at in the past 2 years and the ownership status. You will need to be as accurate as you can with your dates.

### **Passport details and personal information**

You must make sure your passport details; national identity card details (if applicable) and personal information are entered accurately. Your passport details must match the passport details on your CAS. If you get a new passport after your CAS is issued, please reply to your CAS email with a scan of the new passport. You should wait for further instructions before continuing with your visa application. If you have any additional passports (you have dual nationality) or previous passports in your possession you are advised to submit them with your application.

### **Have you provided evidence of your English language ability in a previous application?** (continued on next page)

You must have been granted a visa or permission to stay after meeting the language requirement at level B1 or above. For example:

- scored level B1, B2, C1 or C2 on an [approved English language test](#) which assessed your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills
- have a degree which was taught in English
- have an English language or literature GCSE, an International GCSE, an A level, or a Scottish National 4 or 5, Higher, or Advanced Higher qualification
- if you were a student, your sponsor confirmed on your CAS that you met the required level

If you have previously been required to submit evidence of your English language ability to support a Tier 4 (General) student or Student visa application, then answer 'yes'. If this is your first time studying in the UK then the answer is 'No'.

The next set of **questions are about your English language assessment. If you answered ‘Yes’ to the previous question ‘Have you provided evidence of your English language ability in a previous application?’**, you may not see these additional English language questions.

**Do you have an English language or literature qualification from a UK school?** Read the guidance on screen and answer Yes or No. If you’re unsure, please contact us.

**Are you coming to the UK to study at a higher education provider with a track record of compliance?**

SOAS is a ‘higher education provider with a track record of compliance and so the answer to this question will always be ‘Yes’.

Are you coming to the UK to study at a higher education provider with a track record of compliance?

[See the Register of Student sponsors](#) to confirm whether a Higher Education Provider has a track record of compliance. A Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance will have the status ‘Student Sponsor - Track Record’.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Does your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement indicate that your English language ability was assessed by your institution or that you are a ‘gifted’ student?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Save and continue

**Does your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement indicate that your English language ability was assessed by your institution or that you are a ‘gifted’ student?**

Refer to the English language section of your CAS. If your CAS states the following then the answer to this question is ‘**Yes**’. If your CAS doesn’t match the wording below, read our [requirements guide](#) for more information.

#### Evidence Provided

##### English language qualification

Is SELT required?

N

Reason not required:

Higher Education Institution (HEI) sponsor has made assessment

**We may have to talk to you about your application. Which language would you prefer to use?**

We advise that you state ‘English’ as the language you would like to be interviewed in. For information about the interview process, [please see this guidance](#).

## **Dependant details / Parents Details / Family in the UK**

### **Does anyone rely on you for financial support?**

The form asks if you have any family members, whether they are travelling to the UK with you or not, who are financially dependent on you. You must enter the details of these family members and indicate whether they will be coming to the UK with you for the duration of your studies.

Please refer to our [guide](#) which explains the rules on family dependants. If you are allowed to bring dependants, once you have completed **your application**, you will need to go to [GOV.UK](#) to create a separate application for each dependant traveling with you. For more information about dependant applications, please see the [UKCISA website](#) and [Dependants of Students, Immigration Rules 28.1 to 39.3](#).

### **Give details about your parent(s).**

You will need to complete this section accurately. There is an option to say that you don't have these details and to explain why.

### **Do you have any family in the UK?**

If you have family in the UK you will be required to provide information about them.

### **Do you know where you will be staying in the UK?**

It is important that UK Visas and Immigration can contact you, so enter the full UK address you intend to live at during your stay in this section. If you do not know your UK address, or you are yet to arrange your accommodation, you will need to answer 'No' to this question and explain what your plans are in the free text box.

Once you are in the UK you must keep UK Visas and Immigration updated about any change of circumstances such as your address. Visit [GOV.UK](#) for more details.

## **Travel Information / Travel History (UK and other countries)**

### **Have you been to the UK in the past 10 years?**

In this section you will be asked to provide details of any trips you have made to the UK and to select other countries in the last 10 years.

It is a good idea to have your current and previous passports available when you complete this section. If you have a record of previous travel such as tickets, boarding passes or itineraries, these will also help you.

It is important in this section and throughout the form to be as accurate as possible. However, if you cannot remember an exact date of travel, just enter the month and year, then enter the 1st day of that month as the date.

You will then be asked about travel to other countries and whether you have ever been given medical treatment in the UK.

### **UK leave to remain**

This question is asking whether you have previously applied for a visa in the UK. If the answer is yes, please give information here.

## **Travel to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, USA, Switzerland or the European Economic Area and World travel history questions**

As in the previous section, if you have been to any of these destinations, please list as accurately as possible the dates and duration of each trip.

### **Your planned travel information**

The form will ask for your date of intended travel to the UK. It's important to enter this carefully as it will impact when your visa will be valid from.

#### **If your programme is longer than 6 months:**

Your visa will be valid 1 month before the course start date listed on your CAS or 7 days prior to your intended date of travel, whichever is later.

#### **If your programme is less than 6 months and is a pre-sessional programme**

Your visa will be valid 1 month before the start of the course start date listed on your CAS or 7 days prior to your intended date of travel, whichever is later.

#### **If your programme is less than 6 months and is not a pre-sessional programme**

Your visa will be valid 7 days before the start of your course start date listed on the CAS.

### **Immigration History**

For either the UK or any other country, have you ever been:

- Refused a visa
- Refused entry at the border
- Refused permission to stay or remain
- Refused asylum
- Deported
- Removed
- Required to leave
- Excluded or banned from entry

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever:

- entered the UK illegally
- remained in the UK beyond the validity of your visa or permission to stay
- breached the conditions of your leave, for example, worked without permission or received public funds when you did not have permission
- given false information when applying for a visa, leave to enter, or leave to remain
- breached UK immigration law in any other way

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have encountered any of the listed immigration issues when visiting the UK or elsewhere, you **must** declare them on the form and provide clear and accurate details. Failure to do this is likely to result in your visa application being refused on grounds of deception. If you would like to discuss this section of the application form with an advisor before you submit your application, please email [advice@soas.ac.uk](mailto:advice@soas.ac.uk)

## Convictions and penalties / War crimes / Terrorist Views / Person of good character, Previous Employment

You must answer all questions truthfully, including providing information for any country you have lived in or travelled to. Selecting an option from the list will direct you to another page or free text box where you can add further details. **If you have a criminal conviction, please contact us prior to submitting your application so we can advise on how this may impact your application.**

## Sponsor / Maintenance / Course details

You must enter the sponsor licence number and address as shown in the screen shot below. You can also confirm this address as your primary site of study.

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### Sponsor licence number and address

This information is on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement, or contact your sponsor to get their licence number.

What is your sponsor licence number?

TCQ09G6P6

Sponsor's address

SOAS University of London

Thornhaugh Street

Town/City

London

Postcode

WC1H 0XG

Save and continue

[Return to this application later](#)

[▶ Show and edit answers](#)

### Will you be studying at a school or higher education institution?

SOAS, University of London is a *'Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance'*.

### UCAS details

If you are going to be studying an undergraduate course you may have applied for your course through [UCAS](#). Your UCAS number will be on your CAS or on any correspondence you have received from UCAS.

### Do you need to obtain permission from the ATAS?

Answer 'No' to this question and continue. Currently, SOAS do not run any courses that require students to obtain approval from the Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS).

### Will you be receiving money from an official financial sponsor for your continuing studies?

Only certain types of financial sponsors are acceptable for visa purposes. Read our [guide](#) to understand who an 'official financial sponsor' can be. If your official financial sponsor is only sponsoring you for part of your tuition fees and maintenance costs, then you must tick *'I am not being wholly sponsored'*.

If you are using personal funds in your name or your parent(s)' name or receiving a student loan tick 'No' as these are not financial sponsors as defined by UKVI. Read our [guide](#) for more information about loans.

### Course information

The official name of your course, qualification level, and start and end dates can be found on your CAS, **the screenshot below is just an example**. You must ensure this information is entered correctly as per your own CAS.

## Course information

Name of sponsor institution (school/college/university)

SOAS University of London

Course name

LLM

Qualification you will get

This is the level of the qualification you will receive at the end of your course.

If you are unsure about the level of your qualification, [find out what qualification levels mean here](#) or ask your sponsor institution.

RQF7/SCQF11

Are they going to be a student union sabbatical officer?

► [What is a student union sabbatical officer?](#)

☐

Yes

☒

No



**Have you or your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) already paid any money to your sponsor for accommodation?**

SOAS halls and University of London intercollegiate student halls of residence are provided by third-party organisations, therefore you do not pay fees directly to SOAS and therefore this money cannot be mentioned in your application. Please tick 'No'.

**What are your course fees for your first year?**

Enter the amount that is shown on your CAS statement.

**Have you or your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) already paid any of your course fees?**

Enter how much money you have already paid towards your tuition fees. This information should match what is on your CAS statement.

**How can you prove this amount has been paid?**

Your CAS statement should confirm how much money you have paid towards your tuition fees. If the fees paid information on your CAS is incorrect you must request for an update to your CAS before submitting your visa application. To request an amendment to your CAS please email [casrequest@soas.ac.uk](mailto:casrequest@soas.ac.uk)

**Are any of the funds required for this application in the form of a student loan?**

If you are receiving a student loan that meets the requirements of the Student visa, then answer 'Yes'. Full details [are in our guide](#).

**Have you already received your student loan?**

If you are using a student loan which has **not** yet been disbursed to your personal bank account you will need to answer 'No'.

**Are all of the maintenance funds required for this application in a bank account with your name on it?**

If you are only using funds in a bank account with your name on it to prove that you meet the financial requirements, click 'Yes'.

If you are using a student loan you will need to answer 'No' unless the loan has already been disbursed to your bank account.

If you are using a combination of a student loan, which has **not** yet been disbursed to your bank account, **and** funds held in a bank account in your name then the answer is still 'No'. You can then use the 'Additional information about your application' section on the form to explain how you meet the maintenance requirements.

If you have answered 'No' to this question, you will be asked if you are using a bank account in your parent(s)' or legal guardian's name.

If you have answered 'Yes' to relying on money held in a bank account under your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to this question, you must confirm that you have permission from your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to use their money and confirm how you can proof the parental relationship.

**Additional information**

Here you can add in any information you may wish to add or clarify in your application.

### \*\*\*Check your answers carefully\*\*\*

You can then use the 'Change', 'Add' and 'Remove' buttons on the right-hand side of each question to make any necessary amendments to your application.

#### Evidence showing the required maintenance funds

This question will appear if you have stated that your maintenance funds are held in a bank account in your name or your parent's name. You will be able to add information about a second bank account in the next screen if necessary.

A common reason for Student visa refusal is a problem with financial documents or an incorrect amount of funds being shown. [Read our guidance](#) for information on maintenance requirements and the documentary requirements. **If you cannot meet the maintenance requirements in the manner specified by UK Visas and Immigration, then you must not continue with this application.** If you need to speak to an advisor, please email [advice@soas.ac.uk](mailto:advice@soas.ac.uk)

You must provide evidence showing that you have the required maintenance funds to cover living costs and fees for you and any of your dependants while you are in the UK.

For information on how much money you need to show, [refer to the guidance document here](#).

Enter details about the financial evidences you will send. You will be able to provide details of several evidences if you need to.

If your money is held in a different country, you will need to check if your bank meets the [requirements](#).

Financial institution (such as a bank or building society)

Type of evidence

- ☐ Statements from a personal bank or building society account
- ☐ Building society passbook
- ☐ Letter from a bank, building society or other recognised financial institution

#### Documents, Conditions, and Declaration

When you are happy that you have answered all the questions accurately, click continue to proceed to the document check list (example below).

You must provide all the listed original documents as part of your application. Tick the box to agree that you will provide each document.

**The screenshot below is just an example, your list of Mandatory Documents may be different.**

TB tests are not always listed in the Mandatory Documents section so make sure to include it if required to.

For more information differentiation arrangements for 'Low Risk' nationals please [read our guidance](#).

You will then be asked to read and agree to a set of conditions and a declaration. Once you have agreed to the declaration you will no longer be able to make changes to your application.

## Mandatory documents

These documents are mandatory and you must provide them as part of your application. Tick the box to agree that you will provide each document:

☐ The passport or travel document for test test from Iran, Islamic Republic of

## Other documents

If you do not provide these documents, your application may be delayed or refused.

☐ The birth certificate for test test  
This must be a full birth certificate that shows the names of both of your parents.

☐ Statements from a personal bank or building society account (HSBC)

☐ A letter of permission from your legal guardian(s)/parent(s) confirming use of their money and relationship to you

☐ If you provided any qualification evidence to your sponsor for them to issue your CAS, you must submit this evidence (including translations). For example, you might have sent your sponsor your certificate of qualification or transcript of results.

## Immigration Health Surcharge

You will now be asked to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS). You must do this before you can complete and submit your visa application.

You must pay your Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) before you can complete your visa application. You will pay your IHS on another website, then return to this site to complete and pay for your application.

If you are exempt, you will still need to get a reference number from the IHS website.

Your IHS reference number will automatically be included on your application once you pay and return to this site.



**Your answers will be locked when you go to the IHS website, even if you do not pay your IHS straight away. If you need to make any changes to your answers you must do so now.**

[Check your answers](#)

Go to IHS website

Save and continue

When you click on 'Go to IHS website' you will be redirected to another website. Here you will be asked to check that your personal details are correct. You will also be asked to provide some information about your course. Use your CAS to help you. Once you have made the IHS payment you will be re-directed back to your application to complete the final steps and pay the visa application fee. The fee may be converted to your local currency at rates set by the Home Office.

## Payment and biometric enrolment appointment

You will now need to follow the instructions on screen to book an appointment to enrol biometrics and find out how you should submit your documents. You then need to pay the visa application fee. This may be converted to your local currency at rates set by the Home Office

It is important that you save a copy of your completed application to your computer (or print a copy) for your records as well as your Document Checklist. You are also advised to keep copies of all your visa supporting documents.

You should read the onscreen instructions on further steps you need to take as this varies from country to country.

## When you receive your visa

You'll receive either a letter or email confirming the decision on your application. It is important that you keep this somewhere safe as it is proof of your grant of permission and carries details of the conditions of your permission.

## Final checks

Now you have completed the online application please make sure you have done everything you need to do:

- Checked all your supporting documents using [our online guidance](#), also the [Student visa policy guidance](#)
- Checked that all the information on your CAS is correct
- Paid the Immigration Health Surcharge – [please our online guidance](#).
- Attended a TB test if required – please see the [Gov.UK website](#) for information
- Prepare to submit your biometrics as part of your application
- Read the instructions you are given about submitting your documents and attending your Student visa appointment as these vary from country to country
- Once you receive your visa, check that the information on it is correct, if not contact the embassy/agency that processed your application.
- Travel to UK and provide your immigration documents at enrolment.

If after reading this guidance you need further advice, please contact a Student Advisor [adviceservice@soas.ac.uk](mailto:adviceservice@soas.ac.uk) with the following information:

- name
- nationality
- the name of the country in which you are making your Student visa application
- your SOAS student ID number (if issued)

## EU, EEA, and Swiss citizens using the UK Immigration: ID Check App

As part of the application process, you'll need to submit the online application form at [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk) and verify your identity. You'll be able to verify your identity using a smartphone, your biometric passport and the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app. If you're unable to use the app for any reason, you will need to attend a Visa Application Centre (VAC) to submit your biometric information and any supporting documents. You will also need to complete the online visa form using the instructions starting on page 1 of this form. You should start your application on [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk) and you'll be told how to go ahead with either the app or by visiting a VAC.

If you're able to use the app, you'll be asked to create a UK Visas & Immigration account. You will receive a 6-digit code to your email address and mobile number. The email also contains the link to log-in to your application form if you need to go back to it at any stage. For security purposes, each time you log-in to your account, you will need the following information:

- your identity document number so always keep a record of this if you lose/update your passport or biometric identity card
- your date of birth
- access to your phone or email as you will be sent a security code to sign in via email or mobile phone

If you're having difficulties finding your email with the link to your form, search for 'uk.visas.and.immigration.home.office@notifications.service.gov.uk' in your email account.

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to me ▼



You requested a security code.

Your security code is: 517439

Your code expires in 10 minutes. It can only be used once.


### Sign in to your UK Visas and Immigration account

To complete an application or use your account, sign in at:

<https://apply-to-visit-or-stay-in-the-uk.homeoffice.gov.uk/dashboard>

Once you have created an account, you'll be directed to connect your UKVI account with the UK Immigration: ID Check app on your smartphone. Follow the steps in the UK Immigration: ID Check app to confirm your identity.

Once complete, you will be asked to log back into your online application form and complete each section. You can either continue using your mobile phone or you can log back into your online account on your computer using the UKVI link in your email.



Sign out

BETA

This is a new service.

[Go to account home](#)

## Apply as a Student

You need to complete every section.

### 1. Identity and contact

Confirm your sign-in email address	COMPLETED
Confirm your sign-in phone number	COMPLETED
<a href="#">Confirm your identity</a>	COMPLETED
<a href="#">Immigration adviser details</a>	
Contact preferences	CANNOT START YET
<a href="#">Other names and nationalities</a>	

### 2. Prepare application

[People applying with you](#)

Your location	CANNOT START YET
Personal details	CANNOT START YET
Family and relationships	CANNOT START YET
Living arrangements	CANNOT START YET
Travel history	CANNOT START YET
Criminality	CANNOT START YET
Study details	CANNOT START YET
Account security questions	CANNOT START YET
Declaration	CANNOT START YET

### 3. Pay and submit application

Immigration health surcharge	CANNOT START YET
Application payment	CANNOT START YET

### 4. Provide evidence

Evidence upload	CANNOT START YET
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#### Download application

You can download a PDF copy of your application at any stage

[Download application](#)

We have not provided screenshots of each section as many of the questions are straightforward, but you can contact us if you're unsure how to answer any question. Once you submit your form, you will not be able to change your answers.

## Other names and nationalities

You will need to provide all names that you have been known by as well as any additional nationalities you hold now or have held previously.

### Any other names

In addition to the names already provided, are you now or have you ever been known by another name?

You must provide all your names. For example, if you changed your name after marriage or have a different name that you use for professional purposes.

☐ Yes ☐ No

## People applying with you

You will be asked if you are bringing Dependents with you along with information about them such as their date of birth, nationality and passport number. Please refer to [our guide](#) to understand the rules on bringing family members to the UK with you.

### Are your partner or children applying with you?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### Where is applying from?

Enter the country in which  is making their application

### Have you been living in a country listed as requiring a tuberculosis test to enter the UK?

You need to have a tuberculosis (TB) test if you're coming to the UK and have been living in any of these [listed countries for more than 6 months](#).

☒ Yes ☐ No

## Your location

You will be asked in which country you will be applying and questions about the need to submit a TB test. The on-screen link provides a list of countries where a TB test is required. If you need advice about these questions, please contact a Student Advisor on [adviceservice@soas.ac.uk](mailto:adviceservice@soas.ac.uk)



## Your address and previous address history

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## Do you know where you will be staying in the UK?

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## Travel history

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You will also be asked about your travel to other countries in the world including the UK which you should answer accurately.

## Your planned travel information

Date you plan to arrive in the UK

Your permission to stay in the UK will start from this date if your application is successful, and the date you provide here has not passed.

Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day      Month      Year

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## Criminality and previous immigration issues

If you have encountered any of the listed immigration issues when visiting the UK or elsewhere, you **must** declare them on the form and provide clear and accurate details. Failure to do this is likely to result in your visa application being refused on grounds of deception. If you would like to discuss this section of the application form with an advisor before you submit your application, please email [adviceservice@soas.ac.uk](mailto:adviceservice@soas.ac.uk)

## Study details

You will be asked about your spoken language preference and other questions about your study at SOAS. We advise choosing English for the first question.

## Spoken language preference

We may have to talk to you about your application. What language would you prefer to use?

☒ English ☐ Other

## What type of sponsor will you be studying with?

Please choose the correct sponsor type from the list below. SOAS, University of London is a *Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance*.

## What type of sponsor will you be studying with?

[The Register of Student sponsors](#) sets out what type of sponsor each provider on the register is. A Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance will have the status 'Student Sponsor - Track Record'

- ☐ Independent School
- ☐ Higher Education Provider
- ☒ Higher Education Provider with a track record of compliance
- ☐ Overseas Higher Education Provider
- ☐ Publicly Funded College
- ☐ Private Provider

Complete the next sections about your study using the information on your CAS:

## Sponsor licence number and address

This information is on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement, or contact your sponsor to get their licence number.

What is your sponsor licence number?

Postcode

## Financial sponsors

Only certain types of financial sponsors are acceptable for visa purposes. Read our [guidance](#) to understand who can be an official financial sponsor.

If you are using personal funds in your name or your parent(s)' name or receiving a student loan tick 'No' as these are not financial sponsors as defined by UKVI.

## Will you get money from an official financial sponsor for your course?

☐ Yes ☐ No

## Will your financial sponsor pay for the whole of your course?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If your financial sponsor will cover all of tuition fees and provide a living cost allowance of £13,347 or more for the first year of your programme, please tick 'yes'.

## Does your CAS show payment for the whole of your course?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you ticked 'yes' to the previous question check to see your CAS shows payment from your financial sponsor. Read our [guidance](#) to understand others forms of evidence needed to prove you meet the financial requirement.

## Course fees

What are your course fees for your first year?

If your course is shorter than 12 months, state the total course fee. This information is on your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) statement. Alternatively, you can contact your sponsor for this information.

£

Have you or your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) already paid any of your course fees?

Please select No if your course does not have a fee.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Check your course fees listed on your CAS and enter any fees already paid (and reflected on your CAS) by you or your parents.

## Student Loan

You must have enough money to cover your course fees and living costs. [Read the guidance document](#) to find out how much money you need and what documents you can use as evidence.

Are any of the funds required for this application in the form of a student loan?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are receiving a student loan that meets the requirements of the Student visa, then answer 'Yes'. Full details [are in our guide](#).

## Final steps

You will now need to set up three account security questions and digitally sign the Declaration. Once you sign the Declaration you will not be able to change any of your answers. Review all the questions and your answers to make sure there are no mistakes and contact us if you're unsure.

## Immigration Health Surcharge

You will now be asked to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS). [Read](#) the refund information for EU & Swiss nationals. You must pay this surcharge before you can complete and submit your visa application.

## Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)

You must pay your Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) before you can complete your visa application. You will pay your IHS on another website, then return to this site to complete and pay for your application.

If you are exempt, you will still need to get a reference number from the IHS website.

Your IHS reference number will automatically be included on your application once you pay and return to this site.



**Your answers will be locked when you go to the IHS website, even if you do not pay your IHS straight away. If you need to make any changes to your answers you must do so now.**

[Check your answers](#)

Go to IHS website

Save and continue

When you click on 'Go to IHS website' you will be redirected to another website. Here you will be asked to check that your personal details are correct. You will also be asked to provide some information about your course. Use your CAS to help you. Once you have made the IHS payment you will be re-directed back to your application to complete the final steps and pay the visa application fee. This figure may be converted to your local currency at rates set by the Home Office. You must then upload any documentary evidence that you're required to provide and press Confirm to submit your application.

You will receive a confirmation email from UKVI when your application has been submitted where it will then be reviewed by a UKVI caseworker. Processing times are advertised online and are usually 3 weeks. You will receive your visa decision by email with instructions on how you can prove your immigration status as your visa will be digital rather than a physical document. Refer to our [guide](#) for further information about when your visa is issued and travel to the UK.

If after reading this guidance you need further advice please contact a Student Advisor via [adviceservice@soas.ac.uk](mailto:adviceservice@soas.ac.uk) with your full name, nationality, the name of the country in which you are making your Student visa application and your SOAS student ID number (if issued).