

Hi ppl,

The time has come for us to get ready for the next hurdle – VISA. One of the best preps for the VI include the reading of earlier VI s to get an understanding of the process and also get over the common pitfalls. In order to simplify the process, I have compiled all of the Visa Interviews that have been posted on Edulix here(excluding Fall 2007+). It is quite a long one and I hope you find this useful. I have also included the source if each and every thread quoted here for your reference.

All the best

kind regards,

kuchcha

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P.S: I have used Mozilla,OpenOffice.Org and Ubuntu to prepare this. I have got them for free too and hence I owe this credit(of watever little value it might be).

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There were two rounds for me one at March 10 (I was put under 221g after that) and the other at March 27.

Round 1 : a>Show me the financial docs. how did such an amount enter the bank at the last moment ? (I was not sure whether it was FD or third bank transaction).
b>Tell me how do u prove that ur father is sponsering u.(I had no documents).
c> Tell me the proof that ur father is an IPS officer.(I had no proof)
She (My VO in Kolkata) stressed more on the financial documents. She asked for the twelve months transaction of the bank. She asked about the proof of my fathers employment, and a letter that my father is sponsering me.
d> She told me to get a new I20.(End date was printed wrongly).

Round 2 :All docs were covered. Letters issued. She stressed more on the educational docs. After thoroughly scrutinising the bank statements she asked for the Saral Form of my father, dads salary details and even the salary of my father and a few transaction details for the bank statement. She sought my undergrad marksheets : all sems. Finally she issued me a one year visa valid till the date on my I 20, and said with a smile that :
Your visa has been issued. You will get your passport within two days.Best of luck for your studies in US ! (Amazing lady to talk to!!)

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VISA EXPERIENCES

Experience 1:

Amit's profile: GRE-2030 TOEFL-617 University : Virginia Tech Stream-IE

Interviewer: please show me your I20.

(amit produces his I20)

Interviewer : what's your GRE score.

Amit: 2030

Inter.: Can I have look at your score sheet please.

(amit submits his GRE score sheet)

Interviewer: You seem to have a good GRE score.

Amit: Thankyou Sir

(Comments- actually amit was quite puzzled as to how the interviewer mentioned as his score to be high. But the matter of fact is that these people usually look at the verbal scores and amit had a high verbal score of 680.)

Interviewer : Which univ are you going to ?

Amit: Virginia tech .

interviewer: that's a very tough school. Why did you choose such a tough school?

Amit: Sir , the specialization which I want to pursue in IE is facilities design. and Virginia Tech is supposed to be one of the best schools for this specialization. That's the reason I chose this school.

(comments-One should never just say that the school is high ranked rather you should try and reply the way amit did ie talk more about the course specialization and don't forget to talk some techie stuff so that the interviewer gets the message that you know what you are going to do.)

Inter..Very Happyo you have any financial support from the university?

Amit: No sir.

(Comment: always be straight forward about your aid status. Don't say that I will get once I go to the university....etc etc.. remember this will always work against you.)

Inter..: Who's your sponsor?

Amit: my parents

Inter..: Do you have any supporting financial documents?

Amit: Yes Sir.

(amit now forwards his CA statement.)

Inter.: Do have anything more concrete than this?

Amit now forwards his bank statement

the interviewer has a look at it and gives it back to him

Interviewer: All the best son. Study well!

Amit was asked to pay his visa fee. which meant that he had got his visa.

EXPERIENCE 2

dear friends,

i got visa on 30th april to lamar univ for summer term in M.S mech engg...

the visa interview is for about 5 mins....

the questions are

1) why this univ ?

2) In which field u have exp ?? (i have exp of 6 yrs in ISO 9001 company)

3) What is ur area of specialisation ???

(i told advanced NDT methods as i have exp in that field...)

4) Explain about ur exp in that company ?

5) Tell me contact no's of prof u r corresponding over phone ??

I told him well known profs are available with that univ...i told him i

am in touch with them over phone...if u say thro mails he will ask u

proofs...)

6) last time u have applied to some other univ...why this time to lamar ??? (once i have reject in december 2002)...so i told him my area of specialisation is good in lamar...

7) What is ur father ?

8) What is his annual income ?

9) Do u know car driving ?? (this is testing question....so u shud say i know...because we shud act as we have car...because we are showing fixed assets of rs.1 crore and above ...so don't say i don't know..)

10) What is ur car no ?? (i told him my bike no...u shud tell the answer immediately...if u delay he will understand that we are lying)
so friends...all the best to all of u...

bye

naren

Experience 3:

VO: How do you plan to finance ur education.. 17K \$ is a lot of money

ME: Yes Sir, My parents are sponsoring

VO: UR parents annual income is only 5L .. how can they sponsor u

(this is the trick question.. u get flustered here.. ur done)

ME: Yes Sir, its 5L.. they have saving of ...L and I am taking a bank loan of 12L (this was more then required.. my total savings and bank loan was about 1.5 times that required for 2 yrs))

VO: So what will be ur repayment per month

ME: around 20thousand per month

VO: (sounds very surprised and says).. thats a lot of money... how can you repay (he stares at me.. like i am some criminal))

ME: (with the same tone that he used..) 20 thousand is not at all a lot of money.. i am very sure of repaying it back. .it shouldnt be a problem at all

VO: Gives me a proper stare...looks right into my eyes

ME: Give him a smile

VO: Go pay ur fees.. i am on seventh heaven

Experience 4:

Me: Good morning sir.

VO: Good morning.

VO: Why r u going to US?

Me: Sir I have been working for the past 3 years now. I always wanted to do research and I think this is the best time to pursue my goals as I have the valuable industry experience and good academic background to support me as well.

VO: Hmmm.. but why only this university.

Me: Infact sir I have got admits to other universities as well and....

VO: Which are the other universities.

ME: (I told him the list)

VO: Ok. So whats special about this university U R going to?

Me: Sir, I have interacted with quite a few graduate students at all the universities and I realize that this university I am going to has state of the art research facilities.

VO: Ok. So who is going to sponser ur education.

Me: My parents sir.

VO: Whats ur dad's annual income.

I thot he said family....

Me: Sir X Lakhs.

VO: Thats ur dad's income?

Me: Oh No sir. Thats my parents income. My dad's

income is YLakhs/PA.

He gives me a stare. Looks at me in disbelief.

Looks thru my papers....

Me: I point out the various documents in proof of Y

lakhs/PA.

VO: Where is ur bank transaction statement.

Me: I show him the printout which has the

transactions.

Finds a letter which states that I work for Tata

Infotech Limited.

VO: Oh. U work for Tata's?

Me: Yes sir. For the past 3 years.

VO: So Tatas is sponsoring ur education?

Me: No sir. Tata's dont sponser higher education.

VO: But Tata's are very very rich.

Me: (just laughed).

Just passes all the documents below the window and

says go and pay the visa fees at the counter

1] Dont put all your documents in the folder given by the tts people bcoz that we will be giving it to counsellor he will not see the docs completely. This was the problem faced by me. if i would have kept some of my financial docs with me i would have shown him as soon as he asked me.

2] He [counsellor] asked me about my dad's annual income i told him he is earning about X lakhs per annum ... then he asked me that how much he will be providing you in that X lakhs.. i told him that he will be providing me X-1 lakhs for my education.

3] counsellor after seeing my I20 where it is mentioned my course duration as 3years including 1 year as grace . he kept hanging to it saying that my course duration is 3 years and u dont have sufficient funds to pay for it . i told him that only 2 years is the course duration and 1 year is grace he not even tried to listen my words. so any one going for counselling keep that in mind what to answer if this question is being posed to you.

Experience 5:

The interview was like this.

Con. Officer: Hiii!!! (with a broad smile)

Me: Hello sir (Smiling)

Gave him my folder.

CO: Louisiana State University.

Me: Yes sir.

CO: Why this univ?

Me: My area of interest is VLSI and advanced research work is going on over there in this area.

CO: Look, the annual expenses are 16,000 USD and ur course duration is 2.5 years as per ur i-20, it comes to 50,000 USD.

how will u meet these expenses?

Me: Sir, I am having a bank balance of 14.6 lacs and Fixed deposits of 2 lacs.

CO: what is your father?

Me: My father is ----- (told his occupation)

CO: What is his income?

Me: 4.5 lacs per annum sir.

CO: It is not sufficient I think.

Me: Sir, my brother is also sponsoring me for my education.

CO: What is he doing?

Me: He is working as ----- (told his occupation).

Co: where?

Me: In bangalore sir.

CO: What is his income?

Me: 1.8 lacs per annum sir.

Co: So, He can also support you for ur studies.

Me: Yes sir.

CO: what is ur mother?

Me: My mother is a house wife and she is having property,

Con. Officer interrupted and said, property selling and all won't happen...

Me: She gets rents of about 1.3 lacs per annum through her property sir.

CO: OK. So what will u do with ur electrical engineering degree.

Me: I will return to india and work in a big company.

CO: Why not in US?

Me: Usual sir, family ties and all our property is located in india.

CO: Take all your documents.

Me: OK

CO: Goto the last counter and pay the DD.

He didn't check even one document of mine.

So be confident and tense free.

Experience 6:

hi,

k this is my visa experience

i had the interview on october30 .

it was 8:00 when i started for the embassy by the time i reached there it started to pour out heavily .all the ppl were drenched and then v were let in at 9:00 . i had to arrange my documnets and then wne to the counter to pay 3165 dd and the i was asked to go to another counter .there my doucments were taken(as i was rejected for fall 2001) and i shown the wayto the visa

interview section.i just had the token number along with me and no file(as they give the documnet file normally to all) .i got tensed up and then i have many ppl been rejected by counter 1 and so thought k mine also will b in the same status if was called the

person in counter 1. and to fate i was called upon by him..

venkat: hello sir

cou:hi howzz life

venkat:fine

cou:u were rejected last time for univ.of bridgeport

and now that u have applied with western michgan

univ.. why not bridge port?

venkat: wmu is rated among the top 100 institutions

and this is a far better univ than when considered to

bridge port.

cou: which branch r u going for?

venkat:electrical engineering

cou:y m.s.?

venkat:in b.e. v just have the overview ie the fundamentals of all the subjects rather than the specialisation which can be done only through m.s.

cou:y wmu?

venkat:i wanted to do a specialisation in programmable logic controller and wmu is one of the outstanding univ in that field in research .

cou:y only in u.s.a?

venkat: sir i have have been to many interviews and i have found that many mnc prefer students with international degree and exposure even though not having experience than compared to ppl who have indian degree and hands on experience.

cou: what is ur father doing?

venkat:he is working as accounts officer in hindustan cables ,central gov..

cou:what is ur father sal?

venkat:7,70,000

cou: i think ur college fees id \$15,000 .and i dont think u will b able to pay..?

venkat: please look at the bank statements i have 15laks in indian bank,4lak in andhra bank and a fixed of 4 lak on my name ..so i can dispose whenever i want to .

cou: i think ur anal score is less(440)?

venkat: sir i think my anal score wount affect me and my performance as for an electrical engg. he needs to have a good quants score that i have ..

cou: what have u been doing in the span from fall2001 till date?

(i guesed that he might ask this and so i took a work exp certificate from my uncle power project)

venkat: sir i have been working in my uncle company with zero salary just only for experience.

cou:repeat it

venkat: sir u have heard it correctly i have worked for no salary

cou: show me the certificate

venkat: showed the papers

cou: what is company?

venkat:skj power project

cou: what is it?

venkat : its a hydel powerproject

cou:what is hydel power project mean?

venkat: generation of power from water.

cou: take all ur documents along with the college fees

venkat:k

cou: go and pay the fee(the golden words)

i was the 1st person to b interviewed and to my worst for a long time .i feel all those who r going please look into the eyes of ur counsellor and talk and please say ur answers in a loud manner

thats all i can say please feel free to contact me

my email id venkatvasu@rediffmail.com

and if any body from hyd can contact to 7050677

bye

wish u all the best

Experience 7:

the moment im in front of the win,,im asked

VO: y us? (no greetings at all,,only bzness)

me: sir, i'd like to do a specialisation coz a bachelor in engg just gives an overview of the diff fields associated with (my major) like signal processin, n/win , power elex etc,,i'd like to

specialise in a partiular field that wud later fetch me a job in an industry of my choice.

VO:wich industry wud that b?

me: bak here in india v ve companies deeelin with

n/win n telecomm

like bharti telecom,mtnl, bsnl etc also there r sm

companies based in

india with tie ups with us like hughes,orange etc,,i'd

like to b a

part of ne of these

VO: wat do yer mother/father dfo?

me: my dadz so n so n maz a teacher

vo: yer annual income?

me: 5.1 lacz ,,thaz inclusive of income fm other sources,,that is,,interest fm savings,bonds etc.

vo: sho me the score reports?

i produce the same

vo: ve ya got the draft?(he ment teh visa issuance DD)

me: yes sir(gave that)

vo: gave me a stiker to stik on the tts envelope wich

wud later contain the ppt (with a difference)

i lft the counter still jittery fm the entire exp,,was

told to write the add on the envelope wich was later delivered to me

in 48 hrz flat (23rd nov) then i was shown the exit

Experience 8:

me : good morning sir

vo : show mw ur I20 and passport

me : handover the documents

vo : why usa

me : sir, 80 % of the world's reseach in engg. is

going on in USA. naturally, USA is the obvious choice

for an engg. student.

vo : show me ur GRE score card

me : (hand over the same, takes a qick look at them)

vo : show me ur BTEch degree

me: (hand this ovcer to him)

vo : have u got the bank draft?

me : yes sir,(give it to him)

vo : ok, go to the gentleman sitting behind the desk

me : (turn around in surprise, again come back and

ask " sir, i have got the visa ?

vo : (with a bland look on da face) yeah.

me: thank you sir.

Experience 9:

off: hi

me: good afternoon sir,

off: so u have done u 'r engg?

me : yes sir

off: what was ur major:

me: electrical engg

off: so u r going for ur ms or Ph.D.?

me: m.s sir

off: in what subj.?

me: in high voltage engg and power systems?

off: power systems,good,u can do a lot for your country

me: yes, with the current power deficit in India I am

sure I can do a lot for my country

off: hmm,ur GRE scores are not too good

me: I guess it was just one of the days when everything went wrong.(trust e i doono what made me say that as i had a tottly diff answ prepared) off:this could be your lucky day then,

just show me the funds to afford this collge.

me: yes sir I have __ lakhs in S/B account, __ in FD

off: __ lakhs in S/B....now now how did u get that
kinda money

me:sir I have my pass book u can see it

off: no I dont want to ,u just tell

me:sir in my first year of eng it was decided that I
was going to do an mS ever since we have been putting
aside certain amonts of money ,which we have rotated
from different banks and maintained in one account
which would facilitate easier transaction between the
university and bank

off:ok

me" sir I also had a property in my name which I sold
last yr.,I have the deed papers would u like to see it

off:no no,

off:hey have u seen the movie Mississippi masala

me:no sir,but heard it was a good movie

off:it is

me:i think it was made by an indian director mira nair

off: thats right,go to counter 1 and pay ur fees

me:thank you sir and have a nice day

Experience 10:

ME; YES SIR,

VO:WHY U CHOOSE THIS SCHOOL?

ME:SIR,MY AREAR OF INTEREST IS POWER SYSTEMAND

ADVANCED RESEARCH IS GOING ON OVER THERE AND MY PROF

SUGGESTED ME THAT UNI

VO:U R GRE SCORE REPOT IS HAVING ONLY ONE SCHOOL

NAME,WHAT R THE OTHER UNI U APPLIED

ME:OKLAHOMA, WRIGHT AND WAYNE

VO:THWN WHY IS LOUISAINATECH

ME:SIR,MY PROFFSUGGETSED(HERE HEPOINTED HIS FINGER TO

STOPPED ME AND ASKED

VO:WHAT U R FATHER?

ME:HE IS GOVT EMPLOYEE,DY MRO

VO:YAHH,GO AND PAY U R FEE.

Experience 11:

Name : Pankaj Kamat Email : pankaj@softhome.net

University : University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (No aid)

GRE Score : 2310 TOEFL Score : 677 (paper based)

The questions asked were: (Answers in brackets)

1. What is the purpose of your trip?

(Masters Degree in Computer Science)

2. Have you ever been outside India?

(No)

3. What is your TOEFL score? (677)

4. 677?

(Yes it was a paper based test)

5. What is the highest score in TOEFL?

(677)

6. So you are the highest in TOEFL

(I just smiled)

7. What is your GRE score?

(2310)

8. Which university are you going to?

(UIUC)

9. Who's sponsoring you?

(My parents)

10. What does your dad do?

(Works as divisional manager in Canara Bank)

11. Show me his I-T returns!

(I removed the returns from the folder and was about to slide it across the window when he slid something across. It was my I-20)

12. Carry this while travelling and collect your VISA at 3 pm.

(That was it. No documents seen by him.)

Experience 12:

Name : Seema Joshi Email : josee@softhome.net

University : University of Missouri at Kansas City

GRE Score : 1890 TOEFL Score : 640 (paper based)

Here are the questions asked.

ME: Good Morning , Maam

She: How many universities did you apply to?

ME: 10

She: how many accepted you?

Me: 4

She: how many rejected you?

Me: 4

She: which univs rejected you? Me: University of Cincinnati, Univ of texas- Arlington,.....

She: Why are you going to the US?

Me: For master's in Computer science.

She: What was ur bachelor's degree in?

Me:Computer science.

She: What was your first choice?

Me: University of Missouri-Kansas city

She: That was ur first choice? (At this point I got scared thinking that I had wrongly answered the question)

Me: yes

She: why?

Me: cause it offers networking and that is my interest.

She: OK..collect ur visa at 3.

Smile I was not asked to show a single document.

Experience 13:

he:Good Morning

me:Good Morning.

q1: why r u going for USA?

me: for Masters.

q2: Which University?

me: Western Kentucky University.

q3: why this university?

me: The university is well known for its math and computer science

courses and my senior (NAME IS COMPULSORY TO MENTION HERE---and i did mention) also suggested the faculty here is good and supporting.

q4: what r u r parents?

me: Govt. Employees.

q5: what is their salary?

me: 4.5 lakhs.

q6: u mean both?

me: yeah, both.

q7: what is the fee for the university?

me: \$16000+

q8: u have any aid?

me: yeah, \$5000.

q9: so that will be 24.....25.....26.....27....28lakhs?

q10: when did u plan for USA?

me: 2 1/2 years.

q11: do u have any bank loan?

me: yeah, and i showed him my bank transaction statement(not the transactions but the statement given by the bank saying he has \$\$\$\$amount of money).i did not take loan but i said yes.

q10: u r parents had so much money in just 2 1/2 years?

me: its actually like this- my father has been working in many MNC

and the amount which you are seeing now is what he has been pooling

since many years.it was just 2 1/2 years ago that we decided that i have to go to USA and since then he pooled and deposited that money in this account and so is the money.

q11: do u have bank loan?

me: its actually like this, i have so much money in my bank account and i don't have any purpose in taking a bank loan.

q12: have u any passbook for this transaction?

me: yeah, i showed him the passbook.

q13: what will you do after ur course?

me: i will definitely come back to india.

q14: what sort of job will u get here?

me: coding and decoding.

q15: what sort of companies will take you?

me: DSP-Digital Signal Processing and many other companies as this is both hardware and software related communications coding and decoding.

q16: what is u r salary then?

me: 4 lakhs.

i passed out in 2002 and i went for fall 2003.

q17: what were you doing or the past one year?

me: pardon me?

q17: were you in a job or something for the past one year as you

passed out in 2002?

me: i have been doing asa trainee in ECIL

q18: what is ECIL?

me: Electronic Corporation Of India Ltd and i was taking proof of payslips and ID cards and he said "I don't want to see those documents".

and then he said u can pay your fee in counter#1 and he returned me all the documents including TOEFL,GRE,I20.

i was picking them up and suddenly he said "i need that document aaaaaaaaaaaaa" and i asked him "I20?".he said "yeah, I20" and he immediately said "U can pay u r fee in counter No.1"

he did not bother to see my CA Statement, Valuation Report,Property Documents etc etc.

i paid the DD and came out, ran to my father to tell him i got my visa and then it struck to me that i got F1 VISA stamped.

it is all joy from then on.

i hope it was as detailed as i have xperience it.

all the best to u all.

Experience 14:

about the questions?

- 1) why r u going to USA?
- 2) In which field ur planning to do ur graduate studies
- 3) who is funding ur studies?
- 4) do u have any siblings?
- 5) how many universities u applied?

My answers

- 1) i am going to USA for doing My Graduate studies in University of TExas at El Paso.
- 2) I am going to do Mechanical Engineering.
- 3) My Father and Mother for the entire period of studies.
- 4) yes i am having an younger/ elder sister, her name is ... and she is doing her .. in ...
- 5) i applied for 6 universities. and they are ...(give the names of the univ). i got this many rejections and this many acceptance. thats all from my side.

Experience 15:

Q. Why do you want to go to US for higher studies and not study in India?

A. Firstly American education system is very flexible. The course of normal duration 2 years can be completed in 18 months or some times even 15

months That would work to my advantage. I want to go for MS in Mechanical

Engineering with specialization in design. But you can't really consider design in isolation. If you want to be perfect in design, you have to got to know something about Theory of Machines, Vibrations and other subjects. Because of flexible education system, I can take up some credits from design some credits from ToM and so on. Thirdly, ratio of professors to

students in American Universities is very high. Each professor teaches a small group of students and as a result everybody gets personalized attention. These all advantages of US education system are not available in India hence I want to go to US.

Q. But there are good institutes like IIT available in India? Why don't you pursue your studies there?

A. (To this question, don't say that you are not good enough to make it to IIT. I had prepared to say the same old things about better education available in US. Find a good answer for this.)

Q. Why do you want to go to KSU?

A. (For this question, please collect some information from the Internet about the research facilities available in the vicinity of University you want to go to. You can always say that because of these research facilities, quality of education is absolutely superb and some of the best talent in the world is available there)

Apart from that, for KSU, my reasons were-

For graduate course, there are 70 students and 24 professors. That means on an average, one professor teaches just three students.

I am interested in Design/TQM etc. Professors from KSU are specialized in those areas. They have published a number of papers on these areas.

(Know some of the titles of the papers/ research done by professors in the field of your interest.) So many areas of interest match with theirs.

Q. Why is your cousin sponsoring you?

A. My cousin is a businessman some and some 12 years ago, when he started off his business, people were somewhat suspicious about the success of his business and as a result nobody was ready to invest money in his business. At that crucial moment, my father was the first person who invested substantial money in his business. He is grateful because of that and hence he is sponsoring me. (You can find a different answer for this.)

Q. What are your future plans?

(I had taken certificates from a local industry, which I owned by a person with same surname as mine that they are ready to absorb me into their business once I return.)

A.I will join the business of my other cousin after I return. I am very much interested in teaching profession. There are 7 Engineering colleges nearby. I would like to work as a Professor in any one of these.

Q. Then why are you working with IMS right now and not with that local

industry?

A. (In the certificate it was mentioned that the industry frequently needs expert technical advice, which they have to obtain from consultants, which costs them exorbitantly in terms of time and money. It was also mentioned that their industry would be greatly benefited if I get deep technical knowledge in advance countries like US) Right now, I am a BE and I am not in a position to provide the kind of expert advice they are looking for. In the mean time I got offer of teaching Math's. I like teaching profession and Math's has been my passion right from my school days. So I joined IMS.

Some suggestions

a) Remember that they rely more on your words than the documents.

Just say, whatever you want to, slowly and clearly. Speak confidently.

b) If you take certificate from any industry, know something about their industry

c) If they ask for financial statement, always start with your strong point. For example take a case in which sponsor has annual income of 8 lakhs. This is obviously a strong point. Suppose he has bank balance but chunk of money is deposited only 15 days back. In such a case, first show the IT returns. High annual income should and would impress them and they may

or may not ask for passbooks.

d) You may say that you are the only child for your parents and that all the property is virtually yours.

e) If your sponsor is a business man know something about his business like the products they manufacture, their annual turnover and so on

f) Think of all sorts of questions that could be asked to you.

Prepare your answers and rehears the thing before you go for visa interview.

Experience 16:

Hello everyone, I got an F1 by gods grace from Chennai consulate. Going for MS in CS at UTD. My appointment was scheduled at 9:30 on Friday.

Reached around 8:45. Arriving at the consulate early helps, as there is small queue outside it waiting to get in. it might help you in the end (if you are not fortunate enough to get a counter visa) i.e. during the agonizing wait for the interview. After initial security checks, they check your passport and your appointment letter outside, once you get in they see your file.

that's it for security initially. Then you stand in another queue for paying the Rs 300 TTS charge. They will give you a file for inserting 2 drafts, I20, passport GRE, TOEFL. Everything will be marked and you are supposed to place them appropriately. You need to keep your mark sheets behind I20 as there is on separate provision for it. Then you are directed to another queue

forpaying the visa issuance fee. I paid around 9:20. You are supposed to write your name, address and passport number on the back of all drafts. On paying they issue a receipt and pink slip with the token number on it (I don't exactly remember where they issued it as I was having lots of paper reg. financial details). After collecting this, they will ask you to sit for a while depending upon the queue at the next stage. You can arrange till the queue for the next counter gets cleared. This is where they issue counter visas. Our batch was fortunate enough and he didn't see my file/GRE score and returned the visa issuance draft to me. May be counter visas are temporarily suspended. He asked for degree certificates/provisional. I gave all the mark sheets I had and he returned the X, XII mark sheets back to me So only your BE/BTech mark sheets, provisional are required. He scans the photograph on your form and staples the pink slip to passport. So one photograph, which is on your form, is sufficient, though having additional photographs is no offence. He returned the passport and asked me to appear for the interview at the consulates office. There will be another security check point here and then you enter a well air-conditioned room. There are eight counters numbered. Counter 1 is where you pay the visa fee if granted.

I reached around 9:40 there only 3(4, 7, 8) counters are open initially. You will be seated and the guard will direct you to the next counter line

that's free. After some time there were consuls at 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Mostly F1 were assigned to 2, 4, and 5. There were lots of rejects and I had hoped for a less number of rejections. but the consuls at 4 was issuing visa without any problem after scrutiny of documents. I saw a lot of rejects from 5.

Luckily I got into counter 4. (There will be only three people in the line including the one interviewed. So you have to patiently wait for your turn)

the guy at 2 was also issuing visas as he came late. (Only one reject from his counter). When my turn came, this is what happened to me:

Me: Good morning Sir,

Coff: good morning (I slid the TTS cover to him, I kept the affidavit of support from the sponsor (on Rs. 20 stamp paper first). He saw that and within seconds returned it back to me, guess that's not necessary!

Coff: what do you know about Dallas?

Me: blaaaaaaaaaaaa

Coff: why do you want to do at UTD?

Me: blaaaaaaaaaaaa

(The file given by TTS has little space for our bulky financial papers so I kept the CA statement along with the bank statement of balance in SB, FD and other certificates I had got. He scanned them quickly. He saw the summary statement on the first page and asked me what my father was doing and

also about my monthly income then he said the golden word while returning the students copy of I20. Which I dint her properly. there was some problem with his mike. So he repeated the golden words.

Coff: keep this for the aeroplane

Me: thank you sir

(He saw the CA statement and the bank certificates for FD, SB and retained my passport and I20 and returned the rest to me. He wrote F1 on the pink slip and asked me to pay the fee at #1 along with the visa issuance draft.

The passport reached me in a day. I got loan for 10 lakhs and I did not mention it in CA statement but I carried the sanction letter. He didn't ask anything at all regarding loan (regarding financial part I had shown 1 year fees in liquid 6.5 - SB, 7 - FD, 5 recent FD's obtained 2 weeks before interview. I got the money from relatives/others and transferred it onto FD's and SB.), some other TDs like post office worth 2, some shares worth 20K, jewel sum for 4.85 lakhs, property around 18, annual income of 2.85) and the consulate enquired regarding my annual income in financial part. It's always better to show that your sponsor is working and getting a good salary (esp. sponsors who have got Voluntary Retirement's! an annual income of 3+ is certainly a good indication to the consulate regarding financial aspects. I saw the counter visa guy going to consulate office for

meeting them maybe they might have started issuing counter visas afterwards.

That's it guys.

Experience 17:

1. Why study in US?

A. The American education system has a practical approach of study.

With excellent research facilities, I get an opportunity to work on real time industrial projects thereby gaining good technical expertise. This will give me great competitive advantage and grab good opportunities in India.

2. Why this University?

A. I had done my final year project on the application of Operations

research to reduce occupational hazards in industries. The IE

department at TAMU has well renowned professors like Dr. Barry Lawrence and Dr. Robert Shannon specializing in OR concepts and are currently involved on

projects in Queuing theory. My interest matches with theirs. Also: Ranked 6th

for IE, which is a reflection of the quality of education, provided by the

university.

3. Why should you return to India? / How does your study benefits

India?

A. With an MS degree in Industrial engineering the scope for

opportunities in the industrial sectors in India is very wide especially with the Manufacturing Industries investing a lot in India. Companies like FORD, HYUNDAI, ASHOK LEYLAND LTD and HINDUSTAN LEVERS LTD are in great demand for Operational Research analysis.

4. What are your career goals? / What after MS?

A. My immediate aim after MS is to work for a good company in India like ASHOK LEYLAND, HLL, Reliance Group. My target is to become the chairman of a leading company in India.

Experience 18:

got my visa on the 23rd of this month to university

of idaho at chennai for this summer. well let me tell all of you my experience.....

i had my appointment on 11 to 11:15 slot, but I happen to get in at 10:30am the guard allowed me inside. as soon as we enter to the left there we have to pay the tts courier fee of Rs.300/- just in front of that u have 5-6 counters go to the first one where you have to give your passport, appointment, and the dd of Rs4900/-. he will enter some details in the computer

and assign you a pink colour token which has 3 strips. then after verifying he gives back all the

stuff and asks you to move to any other counter for the next step.

where your luck guides move to some counter and here is where you have to give your applications (156, 157, 158), i20, passport, all your transcripts, admission letter, gre, tofel scores and what ever he/she asks. when finished he/she puts all the stuff in a file accordingly and gives you a token no & tells you to go for an interview in the next bldg.

step -3 final one

the nervousness starts here..... stay cool dont get panic! when you enter you see all the people

being seated quite easily. simply chose a place at the back side which is comfortable to u. i am saying backside bcos from there u can notice all the counters 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 clearly .

once u have been seated just relax and for the final time check all your docs where they are placed just to be quick enough to show the officer when he asks any docs. now coming to my case..... i got there at 11:30 and sat backside. at 11:40 i got a call from the counter no 3 where the officer happen to call nearly 12 people at a time... mine was the last number in that line. after hearing the call immediately i stood up and took the last place in that line. the interview started the first person in the line got the visa... the second one got rejected.... the 3rd one got visa... 4th reject... like this every alternate person got visa... taking that sequence i was in the rejected place. suddenly he changed the sequence and gave visa to continuously , by that time 2 were standing in front of me . the first one got visa. i was really tensed at this point of time i thought the person before me will also get visa and probably reject me as i was the last.

but the person before me was rejected. and now it was my turn.....

he looked at me seriously and called me.

well the interview went like this...

he looked at my passport first.

1) tell me why this university?.

2) why this term?

3) who is ur sponsor?

4) what is he?

5) show me his it returns?

6) u have bank certificate?

7) show me?

that's it go to counter no 1 and pay ur fees!!!!

i just had no reaction, i didn't even look at his

face when he said that.i just said thank you sir!!

and quiteely moved to counter no 1 to pay the fees.

thats it guys

a great experience.....

i tell u all stay confident! and answer politely.

u will defenetly get ur visas.

Experience 19:

me: Good morning MAM.

VO: Good morning.

Then paused for some time.

She looks at docs,and takes sit , and asks

VO: why USA?

I cant understand and asks with fear.

ME: pardon Please.

She comes near Glass and speaks loudly.

VO: why USA?

I afraid somewhat and cant speak for 2-3 seconds and Then ME: more emphasis on practical study, Greater research facilities (paused for 2 sec, hearbit increases) , reacher library, renowned faculties. In India generally group study and more emphasis on theory, In USA they encourages Individual Study. Then paused for abt 20 secs. She looked at me. I thought she expects something more for the q. so i started again.

ME: Mam, I want to pursue my career in computer science and USA is the only country in the world that provides greater research facilities in this field.

then I paused. she asks after 5 sec.

VO: who is sponsersing you?

ME: my family.

VO: whats your father doing

Me: He is a businessman in textile business.

VO: IS he owner or worker?

Me: NO NO, He is the owner of business ,we have our family business.

VO: Whats your mother doing.

Me: she is house wife , but she has income of deposits in diff firms.

VO: Have u any brother or sis?

ME: I have one younger Brother.

VO: what is he doing?

ME: He is studying , NEAR HOME TOWN.(near hometown , i spoke loudly).

Then again she paused , reading my visa form for 20-30 sec.

I stood motionless, staring continuously at her and her activities. then

VO: have you any financial docs?

ME: ya, sure.

I took out my CA report and forwarded to her. she took it and read it very carefully , she read

every three pages of report. took abt 30 sec. Then, I forwarded bank balance certificate.

she saw that and asked me

VO: whats your fathers individual income.

ME: its 1.3 lakhs. but we have our family business and everyone are under my grandfather, so we have scattered income among diff people. She thought for some time looking at my form.

(I somewhat scared, becos in comp of USC fees ind income is very low.)

VO: whats your undergrad college.

ME: C. U. shah ... Thats it.(when she asked , i was looking at her , i found her hand is on form where I wrote my college name and address , so i told " that's it " instead of speaking full name.)

She looked at me , and i smiled a little , at her.

VO: how many colleges u applied and accepted ?

ME: i have applied 7 uni. I got rejection from SUNY-binghamton, this and OGI accepted , others are awaiting. (i have started from rejection, i think that made good

impression that i m not hiding anything.(i think so)). then she looked at my docs again and found something in computer for 10 secs.

then asked me,

VO: whats your plan after graduation.

Me: my father having business that is 40 yr old and we have our own goodwill in business.
But I want to shift my business from textile to IT.

she asks me again.

she come near glass to tell and listen.

so, i think she didnt got what i told.

so, i too went near glass, (we have only distance of
2 inches between our eyes, she was continuously
staring into my eyes, it was critical moment , and i
dont move my eyes even for a sec.)

ME: I WANT TO SHIFT MY FATHERS BUSINESS FROM TEXTILE TO IT.(
SOMEWHAT LOUDLY).

she go back , stand comfortably and

VO: OK YOUNGMAN I M ISSUING YOUR VISA.

I JUST CANT BELIEVE FOR A MOMENT.....

ME: thankyou verymuch mam.

I come outside of partition and think something and
went back inside,

ME: mam , i have to fullfill any formalities?

VO: no no, Your visa is granted .

ME: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, Have a nice day mam.

VO: thankyou.

Experience 20:

My interview lasted 3 min.

this is my interview:

me: Good morning sir!!

he: yeah! good morning. What is the purpose of ur trip to US?

me: To pursue M.S. in Electrical Engineering With a practical insight sir

he: M.S.. in what?

me: Electrical Engineering Sir

he: Electrical Engineering

he: it is a costly processes studying in US .

me: yes sir, we can't get every thing at a time sir

he: who is sponsoring you?

me: my parents

he: what is your father?

me: father's a retired Bank Manager and he is currently working as finance manager .

he: what is ur fathers income

me: my father's monthly income is 25,000/- and our family's annual income is 7,23,000/-

mean while I am showing my documents but he said that

" I don't want to see ur documents u just explain".

he: 25,000/- pm and 7lakhs for annum how is it

possible??????

me: Sir, we have having a landed property of 24 acres from that we will get agricultural income .

he: 24 acres !!!!!

Now seeing GRE score report.. . what abt other univs

in the score report

Me: I have applied for 4 univs sir, I got admissions from all the 4 univs

Now seeing the acceptance's letters

HE: why u have selected this univs

Me: I am very much interested in VLSi design and this is one of the best colleges of my areas of interest

He: what will u do after coming back to India

Me: I will start my own firm

He: where?????

Me: in Vijayawada

He: how many brothers and sisters ur having????

Me: I am only child of my parents

He: go and pay the fee

Me: thank u sir..

you wouldn't believe it!! he did not see anything. entire time he is looking at my gre, toefl score and me now i will give u a detailed scene as to who sits there and what they are interested in. I went to counter 4. so let's start with him: young chap, must be around 30-35. he is having medium physic and height long nose . he is not seeing any of the documents . he is only interested in finding out if you are eligible for studies in the US. he does so by eye-to-

eye contact and ur way of answering questions and ur confidence.

Experience 21:

hi guyz,

so here is my experience...

came to consulate 9:45 am i was in the 10:30 batch...

as soon as u enter the building through the small door...a security

guard sees your webappointment letter..and asks whether you

have cell phone,pager,music system ..after this you are made pass

through a metal detector..after this you enter a hall..which is

filled with seats..it is arranged according to many columns.after the

security check you take the FI Folder[Meroun color] and you go and

pay 300RS [tts service charge] a white sticker is put on back of your

passport,and you will be given a receipt if u have arrived early you

are made to wait till your appointment time,Then you go to the cash

counter where there are indians and you pay your DD 3185 she gives

you a yellow receipt and the pink token..again you go and wait for

some time..then your documents are checked by indians,they see whether

your photo is right(white background) and whether you have filled all

the forms

correctly(guys from thursday DS158 is being issued you can download

it @ www.madras.sphynx.com/download/ds158.pdf) he later pins the pink

token beyond the passport,and next you wait wait and.....wait before

you are put to final interview..We all were let in to the interview

room at 2:10,now the counter positions where

counter 1:chewing guy

counter 2:miss burka

counter 4:bald frenche beard

counter 6:HIB issuance[some young guy]

ok the que started movin..miss burka was interviewing tourist visa..

oh god! she was rejecting even the elderly citizens who had applied to

tourist visa..mister chewin at counter 2 was ok..and the frenche beard

guy was not so good but compared to burks ok.i was made to stand in

the french beard guy's line..all of a sudden all the visa officers

vanish its 4:00 .we all are again made to sit in our seats..only one

counter is open guess who..yup our own miss burka..mann she was on a

killing spree(any unreal fans here)..10 rejects in a row ..i was

tensed and God helped,the young american who always stands in the

counter opened the counter..we were directed to stand there i was 6

in the que

he accepted the first guy 4 rejects in a row.nxt my turn was prayin

god.

so here is the interview:

me:Good afternoon sir

V.O:yeah Good afternoon.

V.O:so who is sponsering

me:sir my parents.

V.O:are they working?

me:yes sir,both of them are..

V.O:how much do they make?

me: aroundlakhs/annum

V.O:have you ever been abroad

me:NO sir

V.OVery Happyo u have a brother/sister?

me:Yes sir,I have an elder bro

V.O:What does he do?

me:Sir he is working in USA,with an HIB visa sir

V.O:Waht?

me:with an H1B..(he writes it on my DS156)

V.O:Wahts ur agregate?

me:74%

V.O:Where do u stand in the class?

me:I am 3 in a class of 60

V.O:Wahts your Age?

me:sir i am 22.

V.O:Your on your way to us

me:what sir?

V.O:you are on your way to usa go pay your fee

grabed all my documents ran to counter 1 payed my fees.

guyz it had been a incredible experience.

I want to thank GOD who really made thinks happen....Thank you

GOD,Thank you...

I want to thank my loving parents and (bro cum friend cum mentor) my

elder brother...

yeah akshay sisya thanks a lot dude..all my frineds who always bosted

my moral..

and all the memebers of fall2002,fall-

2002,fall_2002,USVISA2002,USC2K2 group members

for all the info and support

thank you once again

Experience 22:

Here's the interview

me: good morning

he: good morning, so where r u going?

me: answered.

he:why this university?

me: blah blah....

he: so university is paying for u

me: yes sir

he: why do u think they r paying for u?

me: i guess they like my profile.

he: from which college u passed out?

me: blah blah....

he: thats a good college

me: yes sir, one of the best college in India.

he: what was yr rank and marks in final year?

me: blah blah....

he: good, so who is going to pay for u for second year?

me: father, mother and me myself as sponsor.

he: so u r working? for how many years? where?

me: blah blah....

he do u have any document saying that?

me: yes sir, (I passed him my exp-letter, he read it very carefully)

he: thats good u r doing job after yr batchelors, its always better to have practical experince.

me: yes sir

he: show me yr IT returns

me: (i passed him all three IT return forms...read it thoroughly)]

he: show me yr financial docs.

me: sir i have two evidences, 1. Sponsors affidavit, 2.CA statement ...(he stopped me in between)

he: I dont believe on CA statement and Affidavit, show something else.(I was stunned)

me: (I passed him my passbooks n FD certificates) he read all passbooks n FD receipts)

he: what project yr prof is offering u at university?

me: blah blah....

he: what does it mean?

me:(explained in little brief)

he: thats ok (kuch samza nahi usko...blank face) (one lady came and start talking to him, he passed my pass books to her)

he: show me yr admit letter (i gave him)...do u have any other doc from unive

me: yes sir, i have corresspondence with profs.(i gave him printouts, he read email which explains my project and aid breakup)

he: to how many unves did u apply?

me: blah blah....

he: show me I-20s (I gave him, he read all....also show to lady behind him....kya padh raha tha sub docs kya pata...mera BP to badhta ja raha tha)

he: who else is in your family? do u have any brother or sister

me: elder brother

he: what he is doing?

me: blah blah....

he: ok Jaideep, i am issueing VISA, pay yr draft and collect passport at 3

me: (on the top of the world) Thank u sir.

I think this was one of the longest interviews, before me he rejected 7 guys one by one, so i was very tense, some of those have IT returns upto 8 lac and aid too, but he was not satisfied and denied them. What i suggest you, take all yr docs with you, any correspondence with prof, it show u r very serious abt Masters. Also do not forget I-20 of other unives. Take all passbooks and Bank Balance certificates. I think, they do not reject VISAs randomly, if he ask u for any document and if u dont have the same then u will be in trouble. Also be there at before 5 Am, doesnt make any diiference in VISA denial or approval but u will get seat at Raj pavilion

Experience 23:

Name: Satya Web Address : <http://satya.virtualave.net>

University : University of Southern California (No aid)

GRE Score : 2100 TOEFL Score : 660

The lady looks at my I20 and says: (I don't remember everything, so this is approximate)

She: USC?

Me: yes

She: Show me TOEFL and GRE

Me: (showed, nicely laminated)

She: Expensive place. How're you paying

Me: (showed summary of assets (2 pages)).

She: Show tax returns for dad. Me: (None, he's NRI)

She: Why's he NRI?

Me: (What's your prob?) He's a shippie

She: What's his pay like?

Me: (gave approx figure, probably wrong and too less)

She: So how can he pay, it's less!

Me: (see the damn bank accounts: lots of money)

She: Ah. Show bank statement (showed) (Lady looks at the last entry of the deposit)

Me: That's the last entry, the total is here: (shows summary page again. she finally figures it out) (It gets better!)

She: I don't see any evidence that you'll come back. (almost word-for-word what she said!)

Me: *splutter* I'm the only child!!

She: Hmm. *examines app form* Do you have any siblings?

Me: (Didn't I just answer this?) Nope!!

She: Your dad's a shippie, why do you want to do MS?

Me: ! (What the hell has that got to do with it????) I'm interested in computers! (is that okay with you?)

She: Okay, ::scribbles F1 on pink token:: please deposit the draft and return at 3 for your passport.

Me: (so, do i get a visa?)

Those windows are too thick, and there's hardly any space at the bottom. I couldn't hear her at first. Don't hesitate to ask them to repeat a question.

Experience 24:

Questions : WINDOW NO 8

1) Show me your GRE and TOEFL

Me: (showed)

2) how many universities have you applied to ?

Me:12 universities , 4 in california (I said tht on purpose)

3) Do you know some one in california ?

Me: nopes ,dont know anybody

4) How many places were you admitted ?

Me: 4

5)Which all places?

Me: WPI ,RIT ,FSU and USC

6) Why USC?

Me: excellent research and faculty especially in the field of AI which is what I want to pursue . Out of all the fields in CS tht it is offering like databases , networking , OS...AI have the maximum number of courses. I have the course list. Do u want to have a look?

7) NO! What are you doing right now ?

Me: CE

8) Where ?

Me: (answered)

OK YOU ARE GRANTED THE VISA

Experience 25:

Name: Lloyd Email : cliffco_2000@yahoo.com

University : New Jersey Institute of Technology

GRE Score : TOEFL Score :

Here's the interview:

Officer: Show me ur Gre n Toefl score cards (I forwrd the Gre n toefl score cards and he notes down my Verbal score)

Officer: So u wish to study at Njit

Me: Yes Sir

Officer:How many Univ's did u apply?

Me: I aplied to 7 univ's

Officer:How many admitts do u have?

Me:5 Sir

Officer:Show me u admit n reject letters?

me:Ok Sir (I forward hime the 5 admits n 1 Reject letter)

Officer:Fine

Officer:So among the following admits ,Why have u choosen to study at Njit?

Me: Njit offers one of the Best courses in Telecom.The course also deals with computer networking and other fundamentals which would help me a lot in building my career.

Officer: What about the Research?

Me:They r working on Wireless n/w's (then he writes English-100 pts on my application. I think he was testing my English Speaking ability)

Officer:Show me ur Degree certificate (He confirmed that I had done my Engg in Electronics n Telecom)

Officer:Any relatives in US?

Me: No sir Officer:Do u intend to come back? me:Yes Sir

Officer: Why? (I was surprised)

Me: Sir, Firstly, I am the only child and I would have to take care of my parents. Secondly, there are many upcoming telecom industries in India like Bharti Telecom, Vsnl, Bsnl offering good jobs to Telecom graduates.

Officer: Ok Fine, Collect ur Visa at 3 o'clock

me: Thank u Sir

Officer : Study Well

Experience 26:

Name: Rupali Patekar Email : rpatekar@yahoo.com

University : Arizona State University (No aid)

GRE Score : 2240 TOEFL Score : 657 (paper based)

My 'interview' went thus :

(I slipped the pink token, receipts, and score reports)

I : Good morning Sir,

He : (busy with the papers) Good morning.. . how many univs did you apply to ?

I : (told him)

He : which ones ?

I : (told him)

He: So why did you choose Arizona ?

I : Sir, it's a good scho..

He : (cut me short) any other admits ?

I : No Sir.

He: So that's why..say that then. (smiled.. almost laughed.. and I told myself..thats it.. I'm gone) But you don't have to be ashamed.. (Smile)

He : Do you have the reject letters ?

I : Yes Sir,

He : (while I was getting them out.) What do you plan to study ?

I : Computer Science.. (he shook his head.) Masters.

He :What is your undergrad ?

I : (I'd slipped the reject letters by now.. but he didn't really look at them) Computer Engineering

He: which school ?

I : College of Engg Pune.

He: (wrote F1 on the pink token)Collect your passport at 3.

I : Thank you Sir.

Experience 27:

Name: Ketaki Bhorgay Email : ketakibhorgay@yahoo.com

University : University of Cincinnati (With aid)

GRE Score : 2190 TOEFL Score : 620

Here's the interview!

me : good morning

guy : good morning. can i have your toefl score

me : 620

guy : can i have your gre scores

me : 2190.

(forwarded the original toefl and gre score sheets, he said no , he didn't want to see them i have got the UGS - 80% tution waiver)

guy : who is this other sponsorer mention in your i-20

me : my parents

guy : can i have your IT returns

me : sir (gave him those)

guy : (hardly saw through them) i don't think you can sponsor 15,000 u.s. dollars. me : no sir my parents can

guy : what does your father and mother do

me : told him

guy : if need arises do you have anyone in U.S. who could give you U.S. \$

me : No

guy : don't you have any near relative in U.S.?

me : No

guy : can you show me any other document that shows you can finance yourself me : I showed him my bank statement.

guy : (quite contended) how come the college is sponsoring you? have you got anyone over in the univ, who know you?

me : no sir.

guy : then why is the college funding you

me : sir, because of my good acads and scores

guy : i would like to see your admit letter

Ok, that was it. he gave me the visa.

Experience 28:

Name: Anup K. Email : aak@netcracker.com

University : University of Pittsburgh (No aid)

GRE Score : 1790 TOEFL Score : 647 (paper based)

I went in and said Good Morning.

Q.. So u r going fot the university of Pittsburgh hmm for Industrial Engg.

A. Yes Sir.

Q.. SO where have u done ur graduation from

A.. University of Pune sir...

Q..What have u done it in?

A..BE Mechanical Sir 1st class..

Q.. Why is ur anal score low?? he pushes the score towards me

A..(I think this is it he gives back the score and sends me off) I said that my initial answers went wrong and i could not recover my score even though the latter ones were right.. He seemed satisfied with the asnwerr..

Q.. How many universities did u apply for ?

A.. 8 sir.

Q..How many admits did u receive..?

A..6 sir.

Q.. Which universities rejected you??

A.. University of Houston (Houston) and Wayne state university (Detroit)

Q.. Hmm so who is going to sponsor u >

A.. My Father is ...

Q.. What does he do

A.. he is a SR. VP. in

Q.. What is his income like/?

A.. I told him....

Well u can collect your visa at 3.00 clock.. I said thank you..

Experience 29:

Name: Harshal Email : harshal_haridas@yahoo.com

University : Penn State University (No aid)

Me: Good afternoon madam

She: hmmm

Me (dreaming): Seems that she doesn't have any intentions to entertain me

She: Pass on your test scores

Me (broke in my dreams): (huh) Pardon Maam

She: Your test scores

Me (hmm I got you the second time): here maam

She: ohhh! So why Penn-State university

Me: wonderful and excellent faculty in Programming Languages and Compilers. Also has research activities related to my under-grad college research project.

She: what is Compiler technology?

Me: blah blah

She (in doldrums): What is its use?

Me: blah blah

She (totally confused): hmm who is going to sponsor for your course?

Me: father

She: what does your father do?

Me: blah blah

She: Pay your money and collect the Visa at 3.00pm That's all!!! One minute and I was a happy person.

Experience 30:

Name: Manu Bharadwaj Email : manub@GLIDE.NET.IN

University : California State University - Sacramento (No aid)

GRE Score : 1500 TOEFL Score : 271 / 300

The Lady: Good Morning.

Me: Good Morning. (I handed her my passport, I-20, OF-156 and the 3525 draft)

The lady: (Looking at my OF-156 and circling "ONE DAY" in the column "Have You ever been to US and for how many days ?")

Me: Well mam, my father is in Merchant Navy and I boarded his ship at Houston which was there for a day or two.

The Lady: (She smiled). So which all univs. have you applied to.

Me: (Named all 5 univs I had applied to. But I guess she didn't even bother to listen)

The Lady: So in how many did you manage to get accepted ?

Me: Three of them.

The Lady: So why did you choose this univ. ?

Me: I always wanted to specialize in System Analysis and Design and this univ has a good number of projects going on in this field. (Believe me this was all "phatta" and I never even bothered to see what projects are being undertaken in my univ).

The Lady: OK, show me your GRE card and financial statements.

Me: (Handed her both). Ahaaa.... there what happened to your verbal score ? (For a second I felt 'there goes my visa'.)

The Lady: How was your TOEFL ?

Me: Mam, my TOEFL has been decent enough.

The Lady: Show me your TOEFL card.

Me: (Gave her the card). Ummmmmmhhnnn.... That's good enough !!

(then she reviewed my Bank Statements. In my Bank Statements I had shown enough funds for both years. But this amount was in the form of FCNR (its like FDs for NRIs). Now I really don't know whether she knew what FCNR account means. Probably I got the 'benefit of doubt' !!)

The Lady: Ok you will get your VISA

Me: Thanks.

Experience 31:

Name: Rishiraj Manerikar Email : rishim@bom6.vsnl.net.in

University : State University of New York at Buffalo (No aid)

GRE Score : 2080 TOEFL Score : 273 / 300

Here's my interview:

me:HELLO SIR.

him:HELLO...SO YOU ARE GOING TO UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO...?

me:YES SIR.

him:WHICH UNDERGRAD COLLEGE? before i start answering ...

him:CAN I SEE YOUR GRE SCORE CARD?

me:HERE SIR...(slides the score card thru the slithe doesnt even pick it up)

him:WHO IS SPONSORING YOU?

me:MY PARENTS ...MY MOM AND DAD.

him:WHAT DO THEY DO?

me:BOTH ARE DOCTORS.

him:WHAT IS THEIR INCOME?

me:SIR, THEIR ANNUAL INCOME IS AROUND 2.5 LACS.

him:SO HOW DO THEY INTEND TO SPONSOR YOU?

me:(CONFUSEDSCARED TO DEATH!!!) SORRY SIR?

him: DO THEY PLAN TO SPEND FROM THEIR SAVINGS?

me: OH, YES SIR! me:SIR HERE IS THE SUMMARY OF MY FINANCIAL STANDING...(slides thru the slit....doesnt even attempt to look at it...)

him:NO..NO..ITS OK! PAY THE 2nd DRAFT AT COUNTER NO 14 AND COLLECT THE VISA AT 3 O'CLOCK!!!

me:THANK YOU SIR...(i give him a big smile-ear to ear....he too smiles!!)

Experience 32:

Dear Friends,

I would like to share my friends VISA experience at Kolkata Consulate.

he is going for PhD in WSU, Pullman with RA. he got rejected in last

December on the Financial ground.

My interview time was at 11:30 on 20th May on counter number one. and

VISA officer was a generous lady. She issued VISA to everyone on that

day.

Q: Do you have any financial aid?

A: yes. I have assistantship from WSU.

Q: Why you have been rejected last time?

A: I told her that I didn't had financial Aid that time.

Q: from the same Univ?

A: No. That time it was from UTAH state Univ.

Q: How did you get Assistantship this time?

A: I told, I have given GRE and TOEFL. thereafter I discussed the research interest to the Prof. he got impressed and offered me RA.

Q: Show me ur BTech and MTech certificates

A: produced certificates and marksheet. (Her comment after seeing my credential was, Ur have sound educational background for assistantship).

Q: what will you do after completion of ur PhD?

A: I will comeback and join as faculty in some univ(like...).

Q: (laughing), in IIT?

A: that is the best oppurtunity I have but I will be happy to join my almamater.

Q: Do you know anybody in US?

A: Yes. My friend is doing PhD in same univ WSU.

thats all my dear friend. I was then asked for TTS receipt.

if yiu have any query feel free to ask me pra_iitian@yahoo.com

best of luck for all VISA aspirants

urs

prabhakar

AGFE DEPT,IIT Kharagpur,INDIA

Experience 33:

Hi all,

Just got my visa today for SIUE starting Fall 03 from the Delhi Embassy.

This is how it went.

Appointment time : 9am-9:15 am

Reached there at 8AM (no use. You'll just have to wait. so try and reach the place as close to the appoinment time only).

Anyway went in at 9 and was asked by the guard to show my web appointment.

Then was made to stand in line number 4. Reached the TTS counters by 9:15 am.

A girl there asked me for my I-20, drafts, passport. Gave it to her. She checked my name and gave me the stuff back and a slip.

Went inside the embassy at 9:20. reached the TTS counter inside. Gave him the TTS draft (for Rs 400) and he gave me another slip.

Was told by the guard to stand in line (I was the only one for a

student

visa!). There were a couple of people before me who got rejected for

student

visas so I was a bit tensed.

Here is how it went

9:25 am.

Me: Morning

VO: (nothing, just kept entering something)

Me: (hand over my passport, I-20, DS forms, TTS slips)

VO: looks at them, asks for my GRE scores

Me: Hand over both my GRE and toefl scores.

VO: Which course do u plan on doing?

Me: MS in EE (DSP)

VO: Show me ure degree

Me: Hand it over

VO: What does ure dad do?

Me: Works as a GM etc.

VO: Ure scores are good and ure academic background is good, U'll get a

good

job in America, why do u want to come back?

Me: Will start a factory etc.

Me and VO do some small talk on my family background/education scene in India etc. I think he kinda eased up to me.

VO: Sir, I do hope you'll come back to India. Give this to the TTS counter

guys.

Me: Yeah.....ok

Thats it. He didnt ask for anything. Bank Statement/ Salary slipnothing. I was in and out in half an hour.

I didnt get a CA statement and things like house/jewellery evaluation done. I

dont think its required. The interview lasted abt 2-3 mins. Thats it.

Gave

the slip to the TTS guy and he made me fill out my return address on the

envelope. Said I'll get the passport in a week.

My advice, just be cool. I went wearing jeans and a short sleeved short shirt, while people in formals were getting rejects!. Didnt go to any visa

ISA EXPERIENCES FALL 2005

This is a compilation of visa experiences from different yahoo grp s

Hello friends ,1st of all I vud like to congratulate all of dem who got their visas.Coming to my exp I shall blame myself for not gettin da visa!! plz go thru it...

my profile

BCA

Univ: Strayer Univ, Virginia

TOEFL: 240

"I did not give my GRE as my univ dint require it and this ws the reason for my rejection"!!

Me:Gudmorning sir

Vo:hmmm

Vo:which univ?

me"strayer univ, Virginia

Vo:what other univs did u apply?

me:George mason univ,wichitha state univ(rejec frm gmu,pending frm wichitha)

Vo:Ok,gimmme Ur GRE n TOEFL

me:tensed,sir my univ does not require a GRE so i did not give my GRE ..I have my TOEFL

vo:got irritated,withitha n george mason does require GRE

Vo:tel me y dint u write GRE

me:my univ doesnt require GRE sir!!

Vo:again same ques "tell me y dint u write GRE"??

me: bit more tensed n slipped my tongue n said "sir i did not find time to give GRE"

(I confirmed dat visa ws rejected!!)

Vo:wats ur father

me:blah blah

vo:tell me abt ur bros or sis

me: 1 sis she is doctor n she is married(gave him extra information which he dint ask)

Vo:Wt r ur future plans?

me:want to cum to India and work as a network engg

Vo:I cant issue visa 2day!!

So this was my exp friends,I did a mistake that I was desperate

while answering and not answering properly.

Friends plz tell me wat is da best answer for "Y did u not give ur GRE?"

rgds,

Kiran

Dear friends I have got my VISA for University of Dayton at Chennai.

Well the Visa officer was a fat American who was questioning more about the specialization.

Well I have made some observation which I would like to share it with you...

First and the foremost thing is that WISH the VISA officer with a smile and dun call him Sir,instead call him officer.I saw many people before me who din't bother to wish him...one thing is clear if you don't wish him its not that you will not get your VISA only wishing the visa officer gives him a image that you are educated and well brought up.

Secondly be mentally prepared to wait for long hours.I waited for 2 n 1/2 hours in the Visa lobby before my number was called.

Next be well versed with your specialization,also do make it a point not to tell a specialization which might fall under 221G.For computer Science students better not to tell your specialization in Computer Networks and Artificial Intelligence as they fall under 221G.

One more thing do not repeat your answers again and again.Like for instance on fellow when asked why he wants to take a particular subject for specialization kept on telling the VO thats he is interested in it.

So intead of telling him that you are interested in it,use some technical terms and give him a feel that you know something about the subject in which you want to specialize in.They are not professors of any University they are just like us or even worse than us when it comes to knowledge about any field,all they do is asses you by your confidence,so talk something but do add some techie stuff here n there....

The MOST IMPORTANT of all...never ever show him or project urself as if you desperately need your VISA.Present yourself that you are well educated and can find a job in INDIA as well.The more you show you really want your VISA the more it will be difficult for you as he will question you thoroughly.So be cool n composed..thats important.

Well last thing....I always had this in my mind that being a Muslim with my Middle name "Hussain" I was sure that would be rejected but Thanks to my Friend T.Rajesh of Engg College,he was the sole person who literally pushed me to attend my VISA interview and I owe a lot to him.Infact I have got my VISA because of him....(Rajesh I wish u all the best 4r ur interview n Iam sure u will be in US very soon....if not FALL but Spring)

One thing is clear buddy they don't reject you solely because you belong to a particular group,tribe or community...this is something which I can tell you with 100% confidence.

To end my mail I would like to share an Arabic Verse which gave me a lot of confidence "NASRUL LAAHE FAHTENUL KAREEB"....which means those who call upon thy lord

for help and implore him for help SURELY EMERGE VICTORIOUS.
So friends seek help from almighty and have 100% faith in him...
with regards
hyder

hai freinds ,
i got my visa today for california state universty ,chico
july 1st 7:45 ,chennai
i was allowed in at 7:30 and i am out by 8:00am
i think posting my interview will not be of any use as it is only for 30 sec and i didnt open
my folder .But i will post it for u r sake
Me : gd mor n Sir ,how are you ?
Vo : Fine ,How abt u ?
Vo : Where are u heading too ?
Me : csu chico
Vo : which and Why this specilization ?
ME : n/w i did some formal training in WAN and Unix Admn and we also have it i our UG
Vo : u r future plans ?
Me: Coming back to India and take up ajob as N/w Analyst in ISP(Internet Service
Provider) as the work is more challenging intrestng....i was still saying something....
VO :..ok man u got thru..u will get u r PP..in 2-3 days thru courier....
ME: Thank u sir..
Have a nice day

I am just lucky parents blessings and almightys grace made me thru..i am prepared for long
interview..but anyway i got thru...thanks for u r co-operation and advices
bye bye
hi everybody,
i am kalpana from vizag.my visa interview was on 29th june at chennai.....it was really
cool.
my profile,
gre:1090
toefl:253
acads:72.25%
appointment time : 8-8:15 am
went in at 7:45.was out by 8:50
i'm skipping all the procedure & coming to the main thing dats the interview...
my VO was a young lady.

vo:good morning.how r u??
me:very gud morning mam.
vo:why u wanna go to US??
me:to pursue my masters in CS at the univ of north texas.....with specl. as computer arch.& n/w's
vo:why did u choose this univ.??
me:i got admits from 3 univs & i choose unt bcos.....the course offered at UNT best suits my area of interest.i.e.computer n/w's included with comp. architecture.
vo:tell me abt the coursestructure in UNT??(this she asked bcos i was talking abt the course structure.....4 the above Q)
me:blah..blah
vo:how u came to know abt this univ..??
me:after my gre& toefl i submitted my scores to sites like flstudy.com...and they suggested me a list of univs....i browsed thru the wesites of the univs & found the univs which matches my profile.
vo:wat is ur brother??
me:blah..blah..
vo:wat r ur parents??
me:..
vo:wats ur fathers annual income??
me:..
vo:wat u wanna do after coming back to india??
me:i want to work in companies like infosys,satyam or tcs.....as a n/w administrator
vo:why only these companies??
me:bcos thay r prefering students with a masters degree from US.
vo:how r u going to pay 4 ur education??
me:my father have enough savings only 4 my higher education
vo:HOW ??
me:...in savings....in FD's....loan.....
vo:where from u took the loan??
me:SBH
vo:show me ur acads.....gre&toefl score reports..
me:showed them
vo:everything is fine.....i am issuing ur visa.....u'll get ur passport by courier.
me:thanku very much mam.
thats it!!
hope dis helps.....
best regards/kalpana.
Hi Friends,
I got my VISA for UMKC on 29th June, Mumbai Consulate.
Profile: GRE=1250(Q- 750, V- 500, AW- 4.0) , TOEFL-270, BE- 70.6%, CNR award from University.

Completed BE in Information Technology - June 2004. Presently Working in a software firm in Indore.

A Lady VO took my interview and I was the second person to be interviewed that day at consulate. (I became a bit nervous because of the things said about Lady VO not giving VISA etc. and also I didn't expect that my number would come so early). Here are the questions asked by VO. I think the answers are quite straightforward so writing only the questions.

So you are going to Missouri?

Can I see your GRE-TOEFL scoresheets?

Why this University?

Where did you do your Undergrad?

What was your major in Engg?

Can I see your Degree certificate?

Can I see your marksheets?

How do you Intend to pay for your education?

What do your Parents do?

VO: Don't worry be relaxed. Are you nervous?

ME: I am relaxed Mam.

VO: Are you sure?

ME: Yes Mam.

Can I see your Financial Docs?

Do you have any kind of Assistantship, Award or Scholarship from the University?

Can I see the Letter stating your Scholarship?

That was it. After that my year long efforts paid off.

Moral: Be Relaxed, Be Confident, Keep all the docs perfect that given you the extra push in Confidence level, Lady VO are not that hard to deal with, Do one-two practice sessions with your friends etc. to boost the confidence meter. And after getting VISA feel proud that you got the thing which even the Gujrat CM couldn't get.

Two of my other friends got VISA the same day for Utah State and CUNY Buffalo.

Thanks to this group and all its members for providing valuable info for form filling, VISA interviews and now about travel and living at USA.

Bye,

Divy.

hii frds....this is bhargavi...

i want to thank every member in this group..... coz it was very helpful site.....

i got my visa on 28th june at delhi consulate...it was very cool....

it started like this....

vo:good mor mam...how r u.

me:good mor ...fine..thank u.

vo:which univ..

me:wayne state univ..
vo:how many univ's did u apply
me:bla bla bla
vo:why only those univ's
me:they suite my academic background and my GRE and TOEFL scores
vo:ok show them
me:i showed my UG memo's and my score cards
vo:ohhh ur from hyd
me yes mam
vo:y ur here
me:i din't get dates in chennai
vo:when did u block ur date
me:in march
vo:ohhh ok(raised her eyebrows)
vo:who is sponsoring u
me:my parents
vo:wat r they doing
me:bla bla bla
vo:wats the annual income
me:around 11lacs
vo:every one from hyd give same figure
me:started explaining how i will get that income
vo:satisfied
vo:wat u do after ur MS
me:i will come back to India and join in an MNC
vo:ohh ok
vo:r u sure u come to India
me yes mam
vo:give this token at TTS counter
me:ok... i got my visa
vo:she laughed
me:thank u mam
thats itit was very simple and cool.....any doubts u can mail me...
byeeeeeee
bhargavi.

Hello friends...

Got my visa on 29th june at delhi embassy...am an
hyderabadi...am going to EIU.....not even 2 minutes.
Here it goes...

VO: Good morning Sir..how r u?(She wished me before i reached the counter...when i was on my way...)

Me: Good morning maam(Very ..very bad reply!!!)
she started typing some thing on her PC
(VO: left n right index finger prints)

VO: How did u choose ur university?

ME: maam...i was been suggested by my professors(Undergraduate)...my seniors...my friends....n saw the university website(n before i could continue..wanted to tell her the ACTUAL matter..like i opted this university bcoz it has great research work in my field of interest n suits my profile...she acknowledged me n told me to stop indirectly).

VO:(saw my I20..n was observing my tution fee)..how r u gonna pay ur expenses?

ME: maam..my parents r gonna pay them

VO:what r ur parents

ME: told her(she dint ask there annual income!!!)

VO:show me ur undergraduate mark sheets

ME: gave them to her(Had 7 backlogs..all cleared...she observed them for a while)...

VO: Ok sir....give this at the TTS counter..n have a nice time.....(Got it!!!)

ME: thank u maama...thank u very much

Hey guys..visa's at delhi were like FREE of cost...given to almost every one...there were around

30 ppl in front of me...not just F1's.....only 2 were rejected(2 F1's).....they were waiting for applicants to give visa's....they r actually short of applicants for F1...so guys dont worry u WILL get it.

Hey u can contact me directly...my Mail address is gnaneshwar_bukka@...
See u all...bye

Gnaneshwar Bukka

Hi all wise men of North and South,

By Waheguru's Grace, I got VISA for University of Mississippi on June 15, 2005.

I'm writing this mail after 15 days of trying to believe that I have got visa.

My interview went on for just 40 seconds and no paper touched. I was interviewed at Delhi consulate by a VO of Afro-American origin. She was very professional and to the point.

Following were the questions asked to me:

1. Why US?
2. Why Univ of Mississippi?
3. What do your parents do?
4. How many siblings?
5. What was your undergrad course?
6. How long you been working?
7. About my intership on scholarship.

And Mr. Singh got Visa.

The important thing is I have my sisters living in US and CANADA, and I declared info about them in DS forms.

I'm planning to leave for US in 3rd week of July. All suggestions, comments and questions are welcome.

Regards,

hi guys. i am shravan. i m from hyd

i got rejected on 28th june. the lady who interviewed is very particular about all the things especially about the specialisation u choose. so my sincere request to u all is that u should be thorough in y u have chosen that specialisation. if possible use some technical terms. SO GUYS WATCH OUT FOR THIS LADY. she is a white fat lady with specs and must be around 30-35 yrs.

BE CONFIDENT WHILE U R ANSEWRING .

ALSO PLZ ANYBODY WHO IS HAVING A DATE IN JULY CAN CALL ME TO THIS NUMBER-9849974489 OR MAIL ME. HELP ME OUT GUYS IN THIS ASPECT.

He got rejected just bcoz of his "NAME" on the passport. The VO was just finding a way to reject him coz he/she knew that it would create a problem. Same thing hapned with one of my civil engg friend who got visa in his 2nd attempt. Tell u r friend to go to passport office and change his name. For more info read the web appointment. It clearly says that any first or last name errors should be cleared b4 coming to the interview, just go thru it

ItZ MaDdZ <ephemeral_me@yahoo.co.in> wrote:
hey hi shweta,

I feel terribly sorry for what had happened with your friend. Yeah!!! at times being sincere and honest in expressing oneself causes dismay and disappointment, its all part mere part of the game. I had gone thru the whole visa interview. your friend did answer very well and quite convincingly but at the last slightly seems to have failed to really justify in his pursuit for studying construction engineering(though is is obvious from the interview) it did matter ultimately right...Sad

When the VO asked " you have already studied construction enggineering why do you want to study again" the aanswer he gave sounded not really sound. as he explianed in the previous answer he should have told that construction engineering is pratical side of architecture to which we barely have any exposure in india.

neways as you know the visa thing solely depends on the discreation of the visa officer he dosen't have to answer anyone indeed about hwy he has rejected a visa.....

Well ask your frnd not to loose hope, as you know these days the Visas are being generously issued. am sure he will make it in the second attempt. Though difficult ask him try to forget everything about the first expe at consulate and go fresh, confident and am sure he will get the visa...coming to the actual part of what you have asked for, when the

vo asks him the reason why he has been rejected the first time better tell him that there was some mistake in his passport in regard with im name and nothing more...I feel that looks simple and acceptable, coz i believe the vo themselves know that they dont really need a reason to reject a visa in sense they make any silly thing a issue out of which they can reject the visa.

Neways GOODLUCK to your frnd and i really appreciate your effort in composing the whole scene which will definitely help others and am sure he is quite lucky to have a friend with so much concern for him...

HOPE and it HAIL you with success!!!

Smile Sandeep

--- shwetadev_n <shwetadev_n@yahoo.co.in> wrote:

my friend had attended the visa interview fera f1 visa on the 9th of this month n was rejected the visa ...hez gona go fer the visa again on the 1st of july...

HIS PROFILE:

- 1.BACHELOR IN ARCHITECHTURE WITH 59.8% 2003 BATCH
- 2.GRE 940(Q+V), TOEFL 240
- 3.BEEN WORKING AS ASSISTANT ARCHITECT IN AN ARCHITECTURAL FIRM SINCE GRADUATION(PROOF PRODUCED)
- 4.GOT AN ADMIT FROM UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN IN "CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING".
- 5.TOTAL UNIVERSITIES APPLIED FOR: 6 ADMITS FROM 3

Interview date: 9th june 2005, timing: 2:30.

Visa officer was a stout lady with spectacles, aged

around late
30's
with round face.

VO: waved her hand asking me to come from the counter.

ME: good afternoon maam.

VO: hi, .can you place your left index finger?

ME: DID THAT...

VO: she asked me don't you have given name? (Looking
at my
passport)

ME: i do not have middle name(i didn't understand what
she asked and
since i dont have a middle name i presumed she was
asking about
that!!! a big mistake!!)

VO: then she showed me the passport and asked don't
you have a
given

name, is it all surname that you have ?

Me: no! I have a surname and middle name, my name is
naveen and my
surname is Nalla.

VO: then she told you have to get your Passport
corrected; there is
a mistake in your Passport and she made a mark on the
D.S forms in
my name column.

ME: O.K maam.

VO: Why U.S.A?

ME: I want to specialize in Construction Engineering,
many MNC's

In

India are looking for international Degrees and
International

Exposure Mainly from American universities. Speaking

of
construction, which is my field of interest,
Construction technology
in America is much advanced when compared to that in
India.

VO: what is Construction Engineering?

Me: it's the process involved in Erecting a form or
building.

VO: can you give me more details of Construction
Engineering?

ME: It involves subjects like Construction analysis,
Estimation,
Scheduling, project management.

VO: Some more details?

ME: subjects involving construction, the process of
building,
Project management etc.

VO: why don't u do an MBA?

ME: MBA deals only with management part of a project,
where as
construction engineering deals with technical as as
well as
management part of construction.

VO: Why Nebraska Lincoln?

Me: Its an educational institute of international
stature, Its been
widely recognized as research intensive University,
its got
excellent laboratory to support both teaching and
research in
construction. Its got good labs for surveying, cost
analysis,etc.
Its faculty members have good experience both in
research and hands
on experience, like Dr. Charles Berryman-the chair of
the

department, Wayne Jensen, and Paul .S. Harmon.
And it's the best admit I have.

VO: How many colleges did you apply? What are they?

ME: 6 colleges, univ o Nebraska Lincoln, ball state
univ, univ of
Louisville, univ of Houston, clemson univ and unv of
memphis.

VO: How many admits do you have?

ME: 3, Ball state univ, Univ. of Louisville and
Nebraska Lincoln.

VO: which is the first choice?

ME; University of Nebraska Lincoln.

VO: What do you know about Lincoln?

ME: It's the capital city of Nebraska, Its been named
after
assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. It's got
normal
climate
of 4 seasons, with an extreme summer and winter.

VO: she kept a face like as if she wanted to say"
that's it??",
and

asked me "who suggested you this university/ course?"

ME: My mother advised me this University; She is asst.
professor in
Architecture dept with Andhra univ.

VO: what is your under graduation?

ME: Architecture.

VO: Do you have your degree certificate?

ME: yes and I showed it, she saw it for a while and
put it down.

VO: Who is going to sponsor your education?

ME: my parents.

VO: What are your Parents?

ME: MY father is general manger in Errection department, with BHPV,
My mother is asst. professor in architecture dept. in Andhra university.

VO: why did you study Architecture?

Me: It's an inspiration from my mother.

VO: Why can't you take up your mother's line like teaching/
when you say she has been you inspiration? Why do you want to go for construction?

ME: she being female she had to take up teaching profession in Architecture b'cos it is tough for a woman to work on-site in construction, I being male I want to be in practical side of Architecture, which is construction.

VO: what will you do after your course?

I will come back and work with big construction firms like L&T, Shapoorji Pallonji, IVRCL, and establish a construction company on my own eventually.

VO: Do you need a master degree to establish a company? You seem to have studied and experienced in the field/

ME: I want to specialize in construction Engineering, which would definitely enhance my skills in the field of construction.

VO: You already studied construction and why do you want to study

Construction again?

ME: construction is only a part of Architecture Which deals with

basics of construction, so I want to specialize in Construction.

VO: I don't see a point for you to go for construction, when you have studied construction and you worked in construction for 2

years, I don't see a point in you going for construction engineering

to open up a construction firm? I cannot issue visa to you (she picked up the stamp) I am not convinced, I can't issue a visa.

ME: (by then she stamped) o.k I'll come back till I succeed.

VO: all the best! Good luck!

ME: thank you.

Firstly he made a blunder by presuming that the V.O asked him about the middle name. He should have simply asked her to repeat the question..this considered...

1. COULD THE VISA OFFICER HAVE REJECTED HIS VISA B'COZ HIS

PERCENTAGE IN GRADUATION WAS LOW(59.8%)??

2. WAS HIS EXPLANATION ON THE OPTED COURSE(CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING) UNSATISFACTORY?

3. NOW WHEN HE GOES FOR THE INTERVIEW AGAIN ON THE 1st july.....

WHEN THE VISA OFFICER ASKS HIM WHY HE WAS REJECTED A VISA

PREVIOUSLY...IS HE TO SAY THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM

WITH HIS NAME IN
THE PASSPORT OR HIS HE TO SAY THAT THE VISA OFFICER
WAS NOT
CONVINCED WITH THE COURSE HE HAD APPLIED FOR?

terribly sorry bout the length of the mail...m hoping
it helps sme1
out ther....

regards....shweta
this is dheeraj reddy from hyd i got my visa on june
22 - at delhi embassy,my interview lasted for only 2
min.

One of the most important thing is male visa officers
r giving visas very much easily and female visa
officers r taking interviews for long time and aslo
rejecting many.

my interview went like this:

me:gud morning sir
vo:gud morning

vo:so ur goin to SUFFOLK unv(boston)?
me:yes sir

vo:wen did u complete ur undergraduate(engg)?
me:april/may 2005

vo:show me ur memos
me:i had total of 10 memos..he just saw my 1st yr &
last sem memo(i got 79% in last sem)

vo:how many unv's did u apply?
me:8

vo:so how many u got thru?
me:4

vo:how r u goin to pay the fees?

me:my parents r sponsring me

vo:okie fine ,u will get ur passport in couple of days.

so tat was my experience ...it was damn cool.

so i wish all the best for other students who r goin for thr visa!!

Hello every one,

Thanx for posting your experiences both positive n negative on the groups as they have helped me a lot.

Thanx to Mr.Ganapathy Raju for the valuable precise advises.

My profile:

Name :Srinivas uppatla

u.g: M.B;B.S (63.5%) - Gandhi Medical College - Hyderabad

slot: Delhi-8 am -june 20

univ.:south west missouri state univ.

course: Masters in Cellular n Molecular Biology.

standard. tests: gre-1320(630-v and 690-q) toefl-260

No need to worry about the process at the Delhi consulate its cool there n I will start with how my interview went on.

I was the first person to be called as the vo opened her counter.

Only two counters opened at around 8.30 am .

VO- 26-30 year old white american lady with pimples n mouth opened most of the times , serious look on her face.Built-slightly obese

vo: Good morning.

me: Good Morning , how ru u doing?(not much response)

vo: please put ur left index finger, n then the right.

me: done as said

vo:so which univ,?(started lookin at the computer)

me: south west missouri state univ-spring field -missouri.

vo: ur a doctor?

me: yes mam, (tensed now. still not lookin at me)

vo: give me ur mark sheets.

me : gave them (had one back log but got it cleared in 2nd attemp.)

vo: whos funding u?

me : My parents mam, both of them r working.

vo: wer r they working?

me : My father is an Inspector with the land records dept n my mom is a lecturer.

vo: do u hav any documents supporting ur statement?

me: showed their salary certificates.

vo: calculates some thin on the system, ok,

vo: y do u want to go for molecular biology?

me:madam, I was interested in the pre clinical subjects and wanted to go for a course which has its application in these fields, si I chose this .

vo: did u write ur step 1?

me: No Mam, never thought of going for mle.(I m horrified now, but kept cool,still lookin at the computer n types some thing)

vo: y dont u go for a residency program, u will hav lots of money , rt.?

me: mam, residency is for peaple who wahnt to take up clinical practice in medicine in usa n I have never been intersested in those clinical subjects.

I always wanted to do research work n so I am not botherd about steps.

vo:

vo: wat exactly will u do in molecular biology?

me: I want to do research in Oncology- especially Breast cancer now that its incidence is increasing in India too.

vo; ok r u goin for research/

me: yes mam

vo: Do u really need to do molecular biology for this Breast cancer ?

me: yes mam, this is the field which gives me an indepth knowledge about the changes occuring at the molecular level in this cancer n other carcinomas too,

vo: not at all satisfied, does not show any positive signs, I m tensed up now.

vo: can u wait for a min. I will be back soon.

me: sure mam.

vo; comes bak in another 50 secs or so,

vo: Now she gives full attention to me , turns completely

towards me, n asks ,, y do u want to spend so much money when u can go for residency n make millions?

me: (mle, mle, mle, god, save me)

me: mam . it has never been about money, I feel its professional n personal satisfaction that is important(sentiment tho kodithe work kaada,,)

vo: still not satisfied,,

me: endiraa bai, enta cheppinaa malli mle , steps, residency ani tala thintundi,,

vo: again,, will u go for the residency program ?

me: (Hey bhagwan),, Mam, I plan to work with the center for Cellular n Molecular Biology in my own place hyderabad n take up research work.

vo: wher else did u apply?

me: told them

vo: ok, I have noted down all your statements n I am tellin u if u come for residency again u will definitely hav problems

me: ok mam, no problem at all.

vo: tears the sticker, n sticks it to my pp

vo: giv it there , n have a good day , bye

me: thank you mam u too hav a good day,, no smiles any wer in da interview.

did not look back again came out happily n hugged my friends waitin outside.

Thats all guys n here r some tips for medicos:

1. people goin for the first time -Delhi is good option.
2. they know all about mle n steps, n residency , get ready with your own answers
3. do not ever speak to any body, especially if not from ur stream. keep cool
4. the earlier the slot the better, I recommend 8 am slot. any working day
5. Be ready with all details regarding ur course /univ/place/ n other related stuff, I did work a lot on these.
- 6: Above all , God's grace n Good luck are the pre-requisites for all of us apart from confidence n smiling faces.

Hope my interview will help u people in gettin little information. Any further questiions, feel free to mail me at :

druppatlasrinivas@...

or call me on the cell: no: 9885399494

I will be on the groups for a few more days,

Ok guys n gals all the best n hope all of us get wat we deserve the best

C ya again ,bye, n take care

Hi members,

This is suraparaju srikrishna

I thank u all ppl for putting u r experiences that were very helpful in more ways than one.

I Thank all the members of i20fever.com and the moderators of this wonderful and powerful group which has helped me a lot right from applying to univeristies and getting the all important VISA..especially Naveen Yathapu!!!.i convey my special thanks!!

So here is my visa experience that I am waiting to share with u all

My date is on with 17th june 2005

Profile

Acads- 65% mechanical engg

Gre 1150

Toefl 267

Slot—8.15-8.30 am

(comments--- there is no importance for this time slot...it is not that u r interview will take place at that 8.15-8.30 timeslot only...it is just a way that u have the interview on that day I reached the place and the joined the queue outside at around 7.45am...by the time I went in to the embassy...it was already 8.30..

I enquired with the offcials and students around ...so no probs..with the slot...but as they say...early to embassy u can be back as early as possible.....leave that matter..

I just remembered the famous scene...in YUVA...where...Siddharth or Vivek oberoie see the Plane above and say those golden words..." I am coming....." to cool my tension)

Then entered the embassy..paid the demand drafts and got the token and entered the actual American embassy where all the interviews are conducted...the entry door was..very huge and heavy..

I was told to sit in the chairs before my number was called..token number by the Indian staff around...the room was already full with the students ..sitting and standing in the counters... not all counters are opened at a time...I was watching them..keenly and my observation was that ...a good looking madam...perfect in..a...WILLS LIFESTYLE OUTFIT..OFFICE WEAR...sipping coffee...wasn't issuing visas , a bald headed French bearded thorough professional..looking. was taking long interviews but fortunately giving the visas....another

the person very handsome person was literally pumping VISAS to all the persons in the counter line..

There ends the observation comments ...

I was called to join the counter number 6..where the French bearded man was in charge

I had a sigh of relief

Time was 10.30..when I was called for the interview....

Here it goes

VO-visa officer

Kris- me

Kris- Good morning officer!!!

Vo- good morning sir!!!

Kris- how are you,sir?

(koncham cutting kottali kada)

Vo- fine , thank you

VO-May I have your file please

Kris- ya sure...please

VO-sir,let us start with your fingerprints !

Please put your left index finger sir!

Kris-*** doin accordingly ***

Again some cutting here too...I polished my index fingers with a kerchief..as he watched me....i heard he gets impressed and may issue the visa with our way of doing things!!!!)

VO- thank you

Kris-

VO- (seeing my I 20) so you are going for..Masters..in.....

Kris-yes ! sir, I am going to pursue my masters degree in mechanical engg at Northern Illinois university

VO-where is it

Kris- it is at Dekalb in Illinois state

VO-oh fine!

Kris-

VO- so which specialization do u want to choose

Kris-sir, I want to specialize in Cad/CAM.....(raghubabu sir must have sported a million dollar smile if he was aside)

VO-did you take any prerequisite courses regarding that specialization ?

(out of routine question for me..)

Kris- thought..for few secs..yes sir, I have been taking courses in Mechanical softwares like Pro/e , catia and Autocad....and I have contacted my graduate school adviser..Abhijit gupta ..he advised me to take these courses so that it will be very easy to get along in the masters education at NIU.

(He was listening keenly to what I had to say)

VO-what was your project work in you undergraduation?

VO- is it related to CAD/CAM...

Kris-little tension started ...as the field I choose was different..in undergraduation..pollution control equipment..again regained my composure...and said that

No sir, it is not in field of CAD/CAM... it is in the field of Pollution control equipment

VO- ok fine it is in pollution dept..

Kris- no sir, it deals with the EQUIPMENT used to reduce the pollution in a CEMENT industry.

VO- in a cement industry!!!

Kris- yes!

Kris- would u like to see my certificate of my Project

(Somehow managed to divert his attention from that difference of fields)

VO- (looking and exhibiting curiosity) ..ya please show it ..sir!!

Carefully going through the paper

Kris-

VO- so what is it

Kris- (started to explain it...)

It deals with the design and operation of electro static precipitator..in a cement industry

....i was explaining that..he listened to me...for some time and started to type something...in the computer...

a little SENSATION started in me..that the interview is going in the right direction

Still, telling about the project..

Then

VO- ok sir, fine!! Who are your SPONSORS?

Kris- yes sir, my father and my sister are my Sponsors

VO-what is your father

Kris- HE is the deputy director of Dept of Mines and geology

Vo- what is your Sister

Kris- sir, she is working in HSBC bank.

VO- in Chennai!?!?

Kris- in Hyderabad!!

VO--- then the BANGARU MATALU...ROLLED from his Mouth....

U will receive your PASSPORT in few days

Kris-(wanted to Jump there it self)...then control..control...thank you sir!!!

Kris- collected all my documents....and said Thank you sir!!

Kris- thank you !!! (again)...and have a great weekend sir!!

VO- oh thank you sir!!

Kris- rushed out of that interview building..and gave a big punch in the air..and rushed towards outside

Kris- gave a SOLLID hug to my friend Narasimha Rao

Katha sukhantham ayindhi

Slowly the phones , the messages all through
All ended happily
It took some time for me to Sink in that feeling...MAGICAL...
That's it guys and girls
Any one for Northern Illinois university, Mechanical engg
Luv
srikrishna

hi friends,naveen, 1 and all,
i hav finally got the visa in the chennai embassy on 22nd.i had my appointment at 9.00 am
but i went to the embassy by 7.30 am and i was allowed for the first slot of the day itself
inside, and friends i went in at 7.40 am and came out at 8.30 am,just a time of 50 minutes. i
wont tell u all the normal formalities done,ok since every 1 knows the scenario gng on
inside its very easy and ull cm to know very easily,

One main inportant tng" PLEASE ALL OF U FILL UP YOUR DS FORMS IN THE
ELECTRONIC MODE IN THE COMPUTER ITSELF AND TAKE THE PRINT OUT,
COS IN THE ELCTRONIC MODE UR GETTNG A EXTRA PAPER HAVING THE
BARCODE AND USING THE INFRARED RAYS THEY CHECK THE BARCODE" SO
PLS FILL UP THE DS FORMS IN THE COMPUTER AND TAKE OUT THE PRINT OK.

my profile,
BE in info.scince 66%
gre 1010
toefl 247
i am gngn to TAMU commere for MS in comp science.

here is my interview:

me:good mornign offi....
vo:wait(typing sm tng on the screen)
me:hws ur dat tday sir,
vo:very well fine young man,hw abt u?
me:fine sir.
after the finger prints
vo:why r u gngn to this school seeing the i20?
me:(u people know ur own answers fr this i dnt remembr exactly wat i said)
vo:for what
me:masters
vo:specialisation?
me:computer networks
vo:hw dd u get in this spec.....

me:told abt the n/w project done by me in BE final
vo:explain me the project
me:i explained(he was a bit convinced)
vo:hw many dd the prject?
me:3 memebers sir
vo:wat was ur role in the project?
me:told him
vo:wat was ur colleages role?
me: told him
vo:whne dd u undergraduate?
me: oct 2004
vo: Then y didnt u apply for the previous addmission?
me:sir i got my degree in dec 2004 so i couldnet apply
vo:wat were u dng since then?
me:wrkng as a trainee in sos and so.
vo:do u hav ur employers letter?
me:yes sir and showed him
vo:give me ur originals ?
me:gave them to him.
vo:who is gngn to sponser u?
me:parents.
vo:wat does ur father do?
me:we hav a rice mill sir.
vo:saying to himself(ohh so ur dad earns a lot)
me:with a smile yes sir, he has 16 lakhs as svngs in his bank account sir u wanna see it.
vo: no need. wat will u do after dng ur MS?
me ill join as a n/w engg or n/w administrator in india.
vo:so wats the role of the network administrator?
me:told him .
vo:with a final smile on his face said u will get ur passport in mail in 2 days.
me:tanq u and hav a nice day and left

thats it,
i was the first in the counter and it was a frence beard guy little bit stout who intervied me.
ok
bye,
suman

hey radhika
sorry to know that u got rejected the first time cheer up mate no probs u can make it next

time

up to my knowledge the maximum they ask u is the reason they rejected u and make sure u carry the IT returns copy this time and also add up some masala like i was a bit tensed on that day blah blah

by the way when is ur slot on 9th july i am also having my slot on same day at chennai 8-15 am slot

bye and all the best

On Tue, 21 Jun 2005 nagaradhika bavisetty wrote :

>hello,

>i am radhika got my visa rejected for the first time

>since i didn't carry my IT returns of my dad .again i

>got slot on july 9th .i heard that once if they reject

>they will give hardly second time.i mean they reject

>continuously 3 or 4 times and finally they give

>visa.is that is true? plz let me know.if possible can

>u mail to my other id nagaradhika.b@gmail.com.what

>should i say if they ask why were u rejected for the

>first time?

>waiting for ur reply

> from

>radhika.

>

GRE:1170

TOEFL:233

B.Tech %:70.(no backlogs).

univ:George Mason.

Sorry i m little bit late to give the mail but anyways i jus wanted to give the mail os that it could be of help to u.i got my visa rejected oin june 11 for the reason i was a little bit nervous n my VO was very serious(he didnt chek my transcripts at all)..i got my visa on june 17 again.my interview was like this

V:h r u ?

M: fine

M:h r u sir?

V:fine.

V:wat happend first time sir?(y was i rejected first time)

M:i was bit tensed on dat day so couldnt reply well.

V:wat univ did u apply?

M:IIT chicago,SIUC n GMU

V:how many admits?

M:2 n 1 pending.

V:who is sponsoring u?

M:father

V:wat does he do?

M:told that.

V:Is it suffiecient?

M:apart frm tat we have lands which have been given to lease n income frm them isblah
blah n totalannu

alincome is 10 lakhs.

V:give me ur B.Tech cert

M:gave them.(he counted them).

V:wat is ur future plan?

M:after my Masters i wil return to india n settle in networking firms like reliance n bharthi
telecomm.

(hewas typing seriously for some time).

V:u wil get ur visa in 2-3 days.

M:thanks a lot sir.

so guys be prepared for atleast 10 mins interview.my VO was kool so it was not a big prob
for me but in other counters they were cheking aall da documents.jus attack him with
confidence to win the battle(only solution). which i couldnt do the first time.have any doubts
pls mail me.byeeeee

Hi my name is Aditya I got my visa on June 17 th for University Of memphis.

It was a wonderful experience with the Visa Officer ... I am glad that the first American that
i got to converse with, is a man of such great stature. I never panicked and had a sound
technical back up bfore going to the interview and i was done. A bit of spontanity also
helped me.

I feel confidence matters F1 issuance is more . Go to the interview nicely dressed flaunt any
kind of brand symbols on ur shirts and trousers. wear light colour shirt. And please do smile
... smile speaks a lot. Never lose ur confidence speak to the VO looking straight into his
eyes . Speak witha good formal tenor ... speak sensibly. Never unleash ur fear. This group
definetely proved a wonderful one to me . thanq all .

Bye everybody,
all the best
take care

Hi everyone,

Thanks for the group (Both members and owners).

I got my VISA on June 20th from Chennai.

Not to mention it was pretty cool.

I will just post the questions he asked, as you already know most of the answers.

1) So you are goin to GMU?

2) For what?

3)When did you finish your undergrad?

4)Oh! June 2003. What have you been doing till now?

5)(With a surprised look)You are working in XXX company? (I dont want to reveal my company name)

6)Can i see your appointment letter? (I showed both my Appointment & confirmation letter).

7)What work do you in this company?

8)Whay do you want to leave such a reputed company?

9)What do you mean by Hardcore research work in VLSI?

10)What work are you exactly doin now?

11)Can you pass me your marks sheets?

12)Oh! you have a First class with Distinction.

13)Why GMU?

By now he had decided to gimme the VISA. Between the above discussion he had returned my I-20 and Sevis Fee receipt. I dont remember when.

Suddenly something flashed in his mind and asked me,

14)Who is sponsoring you?

15)What do your parents do for living?

The last question was quiet rude, But i answered patiently. He then said "Your passport will be sent to you".

Then I wasn't really able to believe it. once out of the counter I sat in a place and checked what all he had returned. He had taken my PP along with the DS forms.

NOTE: If you think that the VO and you will be sitting in front of each other, then remove this illusion. You will have to stand in front of the coutnters. It's like taking a tickect in any cinema Hall Smile.

I hope this will be helpful.

Hi Frns..

This is prashanth reddy from warangal.

I had my appointment on 17th june and I got my visa to Oklahoma City University.

Let me share my interview with u all :

vo:Hi How ru doing.

me:Fine thnq sir howz the day.

vo:whats ur name

me:Im prashanth sir.

vo:when did u graduate

me:I graduated this year sir.

vo:can I look at ur memos

me: sure sir (i gave them)

vo:ur gre and toefl score reports

me:yes sir (gave them)

vo:what ur parents do

me: -----

vo:ok..sir u will get ur passport in 3 days. Enjoy the trip.

me:Thank you sir have a nice weekend.

That was really cool frns and 8 out of 12 in my counter were given visas and every one posed with same questions.

he was just testing the confidence and our body lang.

It is recommended that all those who r going to attend should be prepared for atleast 10 min. interview . This is what I have observed happenig at other counters.I have to wait inside the hall for about 3.5 hrs and had the interview for just 1 min.

so never expect that it would be a shortinterview like me , prepare ur self for 10 min.All the best for u all .

Any one who r going to Oklahoma may please contact me at 9390999222

or mail me at prashanthreddy_g@....

With Luv
Prashanth.

hi this is harish reddy i got my visa on june 20
i will tell u people all my experience
vo:hello reddy goodmorning
me:good morning mam
vo:how are u doing
me:fine
vo:which course
me:computer science
vo:which college
me:western illinois college
vo:why WIU
me:good among my admits and good course structure
vo:wat course structure
me:it suits my undergraduate course
vo:did u meet any professors in there
me:said yeah
vo:hw many admits
me:4
vo:wen did u graduate
me:2005
vo:can i see u marks sheets and asks me about my project
me:i told her abt the project and i had one backlog
vo:asked to show my admits
me:i had 4 so i showed to her (i think she was impressed)
and said u will get ur passport in two days

so prepare well and no need to panic think and answer the officer very slowly dont be in
hurry ok fell tense but not abt the visa but about ur life
i told the answers very fluently they were completely opposite frm wat i prepared back home
jst think and answer ok u urself dont expect wat u r telling so jst be formal have a formal
moc with any of ur frds ok

Hi guys/gals,
>
> My interview was on 15th june in Delhi. My

- > appointment time was between 8:30-8:45. I went there
- > by 7:00 clock, to my surprise i didn't find many
- > people there. At around 7:45 the security person
- > asked us to form a que and the process started.
- >
- > First a routine check of the appointment letter
- > followed by metal detector check. Ther they
- > seperated immigrant and non-immigrant visa people.
- > After 15 min or so the line started moving. Next
- > came the submission of 120, sevis fee, DS forms,
- > Passport and 4400 DD. Next i entered into the main
- > building where another security check (these
- > Americans are scared of every one!) with that check
- > all formalities were over. As i entered the hall a
- > beautiful punjabi lady came to me and directed me to
- > the fingure impression section. I gave my index
- > fingure impressions. Then i joined the main line. It
- > took around 45 min for all that formalities.
- >
- > Finally in the main que. There were very few
- > students in the line, mostly ppl come there for
- > immigrant visas. As i was approching ahead a person
- > on my back with his wife asked me for time, I was in
- > a dilemma whether to tell or not, as i know the fact
- > that VO keeps an eye on u. Finally i told them. In
- > delhi consulate u don't have different que for each
- > counter, it is only a single que and as the counters
- > get empty the officer waves at u.
- >
- > So after standing for abt 10-15 min in the main que
- > an officer waved at me. She was a young lady aged
- > around 25-30. The other officers there were also
- > young ladies, all of around same age. They were
- > interviewing each and every person in detail as the
- > number of ppl were less. My interview lasted for
- > around 20 min and it is how it went.....
- >
- > VO: Hi, How are you?
- > Me: Fine thank u , good morning
- > VO: Sir, can i have your passport, i20, DS forms
- > Me: Sure Mam
- > VO: Sir,So what is the purpose of your trip to

- > United States?
- > Me: To Pursue my masters in chemical engineering (
- > She frowned as she heard Chemical)
- > VO: Which university?
- > Me: University of Missouri-Rolla
- > VO: Why you came to New Delhi?
- > Me: As i was unable to get an appointment in Chennai
- > VO: Sir,Do u know Chennai is giving Visas easily to
- > students these days?
- > Me: Mam i am unaware of that
- > VO: I think it is expensive to come to New Delhi
- > Me: No Mam, it is affordable
- > VO: Did U apply to any Indian Universities?
- > Me: No mam
- > VO: Sir,Did u appear for any entrance exams in
- > India?
- > Me: No mam
- > (Actually i had appeared in GATE and qualified it
- > and have got an admission in BITS-Ranchi, but i
- > hesitated to tell that as i thought at that moment
- > the number of question will increase if i say so and
- > also the fear that she will ask me to study in that
- > univ)
- > VO: Why didn't u appear Sir?
- > Me: actually no answer but i tried to pull of some
- > answer and told that the field of specialization
- > which i have taken a lot of advance research is
- > going on in US as compared to india.
- > VO: Gave a smile
- > Me: me too
- > VO: What is the expenditure u are going to incur
- > during ur stay
- > Me: I said 13000\$ mam (It was only tution fee)
- > Vo: Looked into my i20 and said it is 40,000\$ on
- > right side which is for 2 years and 21,000\$ for a
- > year
- > Me: yes mam
- > VO: Sir, who is going to sponser u for ur education?
- > Me: My Parents mam
- > Vo: what do they do?
- > Me: Told her abt my father and mother
- > Vo: Sir, Can u explain me your financial Documents?

- > Me: I took out the CA statement and was abt to
- > submit
- > VO : Said no no i don want to look at them just
- > explain me verbally.
- > Me: I explained her my fixed deposits, Parents
- > annual income and immovable assets.
- > Vo: Ok Ok and was typing something in her computer
- > Me: took a breath
- > Vo: Did u take any standardized tests?
- > Me: yes mam
- > VO: can i have a look at them along with ur
- > undergraduate marks sheets
- > Me: Gave her GRE, TOEFL and my engineering marks
- > sheets
- > VO: She took my GRE score card and watched it as we
- > do for a 500 Rupee not in Inida to check whether it
- > is fake or true, then she took my course completion
- > certificate and showed it to the fellow officer, she
- > than saw my consolidated memo and looked at it in
- > utter disbelief.
- >
- > (Friends i managed to get 97.2% in my final sem and
- > she was not ready to accept it, Which i cud clearly
- > make out)
- >
- > VO: Sir, can u give me a moment
- > Me: Sure mam
- > VO: She took my marks memos some where inside i
- > don't no where but came out after around 10-12 min.
- > Me: waiting there don't know what is happening. Only
- > thing which was infront of me was a rejection stamp.
- > I wanted to steal it of, so that she doesn't get an
- > opportunity to put it on my passport (hahaha)
- > VO: She came out finally and asked me, Sir, Did u
- > approach any Visa Vendor?
- > Me: Did not understand what she meant but got what
- > she wanted to ask said No Mam
- > Vo: Are You Confident sir?
- > Me: Yes mam
- > VO: Took out some yellow form and said sir, we need
- > some more time for processing once it is done the
- > office will u contact you. Untill then u have to

> wait. And gave me back my passport and i20.
> Me: I was in a shock. did not understand what was
> happening. why she gave me my passport back. whether
> i am rejected? I came out of the consulate in a
> utter disbelief of what happened inside.
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>
> Finally, i came back to hyderabad. As soon as i came
> to hyderabad, my father told me that he recieved a
> call from JNTU. He told me that those ppl asked him
> whether i am his son and whether the phone no. is
> alright. So, my father asked them why? they said
> American embassy ppl have called them for
> verification. Then the next day i called the
> university ppl and asked them did they call the univ
> to enquire abt me. they said yes and they have faxed
> the memos and wanted to verify and i asked them what
> else they asked they said it is confidential and
> cannot be revieled.
>
> So friends, my visa still pending and i am waiting
> for a call from delhi consulate..
>
> Bye,
>
> Rakesh
>
>
>
>Hi frndz!

I'm extremely happy to put to ur notice tht even I'm also one of u who got the green signal for landing in US.

June 17, Friday

This was my big day... I prayed to god with all the prayers I know & before leaving to the consulate, I called my mom & sis on phone.

Then dad dropped me near the consulate at about 9.30am & to my horror found a KiloMetre long line! I joined the line & found a couple of frndz of my class & my 10th class girl frnd was also there! as I started a conversation in telugu the whole of the line started involving! As the whole of the line comprised basically of only Andhraites!

I was baking in the hot sun for about half an hour & was finally into the consulate after all the security check ups!

Well I will skip the narration of all the formalities in the consulate... (as most of know about this)

My token number was 286. (I will tell you its specialty soon)

I was seated inside the main lobby where our protagonist (Visa Officer) stays (about 11.10am i.e. already my slot has started) ... I was watching all the counters. There was a sadistic fellow in the counter-3 near me, he rejected 8 out of 10 ppl! (without any strong reason) & I was praying to god I shouldn't be interviewed by this fellow.

As my token was called, unfortunately I was asked to stand before this counter!

& I don't know suddenly what happened our VO closed his counter (guess he went for his lunch).

At about 1:15pm I was asked to stand before counter-8. This VO is a young chap... a cool one indeed & he was a funny guy too. He was carrying his pen on his ears (like typical carpenters do...). I thought I have already struck gold seeing this fellow!

Out of the two before me, one was rejected (boy) & another (girl) given acceptance... they were having a bit lower academics than what I heard from their conversation... I didn't pay much attention to them as I was busy counting the number of electric bulbs in the room to avoid my tension.

Well I will get back to my interview, now the VO signaled me to come!

The funny interview went on like this: (At about 1.30pm)

Legend

VO: Visa-officer

Me: Vamsee

Me: very good afternoon officer ... how are you doing?

VO: (he just nodded his head, I didn't get what he meant by that!)

VO: he asked me to give all my Certificates, GRE, TOEFL to him immediately.
(he was glancing through those papers suddenly he stopped & turned to me)

VO: are you having second or first in your undergraduate.

ME: pardon me sir...

(he then repeated the same words again..)

I thought he was asking my class rank...

ME: I am fourth in my class.

(he was completely puzzled...)

VO: what do u hav in ur undergrad.. whether first or second class????

ME: ohhh sorry sir, mine is Distinction with first class & I never had any backlogs!

(guess he was bit pleased.. then he startd goin thru my GRE & TOEFL cards)

I immediately interrupted him:

ME: sir, do know the specialty of my token number: 286 (my token number)

(opps!, I started biting my tounge... as I really don't know wht made me ask him this question...)

VO: sorry I donno...

(now I was shivering a bit)

ME: "Sir this 286 is the second biggest number less than 300 which is divisible by 11"

(even a seventh class kid in India knows this... If u know the divisibility criteria for 11 and I found this whn I was waiting for my interview in the lobby)

VO: (he started givin all sorts of facial expressions and started blushing)

VO: itz really great man! I didn't know

(guess our idiot didn't really follow wht I told him.. but by the way I told him he felt I have discovered a grt thing that even a grt mathematician like Ramanujam didn't know!)

(By this time I know, he was in my basket...)

VO: why UNCC?

ME: The course being offered best suits my profile and mainly matches with the groundwork that I did in my under graduation.

VO: which major are you taking?

ME: Wireless Communication & WLANs.

VO: whtz WLANs?

ME: Wireless Local Area Network....

VO: so whtz this?

ME: blah ... blah

Q: Why wireless communication?

Me: In my under-graduation I have presented 5 technical papers in this field. I have even

undertaken a study project for 2months in BSNL on CDMA & GSM technologies. I have even taken two elective subjects in this regard during my under graduation... namely CMC & Data Networks.

VO: wht was your Academic project about?

(actually I did my project in a Defence Organization on security coding in RADARs, many have advised me not reveal this fact as it could lead me to 221g clause & result in the denial of my VISA.)

So... I cooked up another story which I prepared earlier...

ME: sir I workd on pseudo numbers generation which would reduce the burden on the receiver of the cell-phone & increase the load on the BTS. Blah blah...

(I know he was hardly following anything... but poor fellow was nodding for all the nonsense I was telling him)

By this time he was ready to give me VISA but for formality sake he lastly asked

VO: how are you goin to fund ur education as I see tht u don't hav funding from the university & the univ fee is too high isn't it?

ME: sir, as both my parents work (actually my mom is house-wife) & my father is General Manager in BSNL (this fact is true) & hav more than sufficient funds for my education...

VO: ohh! Ur dad shud be earning lotz of money???

ME: we hav more than wht is needed for my edu... (modestly)

VO: "Young man, I really don't hav any problem in granting you VISA, have a great time in US."

ME: tanq u sir! ... hav a great weekend!

Thtz it, I came out running & I bursted out before my dad with this news who was waiting outside eagerly... then I calld my mom & thn frndzzz....

Some suggestions from my side:

Keep smiling & with some presence of mind you can do wonders I guess!
& don't loose the confidence level in you.... Keep saying you are the best.

I'm really thankful to god, parents & lastly but not the least to yahoo groups... without which I might hav never be in a position to

face my VISA successfully!

I really thank one & all ... who gave their invaluable inputs to me...

I would be glad to help any of you regarding these visa process ... i will try my best to solve them out.

take care.. ciao
Vamsee Krishna

Hello Friends,

This email is about what I have noticed from many interviews posted in groups and felt when I was in consulate.

Some myths about visa interviews and also couple of suggestions:

1. There is nothing like more numbers being issued at some counters and less at other counters. Because, there is no fixed counter for a fixed VO. In the same counter where I was interviewed, there was a lady when I entered the room and then by the time I reached the counter, there was an old guy. So making such conclusions is baseless. Don't panic if u have heard rumors about some XYZ counter and you happen to fall in same counter.
2. There is nothing tough or wrong with ladies in the consulate. Thers a rumor going that its tough to get visa if u go to the ladies counter. This is absolutely wrong. I was in the Q for more than 1 hour and found ladies were very friendly and issuing visas to genuine candidates. Even the Negro lady was very cool and issuing visas easily.
3. And don't rehearse the answers before. Just prepare yourself. Don't mug up the answers and go to the interview. Read all the financial documents once and go.
4. Immediately after you stand in the line, (If you have 5-6 students before you) just try to listen to the interview of first two students. You will know what kind of information he is extracting from students. Don't worry if two or three get rejected before you. Just be confident.
5. There has been a talk that once you stand in Q, you will be observed and stuff. This is absolutely wrong. Every one is busy with their work. Just stay composed and normal. There is no one spying on you.
6. There is also a rumor going on that once you are asked for financial documents, then that means the VO is looking for some reason to reject you. This is also absolutely incorrect. Even if he asks for ALL the financial documents, that is not the sign of rejection. They

just want to look at the documents.

7. And also people think that its easy to get visa if you are going for a good university and its tough if you are going to a bad university. This is also wrong. Both have equal chances. It all depends on how you perform at the interview.

8. To my surprise, I saw a guy with funding getting rejected. So, getting funded is not all. Of course, funding makes the path for visa easy, but pls remember that even if you are funded, u have to perform well in the interview.

9. About the information of admits and rejects, VO WILL NOT have any information about number of admits or rejects one has.

Friends, this is what I felt from my experience. If I am wrong at any point, please correct me.

>

Hello Friends,

Well, I am back in Hyd now after a lot of partying in Chennai...Now I feel that getting Visa is the most simplest thing on earth...

My interview lasted for around 1-1.5Minutes..... without ANY of those standard questions like "y USA?" or "y this university?" and nothing about finances either.

Here is my Visa experience:

I entered the consulate at 11:00AM and after all the processes, I was made to stand in the line (Counter 13) at 3:26PM.... It was a old, a bit fat guy with specs... Along with me, there were two other civil engineers in the Q... The first one was a CSE candidate, got rejected coz he was not able to speak confidently.... rest all got visas except one lady who was given 221G...

Well, then it was my turn...

Uday: Good Afternoon sir.

VO: Good Afternoon. Put your left index finger.

Uday: Is it ok sir?

VO: !@\$#%\$%^&

Uday: Sorry?

VO: Your right index finger now please.

Uday: Sure Sir.

VO: So, Which university are you going?

Uday: North Carolina State University at Raleigh.

VO: Oh!! North Carolina?!?!?!?!(I had my heart in my mouth when he said this. I couldn't make out whether he was happy with univ or what?) For which course?

Uday: Sir, for Masters in Civil Engineering with Transportation Engg. as my specialization.

VO: Was your final year project related to same specialization? (I was a bit surprised by this question!!!)

Uday: Yes sir, I have done my final year project in the same field. It was a project undertaken by National Highway Authority of India.

VO: Tell me abt your project.

Uday: blah blah blah blah blah!!!!

VO: So, what was the result of your project?

Uday: blah blah blah blah blah!!!!

VO: You will get your visa in 2 days.

Uday: (with a biiiiiiiiig smile) Thank you sir.

That's all friends. This was my interview.....

The same tips again: Be confident and Keep a smiling face.

More tips: 1. Answer to the point.

2. Dont show any document unless asked for. If you want to show any document, ask them and then present the document.

3. Read the CA and CE statement once before you go to the interview. Its better of you know the annual income of your sponsors in total and individual annual income of each of your the sponsor and also other details.

4. Please hear to the VO properly. Concentrate on what he/she is asking.(One girl was rejected coz she was busy doing some other thing and answered wrongly to the question asked.)

5. Dont be in a hurry to remove a document from the folder. Take your normal time and then take it out and give it to the VO.

Some rejections I have seen:

1. There was a girl who was going for her MS in Computer Science. She got i20 from only 1 university. VO asked the girl to give her memos, course completion certificate, GRE and TOEFL scores. While she was busy removing the docs, the VO asked her about the other admits and rejects. Dont know what the poor girl heard, she answered like this : "Mam, I wrote GRE once in November and then immediately again in November." VO was very confused and then there was a mix up for some time and at last, she answered correctly. She heard it wrong..... So the tip 4 was derived from this experience.

2. A guy from CS. going to some university, has 1-year experience. He was very well talking abt his projects and stuff.... But he was not able to tell the output of that particular product/software he was making. The VO asked him many questions about the application of that product, which the candidate was unable to answer. So he got rejected. Even in my case, he was interested to know the result of the project, which I have done. I also told him the practical applications. He looked satisfied.

3. A guy..... Everything went very well till the end. He answered all questions well.... Finally, VO asked him about the finances as his course seemed to be a costly one. He replied saying that his parents were sponsors and they would fund his studies. But when the VO asked what the annual income of his sponsors was, He made a blunder by saying "My dad's annual income is around 4lakh rupees per annum. Then she asked his bank statement. He gave it along with transaction statement. Then he started to explain the transaction statement (He only knows y he did so). Then she rejected saying that he has no sufficient funds for his studies. Then he started saying about the annual income of his mother and agricultural income and stuff... By that time, his visa was stamped for rejection. So guys, please read the CA

statement once before you go to interview and answer to the question first and then if u have chance elaborate it.

I guess, I haven't bored you with this long email.

Regards,
Uday Krishna Maripalli

Hi friends,

I'm Sravan Kumar Chegori from Hyd. I got my visa to Northern illinois University(NIU), Computer Science on june 17th @ chennai.

Before that , have a look at my profile...

GRE : 1260
TOEFL : 237
BTech : 74% (No backlogs)

Applied to :

- 1) Arizona State University (ASU)
- 2) University of New Mexico (UNM)
- 3) Northern Illinois University (NIU)
- 4) Univ of North Carolina, Charlotte (UNCC)

Admitted:

- 1)NIU
- 2)UNCC

remaining 2 are rejects!!!

My interview went very cool. Only 4 counters were opened when I got in. What I found in the m

counsellor. Just took some tips from USEFI. There is no need to get any

CA

statement/evalu

Hi All,

I got the visa on 20th June. It was a really a cool interview lasted only for 2-3 mins and he uttered the golden words 'your passport will be couriered to you in 2 days' and that was the happiest moment...

These yahoo groups had been a great help to me to get to know about all the visa procedure and all. So these do share a major share in making this endeavor successful. So thanks a ton guys and gals who posted lots of information on these groups. Many ppl have posted their experiences and most of the visa procedure is available in them still I would repeat all the procedure to make it a complete case study for future aspirants as contribution to the pool of data which ppl would be searching some time later.

Step 1: Got the appointment

Got the appointment for 20th june from VFS (Visa Application Center) at Shohrab Hall on 13th June. Had to wait a lot in the queue in spite reaching as early as quarter to 8 AM. There I had submitted

1. Photocopy of signed I-20
2. SEVIS fee receipt (not sure if its required at the time of getting appointment but one must have this at least 3 business days prior to interview)
3. Photocopy of first and last page of passport (he returned me the photocopy of observations/remarks page of passport as it was empty in my case)
4. DD in favor of "American Consulate General, Mumbai" payable at Mumbai drawn on State Bank of India (India's most trusted bank, played safe even in this thing!)
5. Rs. 441 in cash

6. DS 156, DS 157 and DS 158 (filled in PDF and printed)

And he returned me the stamped photocopy of first page of passport which is required to be shown while receiving the passport after getting VISA along with appointment letter cum fee receipt. Whole process took more than 2 and half hours. All those who haven't done this yet go early to save time by 8 A.M. it's a long queue.

Step 2: Actual Interview

I reached Mumbai one day prior to interview to avoid last minute rush and got acquainted with the area nearby US consulate. I had opted for lounge facility. It's more convenient if somebody is accompanying as he can wait there when it's raining outside. They don't allow ppl to even stand nearby US consulate. And it rains when you least expect it to.

Reached at around 7:00 AM to lounge which is exactly in front of the Mahalakshmi Temple, (aaplya mahalakshmi mandirala mi pan ata Mahalakshmi Temple mhanayala lagaloy Smile)). And started the last battle it started to rain just after I reached there. Thank god I had got umbrella. Actually had bought new just for this a day before!

Finally got in the lounge at around 8:00 AM. There I was having sandwiches in the inner side of the lounge and during that first batch of 30 ppl was sent in bus to the consulate. I came to know about this only after that bus had left. I cursed myself little bit for sitting inside and not paying attention on the entrance door. But later came to know that there many more ppl who had appointment at 8:15 and missed the first round of the bus. But then I didn't know that some guy comes at door and in a low voice announces about moving to the bus. So guys stay near the door and remain alert some guy (looking at whom you won't be able differentiate that he is some staff member of VFS and not VISA applicant) would call out something like ppl from X:XX AM pls come out and won't allow ppl once the bus is full.

The bus reached consulate at around 8:45 A.M. half hour late after my appointment time. All ppl who got down from bus were asked to enter a 'separate' queue which was already very small as compared to other queues and all ppl who came out of bus were allowed to enter consulate immediately by breaking even that tiny queue. If this why, because people say lounge ppl have to wait less in the queue then yes, I had to wait less in the queue, only thing is I entered the queue late Smile (partially because of me, but that bite of sandwich was important for me, I wouldn't have been able to look fresh with an empty stomach for 2 hours Smile).

After entering the gate there is again a tiny queue for security check where we have to an unwelcome exercise of removing belt before passing through metal detector. Security guys were only documents file and were checking that also properly. There I was given a wooden token and I am still wondering what the purpose of that was! After clearing security check that security guy politely (?) asked me to get in first and wear the belt and be comfortable.

Then again there was asked to form a queue to get the pink token immediately at right hand side of entrance of waiting hall. There I was given the pink token (on which token number was not clearly printed and this the number by which they were going to call me for interview so got it clearly written from her again), all the documents that I had submitted while getting appointment along with yellow envelope (in which passport is sent to us after visa stamping). In that time I just confirmed the address on that yellow envelope (I wanted everything just perfect Smile)). Submitted all these docs gave the finger prints of left and right index fingers on counter number 1.

After that sat with the token on the chair in the first row. I always sit in the first row, even in class Smile lol not for that but again to make sure I hear the announcement of token number clearly. (but it was not really useful coz announcement is on mic and speakers are located such that voice reaches equally in the whole hall, now this is again one of things which I didn't know earlier) But still main thing i.e. the announcements are not at all clear as it is mentioned by many ppl in their experiences. I had to concentrate all my senses to hear the token numbers that were being called.

Now I started getting nervous but solution get rid of nervousness was found on these groups

only started talking to the guy sitting next to me. We discussed lots of things but things related to VISA. Cracked jokes in general which eased out the nervousness. Finally number was called on window number 5. Four people ahead 3 ppl behind, stood in the queue, ppl standing nearby me were not opening up and talking at all so again nervousness started creeping in... added to that at that point I had forgot that I-20 is returned in any case. 2 people ahead of me came back with I-20 and I thought they were got rejected so nervousness reached the peek. Then stopped looking at what's happening ahead, stopped looking at ppl returning and just started taking deep breaths to ease out. Finally my turn came and picked the received

VO: How are you?

Me: I am fine, how are you?

VO: fine

VO: Why USC?

Me: I am interested in doing research in wireless technologies and USC is the best university doing research in wireless networks. I has the leading professors in this field

(he cut my answer and asked)

VO: like?

Me: Dr. Ramesh Govindan, Prof. Christos Papadopoulos, and USC offers very good courses.

VO: What is your qualification i.e. degree

Me: B.E. Computer Engineering

VO: When did you passout?

Me: 2003

VO: Which college?

Me: MIT Pune i.e. Maharashtra Institute of Technology

VO: What are you doing right now?

Me: Working with Persistent Systems

VO: (next question came very quickly he winked and asked) who is your manager? (may be he was trying to figure out if I was bluffing)

Me: Dr. Shubhangi Kelkar

VO: what do you do there?

Me: my role is test automation engineer

VO: what do you do there on day to day basis

Me: Develop framework and also write code that tests whether MAG i.e. Mobile Access Gateway is working fine or not. We use mobile simulators for this. Mobile Access Gateway is basically a gateway that connects wireless networks to wired networks in simple words allows access to internet on mobile phones. (I had not expected this question so answer was as unorganized as I have written here, those who are yet to be done with interview prepare for this question)

VO: Since how long u r working there?

Me: 2 years

VO: How much you earn?

Me: x.yz lakhs per annum

VO: what are your plans after graduation?

Me: (very well rehearsed one liner answer) I will come back to India and work with some telecom company.

VO: Who is sponsoring you?

Me: My parents

VO: what is your fathers annual income?

Me: Total annual income of my family is

VO: (interrupts me and asks) fathers income

Me: ok total is more than x lakhs and fathers is y lakhs (stubbornly pushed the total amount first as it was bigger and usually first amount is noticed first)

VO: What does your father do?

Me: He general manager in x company and

VO: (cuts in my answer) what is that company

Me: (again pushing my answer first) and director in other two companies

VO: (again cuts me) no what is that first company

Me: That is forgings company (he didn't understand that so changed term) it's an engineering company

VO: Have your ever been to US?

Me: no

VO: anybody in your family?

Me: no

Then comes the line which I was waiting for looong

VO: ok, your passport will be couriered to you in two days....

Hi everybody,

Now its my turn. I got my visa on june 17th in chennai consulate. My slot was 2:15pm to 2:30pm. I stood in the line outside the consulate at 12:45pm and entered the consulate at 1:45 and entered the visa lobby at 2:30pm. At last my interview took place at 4:50pm. The VO was a 30-35 year old man. It was a cake walk. just 6 questions n less than one minute interview.

VO: Which Univs did u apply?

ME: 8 n listed the univ names (To my surprise, the VO just threw the passport backside when i was only telling the 5th univ's name)

VO: How many admits?

ME: 4

VO:What's ur father?

ME: XXXX

VO: What's your brother?

ME: he is studying in UK

VO: so why didn't you opt for UK?

ME: sir my interest is to specialize in blah blah blah

VO: you will get your visa in 3 days by courier

ME: Thank you sir, have a nice weekend

The crowd was hectic...I came out of the consulate at 5pm and there were still 150 people waiting in the visa lobby to be interviewed after 5pm.

I was waiting in the visa lobby for 2hrs and I observed that they were giving visa to people who answered questions properly n one bad thing that I observed was 1/2 the people whom I observed answered that "I will return to India" for the question "what are your plans after graduating?" and the worst part was only 20% out of that continued the answer by telling some nonsense reason for why they will come back to India the other 80% just stopped with it and waited for the VO's next question. I saw the young beautiful curly head VO laughing at those who gave such absurd answers and rejected them also.

Also c to that u take DDs for the correct amount, according to the new rates, TTS fees is Rs.441 and Visa fee Rs.4400, the guy before me came with a Rs.4600 DD and they asked him to take a DD for Rs.4400 before 4:15PM and the time was 2PM.

And I saw one more pathetic scene, one guy answered all his questions properly, to my knowledge the VO was also happy with his answers and when the VO asked for his semester wise individual mark sheets, he gave the consolidated mark sheet and degree certificate, but the VO asked for the individual mark sheets and the guy said I thought the consolidated mark sheets will do. VO said "I am sorry sir I cannot issue you a visa. we have clearly mentioned it in the list of documents and please try again with the individual marksheets."

One more gal's visa was rejected b'coz her brother is in US under F1 for the past 4 years and haven't yet completed his degree, so the VO said "sorry mam I am not satisfied with your brother's activity and he hasn't shown any progress towards his degree".

So prepare nice convincing answers to all possible questions and c to that u carry all required documents.

I think I have covered whatever I observed in the consulate.

Thanks to all who shared their visa experience and all the best to people who are preparing for their visa.

Regards,
Priya

Hi ppl,

My name is Ajmal. I got my VISA todZay on 14th June, from Delhi Consulate today. I would be going to GWU, Washington DC. I had read a lot of visa experiences online but my experience was totally different, as other ppl have posted. Maybe that is because all the experiences that were posted came from either Mumbai or Chennai. This is what my visa experience was like.

I had an appointment slot of 9 am. Reached there at around 8.25 am. The non-immigrant visa queue as usual was long and it took me abt 1hr to get to the counter where u submit ur 4400 DD. There were 6 counters and the ppl there were Indians. There was a lady and she took my passport, DS forms and i-20, stapled them together and told me to wait while she process. After 10 mins she gave me the documents with the 4400 dd receipt stapled on my ds form. Inside the main building on tts counter submitted my 441 dd and he gave me a receipt and told me to stand in the queue behind the chairs. I got in the line. Inside the atmosphere was nice and not tense as other ppl have said. And there is no way VO can check or monitor ur confidence as u are standing in the queue (Unless ur standing right in front and next to be interviewed), as the counter window is quite a distance and all the vo are not visible from where u stand. I saw only 2 other ppl, one guy and a girl who were there for F1). And remember the counters are at such a distance that u got no chance to listen how a person's interview is going and what are the questions asked. I was called to a counter whose VO was not visible. I went there. The VO was a friendly looking white guy. I said good morning (maybe a lil too softly or away from the instrument). I didn't hear a reply so i just gave him a lil smile when he looked.

VO: Give me ur passport and documents. (Then he took my index print).

VO: Why u want to go for Computer and information Science.(I was caught slight of guard as i was thinking he would ask which course or which univ first.)

ME: I said got interest in computers since my father gave me a PC and I love gaming and programming so thought y not make a career in it. So that's y iam going for MS-Computer and information science.(I know not a very good answer)

Vo: Y this univ?

ME: Because this was the highest ranked among the univ i applied.

Vo: Show me ur GRE and TOEFL.

ME: Gave him the scores.(Got just 1210 in gre and 167 in toefl).

Vo: So ur father is funding your education? (Looking at my DS forms.)

ME: Yes.

VO: So is he going to take a loan or wat? (Asked maybe because GWU is a lil expensive univ with 33,866 shown as the years expenses on I-20)

ME: Sir, he has enough funds in bank to cover the entire period of study.(Was abt to take out my financial statements but he didn't ask)

VO: So do u have any brother or sister?

ME: yes sir, a younger brother.

VO: So wat does he do?

ME: He is doing BTech from IP Univ.

He took out a sticker and gave it to me. Told me to give this to tts counter and they would guide me. At the tts counter he took the sticker and gave me a courier envelope to fill my contact details. That was all. He didn't look like a psychologist who wants to hit u with his probing questions. No tricky questions were asked like wat would u do after doing ur MS etc. He didn't ask me wat ur father's annual income is. Didn't ask to show him my certificates (had some backlogs), degree or financial statements. Nothing. Now i don't think that this was because i was lucky and it was my day. I felt like they had no problems giving F1 visas as mostly the ppl there were for visiting visa or H-1 etc. Or maybe they have finally

realized that they can't do without Indians. Whatever. So guys just confident and take it easy. Just go prepared with all the documents properly arranged. How u have arranged ur documents and presentation of it is important. You should be able to provide him with documents as quickly as possible when he asks for them. Use Index film. It really helps. So guys just chill at least the one that have interview at Delhi because this is really how it goes. Hope this helps. Any questions mail me. Good luck

hai dudes

this is moham from chennai and this is my turn to give my visa experience.

first of all I thank all the members of this group and the moderator who really guided me through this entire process and to get my visa successfully.

next i say sorry for posting my experience late as i got my visa on june 10 morning 9am and posting it today.

my visa slot was jun 10 friday 8:00 to 8:15 am .
i was in the consulate at 7:30 and immediately joined the queue and i entered the consulate by 7:40

step 1: keep ur web appointment and passport ready just show them and enter
they will make all security check.

keep ur passport in your pocket as u need to take it often

step 2 : join the tts queue its on the left side
keep ur web appointment, passport, DD 441 ready.
they will get the dd and paste a label in the back of ur passport and give u a receipt for the 441

step 3 : head to the counter named cashier
keep ur 4400 DD, passport only say them student
they will issue u a token and receipt and the passport

step 4 : immediately move to one of next five counters with ur DS, token , passport I20, Sevis only, dont waste time keep these item ready once you stand in the line they behave rude when u waste time

in getting it from the file.
they will put in the marron file take it move to the right hand side path

step 5: most crucial of all
once to enter into the main building give the token to the security they will direct you to stand in the queue.

once you stand in the queue watch the vo their attitude and what they actually need from us.or what would convince him.

my experience : i was directed to a girl in mid 20 very cute, beautiful american girl. i was 3 in the row.

as i watching her. she gave the visa for the first guy.
next guy she asked lots of technical question about database management system.
what is database, dbms, undergraduate work in that field etc. he got his visa
i started recollecting all my stuff for the answer

next guy could not speak english properly i think he is tensed but she pulled words from him and she was very cool and supportive. this interview took 20 mts with a short break.

next was me:

vo(girl) : good morning
me : good morning << she said it b4 me >>

vo(girl) Surprisedk let start with the figer prints. put ur left finger first and then right
me :i kept it vertical and she laughed (smiled) at me and demonstrated me how to do
then i kept it flat as she said.

vo(girl) :why do you wannna go to usa
me :to do my masters in computer science at univ of houston clear lake

vo(girl) :why this univ .

me : < i prepared for this question and rehearsed for 1000 and 1 times so i said it>>

this is the best of my admits. the course plan really suits my profile. this univ is known for its cs dept and the research. it rank top 5 research inst in tx. i would like to work in the field of software engg. and this univ has lots of in depth research going on this field.

under prof andrew yang.

<< i said it very fast i did not even stop at any point or gave her any chance for her to stop or cut me after this answer she was not working with her pc and spoke to me seeing my face. >>

vo(girl) :whats ur second choice

me :mam i got total of 8 admits and univ of arkansas is my second choice and this univ do have in depth research in software engg.

<< i know there are many additional questions to this so said every thing >>

vo(girl) :when did u graduate

me : may 2005

vo(girl) :show me your score cards.

me :gave it << she was watching it carefully, thoroughly and slowly. >>

vo(girl) :good

me :thank you mam

<< actually i kept all my score cards in a thick file leaf which looked very nice and attracted her to think me as a good and sincere student >>

vo(girl) :u dont have to pay any fee<< i could not understand what she is saying but nodded my head then the ...>>> you will get ur visa within 2 days

me : thankyou mam and collected my score cards

vo(girl) Surprisedk mohan tell me something about your brother

me :mam he is studing in class 9

vo(girl) :do he have any plans to come to usa

me :he is a kid and it is 10 more years to go for him to decide

vo(girl) Surprisedk mohan have a nice trip all the bst

me :thank you mam

last 3 conversation is just like chatting with my class mate she looked at me while speaking.

for just inital questions she was with her computer, then we where seeing each other and speaking

i had a nice visa interviewer.i came out by 8:50 am

on that day most of them got their visa and 2 guys at mid 40 rejected every one in their queue thank god i was not in that line. on the whole it was about 75% successful visa day

as usual be confident and cool dont get tensed of waiting they test our patience, confidence and attitude. judge the visa office while u are in the queue speak according to him but dont change the answer if u have already prepared.

see u all the bst bye

hey ppl..

got my visa on june 10th for Kansas State University..my slot timings wre from 2:30 pm to 2:45 pm

I checked in at abt 1:45 pm..and was out by 3 pm

I just now received my passport with the visa stamp in it...got Visa for 5 yrs..

Here's my exp...this is surely the most simple visa interview anyone would have ever heard of..!! Lasted for about 25 secs...

The VO beckoned me to come..I crossed the yellow

line..

ME:Good Afternoon Officer.

VO:Good Afternoon

VO:Put ur left index finger on the redlight and then your right index finger.

I did so..

VO: What is your name?

ME: Sudiptha Reddy Karnati.

VO: Show me your degree certificate.

ME: Told him that I still dint get it. He asked for my memos.

When I was removing my individual semester memos..I saw him put my passport and DS Forms in a file and throw it bak..I was shocked(and ofcourse happy Smile..) to c this..coz he had already decided to issue me the visa..just after I told him my name..and before even seeing my memos..

Then he counted my memos..

The next 2 questions wre for formality sake i guess..

VO:what r ur parents?

ME: told him.

VO:Wat kind of job wud u like to do?

ME:Would like to take up a job in Networking in companies like Infosys, Wipro, Satyam etc..

VO:U'll get your passport in 2-3 days.

ME:Thank You Officer.

So, thats it folks..i'll be flying to Kansas in the last week of July..

Getting visa isn't quite a big deal these days...u just have to GO GET IT...they are waiting for students..

Gud luck to all..

Ciao!
Sudiptha

hi all of u
i want to thank all of u in the group for sharing
there experiences

visa interview ques

me : good afternoon sir how r u?
vo : fine thankyou wat about u?
me :good sir
vo :so which college r u going to?
me : texas a&m kingsville sir
vo :y r u going to this university?
me :blah

vo :wat do u know about texas wat is it famous for?
me :i dont know sir but i know it is called
lonestarstate etccccccc
vo :wats u r father?
me :blah ...
vo :wats u r brother doing?
me :blah.....

vo k get ur visa in 2 3 days
me thanxxxxxx
any dought pls do contact me

hello ppl,

i had my visa interview at 9.30 today at delhi consulate and it was a cakewalk

me: good morning mam
VO: good morning, how u doing
me : fine, thnku, how do u do
vo: fine, so which univ
me : university of florida,
vo: thats a good univ and told about some of her classmates who had
garduated from ufl (and seemed pretty happy about it)
vo: which course

me: material science

vo: why u opted for this course? anything special about it?

me: told her that course curriculum suited my needs, told her about one of research projects i was interested and about my choice for specialization : nanotechnology

vo: what are applications of this nanotechnology

me:..listed out 5 or 6

vo: who is sponoring u

me: parents

vo: how

me: told her that both my parents retired recently so have enough saving to support my education.

vo: best of luck for course at UFL

me: thanku mam

(she did not demand to see any of documents)

thanks all u guys for clearing my doubts and other help
best of luck to all

take care

neetu

Dear Friends ,

I got my Visa from NEW DELHI embassy on 21st December.

This is how the actual interview went.

Q. YOU WERE A PROGRAMMER?

A. YES SIR.

Q. GOING TO ***** UNIVERSITY?(EXCUSE ME FRNDS. I DO NOT WANT TO SPECIFY THE UNIVERSITY NAME)

A. YES SIR. I AM GOING TO ***** UNIVERSITY TO PURSUE MY MASTER'S IN COMPUTER SCIENCE SINCE I WANT TO BE A SYSTEM ARCHITECT AND TO BE A SYSTEM ARCHITECT ONE NEED TO HAVE A MASTER'S IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ONCE I GRADUATE I WILL BE HAVING GOOD OPPORTUNITIES BACK HERE IN INDIA.

I DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY SIR.

Q. HOW DID YOU COME TO KNOW ABOUT THIS UNIVERSITY?

A. THROUGH INTERNET SIR.

Q. WHY THIS UNIVRESITY?

A. SIR THERE ARE PRIMARILY COUPLE OF REASONS FOR ME OPTING TO GO TO MUM. THEY ARE:

1. THERE IS A BLOCK SYSTEM WHERE ONE IS REQUIRED TO STUDY ONE COURSE AT A TIME. THIS HELPS US TO CONCENTRATE IN A PARTICULAR SUBJECT MORE DEEPLY AND ALSO ENABLES US TO GET INTO FURTHER RESEARCH AFTER ANALYZING THE SUBJECT CLEARLY.

2. I HAVE ALMOST FULL FINANCIAL AID. 80% FINANCIAL AID FOR THE FIRST YEAR AND A FULL FINANCIAL AID FOR THE SECOND YEAR.

ME: SIR, DO YOU WANT MY FINANCIAL AID LETTER?

VO: YES GIVE IT TO ME (had a quick glance and gave it back).

Q. WHAT DO YOU HAVE YOUR BACHELOR'S IN?

A. SIR I HAVE A BACHELOR'S IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Q. ARE YOU AN MBA ?

(HE NOTICED THAT I AM A MBA AND WAS SURPRISED. BUT ONCE HE ASKED THIS QUESTION I WAS FRIGHTENED BECAUSE WHEN ALREADY ONE HAS A MASTER'S THEY WONT GIVE VISA TO PURSUE A SECOND MASTER'S BUT I DID NOT SHOW IT IN MY FACE)

A. YES SIR I AM AN MBA. MBA IS MORE INTO MANAGEMENT BUT SINCE I AM ASPIRING TO BECOME A SYSTEM ARCHITECT, MBA IS NOT GOING TO BE SUFFICIENT. ONE NEED TO HAVE A MASTER'S IN COMPUTER SCIENCE.

Now there a complete silence for 3-4 minutes. The VO did not ask any question and i also didn't speak anything. I was just watching him and praying to GOD. He was doing something in his computer.

After 3-4 minutes of silence came the Golden words :

VISA MIL GAYA (IN HINDI)

ME: Thank you sir. Thank you very much. Have a nice Christmas weekend.

No documents were asked except the Passport, Visa application forms and I-20. Financial aid letter was also not asked but instead i took the initiative and gave it to him.

Advice to my fellow students who would be attending the interview in the coming days.

1. Be CONFIDENT
2. Give answers INSTANTLY. Once the VO asks any question one should give the answers immediately and not to think for a while as to what to say. This would create suspicion
3. Maintain EYE CONTACT with the VO (VERY IMPORTANT). Even when the VO is not looking at us we should be maintaing eye contact with him
4. Keep SIMILING all through the interview which really works.

MAY GOD HELP YOU ALL TO REALIZE THE AMERICAN DREAM.
WISH YOU ALL THE VERY BEST.

Thanking you,
Sincerely,
Vijai.

Hello friends,

Whan i joined this group I constantly thinking that when will my number come to post my visa experiance,finally here the moment has come.

I got my visa for Illinois Institute of Technology,Chicago.

MY scores are gre-1060 Toefl-237

I applied in these universities

- 1.Illinois Institute of Technology,chicago
- 2.Polytechnic university,brooklyn
- 3.Fairleigh *word censored by forum* University,nj
- 4.California state university,sacramento
- 5.University of texas,arlington

I got I-20s from all the universities except uta.

My interview time was 8.15.I reached to the consulate at 7.20.At this time there was a big queue.I stood in queue.At around 8.20 I was allowed to go in.After formal security check they allow me to go into the main hall.There was a big hall with excellent sitting facilies.In that main hall a lady asked us make different queue for the immigrant and for the nonimmigrant applicants.I stood in the queue.WHen my number appeared I told to that girl that I want to change my uni(Earlier I took date for the Polytechnic uni as I-20 of IIT was not available)She asked my sevis coupon i gave her and she told me to wait for while.

I waited for around 1 hour.after that they announced my

name on the co-8 they made necessary changes in the form and gave me a pink token.I took that token and stood for the finger printing at the time of finger print they took ds forms,i-20 etc and returned me a half cutted pink token on which there was a number printed which is 643.

Now I was constantly hearing the announcements made by the vos.At ther I waite for about 30 minutes.then on the counter no 5 vo announced some 10 to 13 numbers which also included my number so I stand at there and constantly watching the behavior of the VO.I was 8 th on my line.2 people in front of me got visa then came my number (I gently open and closed the door and picked up a phone)

me:good morning sir..

VO:pass your pink token

me:ok sir

VO:(now he spoke)good morning,for which university?

me:Illinois institute of technology,chicago

VO:oh..IIT?

me:yes sir

(Then he started typing something and told me 'wait for a while'.He didnt speak anything and costantly typing at that time I was staring at him to show my confidence.I took 45 secs..very long time)

Then he asked me

VO:Why this uni?

me:sir,iit offeres unique course combination in my specialization field which is DSP and not only DSP but they are also concentrating on the various areas related to signal processing like speech precessing,image processing...

(Then he intereputed me and stared typing for 1 minute)

VO:ok..when did u pass out your undergraduate?

me:in june-2005

VO:what are u doing since then?

me:I am learing software like matlab which is useful for.....

(then he cut me)

VO:how many universities do u apply?

me:four.. should I name them all?(now I was asking the Q to him)

VO:ya

me:polytech uni,fdu,iit and california state uni

VO:eeeeee(I couldn't hear the Q)

me:what sir?

VO:which campus?

(At this time I confused about which campus he is talking about...then suddenly I realised he was asking for compus of csu)

me:sacramento,sir

VO:ok..show me your degree certificate

(Our uni has not provided the original certi but I carried a provisal certi following my friends advice)

me:that is sir

VO:this is not a degree certi where is your degree certi(asked angrily)

me:sir,our uni has nor issued original one i requested to uni and they gave me this provisanal certi(I also replied loudly and angrily)

VO:what is your grade in your bachelors?

me:(I replied very proudly) First class with distinction..sir

(Then he made a glance on the pro-certificate and saw that first with dist)(I was ready for other questions but ...)

VO:ok..your passport will be courier to you

(Quite shocking for me but no problem I made it)

ME:thank you sir..have a good day

So then I left the room and consulate very quickly.My interview lasted for around 4-5 minutes.Afterall It was a good experiance.

my profile:

gre:930(230v,700q)

toefl:257

engg:65%(12 backlogs)

hi...i was busy.so unable to share with u my visa experience.

my appointment was on dec 9th (4.45 to 5.00pm-chennai).i went to the embassy at

4.30 and i was let in .but i sticked up my passport size photo in the DS

form..and i was sent out at 4.50pm to come back with a new photo within 15

minutes.they collected my 4600DD and 441DD.so no more money left with me.it was

raining outside and i parked my car near the church and the studio is in the

opposite side of the road.so i had to run between my car and the photo studio.By

this time my dress(light grey pant and blue shirt) was completly showered by

the cars and bikes.i came back to embassy at 5.15pm with the photo.NOBODY IN

THE HISTORY OF VISA INTERVIEW WOULD HAVE COME WITH A PANT LIKE

MINE.i was also

completly wet and dirty.

(just think about the situation and my confidence level at this time)

After checking my DS forms and my passport i went to the interview counter.BELIEVE ME OR NOT,not even a single person was in the embassy and i am the last person of the day to attend the interview.except one counter all other counters were closed and one lady was waiting for me.she called up "ARE U VINOTH? IM WAITING FOR U MAN"

then started my interview

VO:which univ?

ME:OCU

VO:hw many univ did u apply?

ME:5 and said the names

VO:ur future plans?

ME:S/W developer

VO:who is going to sponsor u?

ME:DAD

VO:whats ur dad?

ME:Landlord

(she was surprised)

VO:give me ur CA reports

ME:gave

VO:give me ur passbook and statement from the bank

ME:gave

(actually i submitted 2 different bank(indian bank,canara bank) statements along with it)

VO:give me canara bank statement

ME:gave

VO:saw my DS forms and asked whats ur sister?

ME:working

VO:show me ur marksheets and ur provisional

ME:gave

she was going through it and then she pushed my papers back and asked me to take back the papers and then UR VISA IS APPROVED AND U WILL GET UR PASSPORT IN 2-3 DAYS...

ME:have a gr8 week end mam.

VO:(smiling and surprised)thanks and same to u man.

thts all.one thing is for sure,she did not give me the visa for my appearance becoz she was me typing something in the computer all the time and saw me only once in the interview.my papers were true and i was giving confident answers..i

think thts y she gave me the visa.i was out by 5.30pm..
thank godits over ..i m going to oklahoma city univ this month end.any1
going to OCU can mail me...
if u want to know any info..plz mail me.....
bye

Hey group.

Here is my turn to share my visa experience.

Mine was in Mumbai on 17th Dec-05.....appointment time:8.30am

i'd like to explain it from the very beginning.

I went to bed at 1.30am(which is the time i usually go to bed) &
didnt think at all wether i wud get d visa or not.
Got up at 6.30am & reached the consulate at about 8am.

There were many people standing in que.So i went back to the
appointment center & opted for the bus service(the consulate is just
1.5 km from d vfs center) & for which i was charged Rs150.[But trust
me guys,take dis service coz u will have a television der, which
will divert yur mind,and most importantly U will be taken to d
center at d right time & get direct entry in the consulate office]

then i went through the scurity check.after dat was asked to stand
in a que & collect d DS forms & was given a token.den i stood at
counter No1 wer d finger prints were taken & i had to submit the
forms along with I20 & sevis fee receipt.

Den i went 2 d wash room 2 get fresh.after dat i waited for some
time & my token NO was called at counter no:5.By d time i cud reach
der,der were already 18- 20 pple standing in Que.So i didnt care &
sat down for some time & joined d line only wen 3 candidates wer left
[good,i was relaxd by dat time].

[I m d last candidate] d V.O calls me in.

Me:Good morning Sir

V.O:Morning

V.O:Y dis particular university?????????

Me:Course is offered in very few Universities

V.O:what is yur Father?

Me:He iswhich is a government undertaking(dis played an important role in my interview)

V.O:How many brothers & sisters u have

Me:None,I m d inly child of my parents.

V.O:u'll get d VISA through courier in 2 days.

Me:Thank u sir & merry christmas.

[At dis moment I was so happy dat I didn't even realise dat I hav to collect my I20 form,n e ways I got it wid my passport]

Can u believe it not even a single document asked for,neither financial nor academic or gre or toefl.I didn't even have to touch my harmonium folder.

IMPORTANT TIPS:

- 1)Stay cool & b confident.
- 2)Do not speak to n e body before d interview.
- 3)Opt for d bus service
- 4)If u r not fortunate enough dat day,den pls do not argue wid d V.O.
(I saw 1 girl being thrown out coz her visa was rejected & den she started arguing & d security was called in).

**BEST LUCK TO EVERYBODY.
GO GET IT**

hi friends,
first of all thanks to all of u for ur valuable suggestions and good wishes ,
i got my visa at delhiembassy on Dec-22(thrusday).Actually my appointment was at 11.15am but i have to wait till 3.00pm since there r only 2 counters 1 is looking at L1,H1B,F-1 and other is for H1b and F-1.As all said Vo's are so causal.that's true.i personally feel that its not an interview but an interaction with them.

my profile:

resident: hyderabad
services: VFS (latest one)
Embassy: Delhi
Gre:950
Toefl:230(second time)

%age:64.6 (2 backlogs in 2nd year 1 semester)
UG college:CBIT(2004) affiliated to OU.
university:EASTERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY,YPSILANTI,MICHIGAN(ST)
Major:CAE(mechanical Engineering)

my interview goes like this:

VO:Hello.

me:hello sir.

VO:so u r going for Drafting?(CAD/CADD code is for
CAE(computer Adided Engineering)

Me:yes sir..but it is not only drafting but consists
of CFD concepts.

VO:Why this university.U have enough courses on this
program in India?

Me:This is one the best uni. in this particular course
and most of the IIT's has no CAE with CFD
concepts.This university can fulfill my requiriment.

Vo:u r from south,then why did u came to delhi?

Me:Actually my date was on Nov 28 at chennai but i
didnot received my toefl score card till that date so
i came here.

(VO was convinced with my statement.Friends Don't go
to Delhi unless u have some geninue reason(like mine
or delayed I-20))

Vo:Can i have ur gre and toefl score cards?

Me: sure sir and gave them.

Vo saw them lessthan a second and gave it to me?

Vo:can i have ur marksheets?

Me: yes sir and gave them

Vo:counting my marksheets and asked any backlogs?

Me: yes sir...2....in 2nd semester.

Vo: which division did u got, first division or
second?

Vo:first division with 64.6 %age and 3.5 GPA on a
scale of 4 sir.

Vo:what's ur father?

Me he is sub inspector of police in state government.

Vo:what's his annual income?

Me:3.5 lakhs (ofcourse not this much)

Vo:how u r going to pay the fee?

Me:No problem sir,we have enough funds in my bank and there will be no problem.

Vo:how much?

Me:21 lacs

Vo:(shocked)again he asked how much?

Me:21 lacs.

me:shall i show my CA statement sir.

Vo:said no.

he went out for some seconds and came back....

Me: sir shall i speak out something

Vo:sure

me:actually iam 2004 passout,i have 1 yr of experience in modelling and design....i have to enhance my growth by knowing simulation and manufacturing process,and this uni. can fulfill my requirment.

Vo:ok.

me:shall i show my experience certificate sir?

vo:no

silent for some seconds as he is typing something in his computer and said.....

"IAM GIVING U THE VISA "

me:thankyou sir....

vo: ok

me: can i speak something sir?

Vo:sure

Me: happy merry christmas sir

vo:thanks and same to u

me:ok sir.

vo:But come back to india.

Me definitely sir and rushed out of the embassy with in seconds...

so friends don't worry about the process at the time of interview,they will guide u...but mainly concentrate on the interview questions.It doesn't matter whether u r going to a Lady or sir and to a

particular counter..but only depends on scores,UG %age,no. of backlogs and reason to come to delhi if u r from other region.

Bye friends and all the best to all of youOnce again thankQQQQQQQQ.

bye

if u have any quereies regarding VFS services or heading to delhi

embassy ...mail me at chinna_217@.... I will definitely help you..bye friends.....

Hi ALL,

My visa experiance on DEC 6th at 10.00AM

Me:Good Morning!

Vo:Good morning!How r u?

Me:fine thank u mam!

VO:Why US?

Me:To do my masters in computer science at FDU

VO:Why not in India?

Me:Bcoz indian s/w companies r giving highest priority for MS than M.tech.

VO:Have u applied 4 indian univs?

Me:No mam.

Vo:Are u first class or second class?

Me:First class with distinction 76.99%

Vo:Show me ur acads and gre score?

Me:yes mam!

Vo:How many backlogs?

me:No backlogs.

Vo:Gre score is less[it was 830]

me:It is not the less score mam,it is competitive score thats why i got my

i-20

[seemd to be convinced]

VO:What u have been doing for 6 months after ur graduation?

me:working as in company

Vo:sorry, i cannot give u the visa

me:may i know the reason mam

VO:low gre score.

me:thank u!

Frnds ! i do not think that she rejected me based on that GRE score.....If u find any reason for that plz help me out!

hi everyone,

finally my turn 2 post my experience Smile,well i was granted visa from delhi consulate on the 28th nov,

the interview was a very simple one,

my details

gre 1150 ,awa 3.5

toefl 270

acads 65.88 % ,2005 passout

program :ms in cs ,iit chicago (no aid)

vo:sir may i have u'r passport and i-20 ds forms etc..

me:yes maam

me: good morning maam (most impt thing)

vo:a very gud morning 2 u sir

vo:so u are going for u'r masters

me:yes maam

vo:sir why this particular university

me:maam my best admitt, research facility is gud in my field of interest etc...

vo : sir may i know other universities u applied 2

me:yes maam ,i applied in psu,uta,utd,kent s u and iit,chicago

vo :can i see u'r score card

me:sure maam (put the better score above i put up my toefl score above my gre)

vo:who is sponsoring u for u'r studies

me:maam my parents are sponsoring me

vo:sir what does u'r fathr do

me:maam he is xxx in xxx

vo:sir does u'r mother also have an income

me:no maam

vo:sir what's u father annual income

me maam x.xx lacs per year and we have agriculutral income too,if u wish i can show u my ca stmt.

vo:no need of that sir

me:ok maam

vo:what are u'r plans after ms

me:maam i would be intersted in joing some indian based multinational company like etc....

vo:ok sir

vo:sir u'r visa has been approved ,hv a nice trip ,u will get u'r passport through vfs courier service

me :thank u maam

see guys very simple interview so those of u have u'r visa date soon don't panic keep u'r cool just prepare all the questions perfectly and be confident that u are just going for gettng u'r passport stamped nothing else,

thanx 2 everyone from this group it has been very helpful experience,

any one going 2 chicago from delhi kindly contact me,

regards

puneet

hi guys finally itz my chance 2 post one...

HI friends!!!

First of all, I wish to thank all those people who have shared their experiences and have provided valuable piece of advice when it was required the most... Guys, I had my visa interview today and I have got my visa!!! I applied from Mumbai consulate and I had to encounter the visa rejection queen of counter no.6... She is a phillipino!!

The interview took place in the following way...

VO: hello, how do u do???

I: Very fine madam, thankyou, how are you???

VO: Fine, thanks. U seem to have travelled quite a bit

I: yes.

VO: When did u visit Europe?

I: blah blah

VO: Where did u stay when u were in UK?

I: cousins place.

VO: in France???

I: my friend's place.

VO: whats the name of your friend??

I: Blah blah...

VO: When did u finish your graduation?

I: 2003

VO: what were u doing since then?

I: I was working in XYZ as a data analyst

VO: Who is sponsoring your education?

I: My parents

VO: Wat are you planning to study at MSU???

I: I plan to pursue my Master's course in Statistics

VO: OK, I m gonna issue you a visa and u shall get it in 2 working days!!!

Thats it guys!!! Not a single paper was removed from the folder, all my documents remained in my folder the way they were brought!! I have

been reading everybody's experiences and what I really appreciated the most from all of that was the only key to success is The confidence!!
Be confident and the visa is all urz....

Take care guys and thanx once again for all the help that I have received from the group!!

Amol K.

first of all i thank the moderator and all the members of this group for all the help ..
actually my visa date was on 27th october due 2 heavy rains in chennai my appoitment was rescheduled 2 nov 19th here is how it went..

vo:(he wished me something couldnt understand)

me: fine thank you

(vo laughed i guess thats not the question he asked)

vo:give me the file

me: i did not understand y hez asking my file then i realized hes asking the file they have given me which contains the ds forms and i20...i handed it over to him

vo:did u complete u r bachelors

me: yes

vo: can i see the certificates

me: i handed it over to him and i told that i have a distinction then the officer congratulated me for which i thanked him then the vo left somewhere with my provisional probably 2 check whether its orginal or not then came back in half a minute

vo: what will u do after ms

me: i answered "ill join companies like..." he asked me to stop i was agian about to continue but he again asked me 2 stop..

he was not talking anything then i told him i have a aid from the university and was about to show him the letter he replied "its ok no need"

then he put all the passport and visa forms into the file and lifted it i thought thatz it itz over i got rejected and he is handing over me my passport then he took out the i20 from it gave it back 2 me and told the golden words

"u need not pay any fees u can go home now"

thatz it..

he was damn cool quite young and was laughing ...i prepared 4 all

questions like y us y this university but nothin..he even din ask me my financial documents..but i was very tensed he made me feel comfortable..

i am sending the same mail to all the groups that helped me so if u get multiple mails forgive them.Anyone going to university of missouri kansas city get in touch

tc

wishin u all success

cheers

naresh

i went to visa interview to delhi on 20th oct for univ of illinois:

my interview:

ME:hello sir

VO:hello

me:small cute smile

VO: give me ur passport,i-20,adm letter,ds-156,157,158forms,sevis.

me:yes sir,

VO:why usa?

ME:to pursue my master's in computer science

VO:which univ?

ME:univ of ill, springfield

VO:did u pay ur sevis

ME:yes

VO:show me the receipt

ME:sir, i have the online print out, still i didnt receive the receipt

VO:ok, whats ur toefl score?

ME:260

VO:whats ur gre score?

ME:950

VO:it seems u got a pretty low score in ur gre?

ME:yes sir, the verbal section was too tough and it had its impact on me

VO:whats ur maths score?

ME:690

VO:is it out of 700?

ME:yes sir, no sir, its out of 800

VO:from which college did u do ur bachelors degree?

ME:pardon sir, i didnt get u

VO:ur going for master degree now, is it right.

ME:yes sir

VO:so where did u do ur bachelors degree then?

ME:sri venkateswara engg college affiliated to jawaharlal nehru technology university

VO:who is going to pay for ur expenses?

ME:my father

VO:what ur father do?

ME:he's the director for vlgupta&sons.

VO:whats ur father's annual income?

ME:above 4 lakh's

VO:how many colleges did u apply?

ME:5 sir

VO:name them.

ME:uis,emu,fdu,sdsu,uta <all in full names>

VO:why did u choose this univ?

ME:its one of my best admits

VO:do u have any family members in usa?

ME:no one sir.

VO:do u have brothers\sisters?

ME:yes sir, one sister.

VO:whats she's doing ?

ME:tenth class

VO:please put ur left index finger on the machine then put ur rt index finger on the machine

ME:ok sir,

VO:take this receipt to tts services counter.

ME:ok sir, thanq.

me: i gave the receipt in the tt services counter

me:is this receipt means i got the visa

tt services counter:yes sir and ur visa will be posted to u in a week atmost

me:thanq.

one more thing,

in this whole process, he/VO/nobody didnt ask me for my acads-certificates and financial-documents, anywhere in the consulate.

thats my experience guz\galz

hope this my experience helps u all

bye, all the best, take care.

Amit,

from hyderabad.

Hello friends,

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> I have been a quiet member of this group, but you all have helped me a lot in understanding and preparing for the whole visa process. So first, I would like to thank everyone who contributes here by writing their experiences, sharing thoughts and giving valuable insight. Thank you.

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> I have been able to cross the final hurdle for studying in the US, by God's grace. My visa interview was on Nov 3 at the Chennai Consulate. I'm going to Clemson University for my MS.

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> Initial Formalities:

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> I joined the line at the Consulate at 8:10. My slot was 8:15-8:30.

I was let in at about 8:40. The first counter is where you are checked for your appointment letter and passport. The DD for Rs.441 should be submitted here. After issuing the receipt, I proceeded to the next counter.

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> The next counter is where you need to pay the Rs.4600 DD. Once you do this, you're given three receipt's. I later proceeded to the next counter where the needed documents are to be submitted. After doing this, I was given a pink token and was ushered into the interview hall.

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> Inside the Hall:

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> Once inside, I had a look and sat in one of the front rows. Three counters were open that day and most came for H1 or visitors visas. I could hardly see any F1's. Well, I kept waiting until my number was called and I was asked to stand before counter 4. Soon after I was interviewed by the officer.

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> Interview:

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> Me : Good morning, Sir. How are you today?

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> VO: Good morning. How are you?

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> Me: Fine, Thank you, Sir

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> VO: Okay, which University?

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> Me: Clemson University, Sir

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> VO: What will you do at Clemson?

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> Me: I intend to pursue my Master in Controls at Clemson

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> VO: Hmm..Controls? What are Control systems?

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> Me. Gave a 2-3 line basic definition

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> VO:Hmm.. But why Clemson?

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> Me: There are four professors working in my field and two specialize in my area of interest. I'm also very interested in the research on advanced Control techniques.

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> VO: Advanced Controls.....How will you fund?

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> Me. My parents are sponsoring me, Sir. We have savings worth....

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> (He cut me short)

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> VO: What do they do?

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> Me: Told him

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> VO: What will you do after your MS?

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> Me: I will come back to India and work with a MNC like Reliance which has control applications.

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> VO: Your visa will reach you in the 2-3 days

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> Me: Thank you, Sir

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> My thoughts:

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> The VO seemed very strict and grilled three applicants(non-F1) before me. Their interviews were quite long. It was only God's grace that I wasn't asked many questions. Well, I would just like to say a few things to future applicants: prepare and rehearse your answers, Stress on your specialization and choose the best University that gave you an admit.

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> I will close by wishing all the best for future applicants. If you have any questions, I will be glad to answer you.

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> Ravi.

i had booked my visa slot for the 25th of april @

> 8.15 am at mumbai consulate....i didnt join any counsellor and so went

- > without a mock interview as such....
- > i reached d consulate @ 8.05 am....der aint no use goin early....i saw ppl
- > who had come 4 interview @ 10.30/11.00 am waiting since 6 in d
- > morning.....kuch point nahi hai jaldi aake.... since my interview was
- > probably 1 of d earliest for students goin 4 fall2k6 session...der wer
- > hardly any students in line....lots of ppl on B/C/D visa category.....also
- > no offence to any1 but loads of gujjus/sikhs present.....
- > get a copy of ur appointment letter+hdfc receipt in hand....these r
- > checked very regularly...i20 and other documents u may keep in a folder
- > wit u.....now immediately after u clear d consulate gate u go
- > thru a security check....this guy will ask u 2 remove all metallic
- > objects u may hav on u....belt/watch/loose change/keys etc...etc...and
- > place em on his desk....den he wil open ur folder
- > and empty all its contents....
- > he will go thru em loosely and put em all aside...finally u can
- > collect ur stuff from d desk after u pass thru d "metal detector"
- > door.....also he will giv u sum kinda wooden token....
- > just keep it wit u...u can hand it back latr....
- > next after u go inside d main hall...u 1st collect ur ds forms and
- > other stuff dat u had submitted previously...all dis will b in sum kinda
- > plastic packet....also d counter person will take ur passport and staple sum
- > kind of token wit it.....after this is done den ur finger printed.....this
- > was being done at counter 1 by sum firang...ders quite a Q for this... after
- > being finger printed u r given a token number....
- > this procedure ahead is somewhat like a bank now....token numbers r
- > called @ random by VO...my token number was 567....u can take a seat
- > in d hall until ur token number is calld... intially d VO @counter 3 calld
- > numbers upto 566...den @ counter 2 d VO calld a set of numbers in which my
- > token was present....ppl stay alert
- > and listen 2 d announcements....my number was 2nd/3rd on the
- > list...however since i was sitting d closest 2 d counter i got d 1st
- > shot...
- > d VO took d DS documents+token and countinued typing sumthin....if u
- > cant hear wat d VO is saying den ask her 2 repeat...dont just stare @
- > her....
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- VO: why do u want 2 go to d US??
- > ME:2 pursue MS in Comp SCi. at UMR(say d full name of ur
- > varsity/course)...(she probably wanted to ask me dat y i chose to go to US
- > over other countries...but den i had already started talkin)
- > VO:how did u come to know about UMR???

- > ME:thru profs/seniors....avoid mentionin rankings if possible...cos
- > rankings aint US Govt endorsed as such....
- > VO:y in Comp SCi???
- > ME:did my UG in dat also have a natural inclination 2wards dat.....
- > VO:wat in Comp SCi???
- > ME:distributed computin...(pick a solid topic dat u can talk about 4 5
- > mins without stuttering)
- > VO:wats distributed computin??
- > ME:blah blah.....(VO looking totally disinterested now....)
- > VO:wher do ur parents work???
- > ME:blah blah.....
- > VO:show me ur UG degree...
- > VO:u can collect ur visa in d evenin or it will b ourierd 2 u 3 days
- > latr...(she returned my degree...)
- > ME:thank u.....whew....
- > i took d visa 4m vfs office d same day between 5 and pm....u hav 2
- > produce ur appoinment letter over here also.....
- > ppl ask me how do i feel now dat i hav got d coveted S visa.....ders
- > only 1 answer to this...."I feel damn tired".....am ure dat any l
- > getting d visa wud also say d same thing....afterall
- > ppl start reparin 4 goin 2 d US about approx 10 months in dvance wit
- > GRE/TOEFL/GMAT tests+apps+couriers+financial shit...+hell lot of other
- > stuff not to mention tension and anxiety over varsity apps.....all d
- > best 2 d rest of u guys wit ur interviews....
- > abhishek

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=25583>

Appointment time: 2:45 PM
 Venue: Chennai consulate
 Date: 04-May-2006

My friend's sister, who'd gone for a dependant visa interview the previous day, warned me that I would have to wait under the sun for a long time if I reached the consulate too early. Ignoring her warning as I just couldn't stay back at home, I reached Chennai consulate by 1:45PM. Those with an interview time of 1:00PM were being let in then. There was a queue lined up along the consulate wall, under the sun, but the queue didn't make sense to me for the security let people in based on their interview time, not their position in the queue.

Anyway I had at least another hour to wait and I settled down under a tree, about 100m from the consulate, watching the traffic pass by. Every now and then I walked up to the security to know which batch (I belong to the 2:45PM batch Smile) was being let in. Meanwhile, my shoe sole decided it was time to give up, and I limped across the road to get it stitched.

At 3:15PM, it was 2:45 PM for the security. I directly joined the queue from the front and waited to get into the consulate. The security checked my passport and appointment letter and let me into a narrow passage.

Here my folder was checked for any sealed envelopes, and my pockets for any electronic items.

All clear, I was let into a hall where there were about 4 counters manned by Indians behind glass panels, and queues of applicants before them. For a second I wondered whether they were the VOs. They were not. They just collected my I20, Sevis, Passport, HDFC receipt and DS forms. All these were then put in a folder and distributed back later. I waited for my batch to be called to join another queue that led to an adjacent building where the actual interview took place.

In the other building, I joined a queue to get my finger scanned. The chief of VO staff gave a briefing there. Briefly, he said: Say Hello to the VO; Don't initially give the VO anything but the folder distributed earlier; Answer the question asked – don't say California if asked how many children you had; And good luck!

At last I was in the queue leading to the interview. A pretty lady was my VO.

Time: 5:15 PM

VO: Hello sir. How are you? (I was surprised that they were addressing everyone Sir/Madam)

I : Hello. I'm fine thank you. How are you?

After some struggle with the glass panel, I managed to get the folder across to her.

VO: So which university are you going to?

I: Texas A & M

VO: Which course

I: Management Information Systems

VO: What was that?

I: Management Information Systems

VO: When did you graduate?

I: 2003

VO: What have you been doing since then?

I: I've been working

VO: Where?

I told her.

VO: How do you plan to fund your studies.

I: I have some funding from the university, and my father and I will pay the rest.

VO: What is your father.

I told her.

She looked into her monitor for about 15s, typing something. She then passed me my I20 and said, "Congratulations. Keep this safely. You have to present it at the port of entry."

No documents were asked for. I did not even open the harmonium file I had.

Some differences I noted with respect to previous interviews I'd read about are.

- 1. I didn't get any pink token. Maybe this is specific to Chennai consulate.
- 2. The consulate staff is very considerate. They are overwhelmed with applicants and are doing as good a job as they can.
- 3. There were 13 counters, all manned by white Americans. I observed about 7 of them and didn't find a single rude VO.

The most important suggestion I can give is: Listen to the VO, answer to the point, and offer documents only if asked.

All the best.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=25804>

appointment time: 11:00am

i was there at the consulate at 10:30, and immediately got entry after checking

pit stop 1:

b4 u enter the building, u'll b asked to provide the PASSPORT n INTERVIEW APPOINTMENT LETTER by security. Show them and they'll let you enter the premisis !!

pit stop 2:

here ur whole file will be checked (basically to check whether ure carrying any gadgets/CDs/floppies/ any other unwanted stuff) and after checking, u'll b asked to go for **PRESCREENING** section !!

pit stop 3:

wait in a line for sometime and the incharge of that section will come and allot you a counter ... be patient cuz u might have to wait for long time (30-45mins)..this is for "pre-screening" of your documents here u need to present **DS FORMS, I-20, Passport, SEVIS FEE receipt, HDFC receipt** ... after cross checking with their database, the person @ counter may return ur docs immidiately / send it thru someone in sometime ... **PATIENCE** is needed ... after pre-screening u'll be asked to join another **QUEUE** to move to next section !!

pit stop 4:

after pre-screening, the nest section u'll be heading for is "**VISA INTERVIEW BLOCK**" ... wait in Queue for sometime and u'll be allowed to enter the second building (adjancent to pre-screening building)...as soon as you enter the **INTERVIEW BLOCK**, consult someone who is monitoring there he/she will allot you a seat prepare yourself to wait here for atleast 1-1.5 hrs !! Don't get tensed !! this will be **PURE AIR CONDITIONED ROOM** and yes, no more swetting if ure not used to AC and have some frequent nature calls then u can go to **WASHROOMS** available in this building !!

pit stop 5: **FINGER SCANNING QUEUE**

After some handsome amount of waiting time, u'll be asked to join the **QUEUE** for **FINGER PRINTING**..... I happened to meet a wonderful seet charming lady from charlotte taking finger prints **DO NOT WORRY >>>** this section is also **NORMAL >>>** they'll be very good and will guide you if you have any problems with finger printing ...

Basically the person @ this counter will take the folder what u'll be getting @ **PRE-SCREENING** section, cross checking with their database and then u'll be requested to place your **LEFT HAND INDEX FINGER** first, followed by **RIGHT HAND INDEX FINGER** !! Once ur finger prints are clear...u'll be returned the folder and now its time for

some seriousness !!!!!

pit stop 6:

after FINGER PRINTING stuff, u'll be asked to wait for some more time and later the incharge will allot you a particular counter. Join the Queue and wait patiently. Just Don't care a damn about whats going on with the ppl giving interview @ that time ... try to get familiar with VO's accent while ure in queue... concentrtrate on wat VI is speaking Do not bother about what d hell student is replying Make sure that you are able to understand wat exactly VO is speaking and the very important thing EYE 2 EYE CONTACT.

Give a good smile as soon as VO asks you to come for ur SHOT. Greet him/her and STAY COOL ... and DON'T GET NERVOUSafterall VO is also a HUMAN.

D moment u speak to him, he will ask for the FOLDER ... which contains DS FORMS, I-20, Passport, SEVIS FEE RECEIPT, HDFC Receipt, ... and now according to his questions give ur TERSE n TO THE POINT ANSWERS if he / she asks for details ... provide it ... explain it in details using some techy stuff !!!!

my experience

VO: hello sir, how are you doing today ?

me: i'm doing good. Thank You, How are you doing ?

VO: good !! ... gimme the folder please !!

me: sure !

VO: after looking at my details ... he said WHY UNCC ?

me: Offering good courses in Image Processing, has good facilities for research as UNCC has specialized IMAGE PROCESSING LAB.

VO: how do you know that UNCC is offering good courses ?

me: checked university website and spoke to few professors OVER THE PHONE.

VO: which professor ?

me: Dr. Andrew Wills

VO: what did he say ?

me: actually i forwarded him the theisis of my projects related to image processing, had an interview over the Phone and he was pretty impressed with my earlier work and gave a positive response for assits ...((((this is purely FALSE, just got d idea and implemented it right there))))...

VO: alright !!

VO: show me your academic score scards and GRE TOEFL score cards !!

me: gave d same ..

VO: whats your aggregate in undergraduate studies ?

me:69.7%

VO: ----- JUST MISSED ...gives a smile !!! -----

me: gave a smile and thats the end of it ...

VO: returned me all docs and kept ma passport and d golden words "U've been issued visa. All the best for your masters son !"

me: Thank You very much

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=25968>

Target school: UT Austin

As I write this post, whilst listening to Kailash Kher crooning Teri deewani, I wonder why I was "on edge" the whole of yesterday...if it were meant to be this way....if only I knew...I wud have been partying hard thru the night b4 the interview Razz

Well if u get the drift of the dribble above...my passport is no longer virgin...even as I speak...firangs somewhere in the South of Mumbai are routinely stamping my passport...along with hundreds of others...my F1 visa interview is finally over and I guess it marks a successful end to the battle, that was the application process, and setting me up for the war ahead, graduate education.

Well let me give you the nitty gritty of it all. Some ground rules first:

- 1)Don't worry...worrying is like trying to solve an algebra equation by chewing gum...it never works...no use
- 2)Pretend to worry...that ways u r prepared for the worst
- 3)take ur squabbling parents with you to the interview...it keeps ur motivation up Razz

4) Reach early...even if u have a 900 or 1000 appointment...reaching by 7:30/8 means that you can go in early

5) Finally just be there...u guys are already chosen thru a rigorous selection process...the VI is just an occasion to eat the cake.

Well we left by car at 05:45 am from Kandivali...we were planing to go to Siddhivinayak b4 the interview...and post that we reached outside Lincoln house(american consulate) at 7:15 am. I immediately joined a 20 ppl strong queue (mostly comprising of "dhoklas")...my parents decided to go to Mahalaxmi temple...to handle the heavenly aspect Smile...and well we were called in around 7:30...the security at the gate just checks if you have today's date on the appt letter.

You go in and u have a security check...they will ask u to empty your pockets and walk thru a metal detector...duh! They will ask u to remove any belts or leather articles at this stage...so the best thing is don't carry any...b4 going in...give all ur stuff to ur parents/buddy...else u have to do several rounds in and out...and that isn't too much fun...and you can't buy anything inside anyways Razz

So once u r in..well the security guy says "Sir, Please join queue"...If he doesn't say Sir...it's fine...u mite be a girl...u know Razz

So u join the queue...and a nice lady comes and takes the dhoklas out of the queue...so only non immigrants remain

The queue leads to a counter which is manned (personed) by another nice lady...she takes a look at ur appt letter and fishes ur papers out of an assortment of junk (watch the word "Fish" carefully..u will read a lot of it) attaches ur passport and I20 to it...and a pink token and tells u to join another queue...

well this queue is for finger printing and is usually manned by americans...who can speak hindi and gujarati ...meri walli was a Renee Zellweger look alike cutie and she sounded especially cute wen she spoke gujarati Smile

They have some kinda IR sensors...where u place ur index fingers...left first and then right...and once u r done...she gives u one half of the token...keeps the papers with her...and instructs u to have a seat and wait...tip: my palms were a tad sweaty...and so were my fingers...so she told me to wipe my fingers on some sand paper and redo the printing...u ppl can probly wipe ur fingers first

Hold on to that pink token for ur life and memorize the number...take a seat in the centre and concentrate on the speakers

I finished all this by 8:10...the firang VOs start coming in by 8:45...so u have some time now...visit the toilet...strike up a conversation with the fellow dhoklas...

KEEP YOUR EARS OPEN...there is a lot of immigrant visa interviews also happening...so there will be a lot of noise...it will be slightly shy of a FISH market...once more ppl start coming in. The main diff between Immigrant and non immigrant visa callouts is non immigrants are called out by token numbers and by firangs...the immigrants are called by name and by desis

My VO came in at 8:45 and called out my token number with 7/8 others...it's not too difficult to make out

This is when u rush to the counter specified in the call out..it is first come first served...so just run for it

The numbers called out at any one counter are random...so don't try to verify by searching for neighbouring tokens...if u miss it...don't worry...ur number will be called 3 times in all... But be attentive

Now I was called at counter 7...I had a dependent visa guy...one h1 visa guy...a j1 visa guy(dost ban gaya yeh bandha...but he lied to me...bola Arsenal jeeta) and a family of tourist visas ahead of me...

This firang was probly in his late 20s...or early 30s...ksm (kaam se matlab) types bandha...he wud just take a look at you..and start processing the docs...and wud ask any questions while at it...accept pe accept were raining at that counter...so now I'm up and I go in...and here's how the conversation went

Me: Hey there...GM...(smiling)

VO: GM (abe yeh kaun aa gaya lambe baal waala)

Me: (Dukaan chalu kiya...I mean folder setup kiya...and I'm like in a position to break the world record for the fastest doc fetch from a piano folder)

VO: So which univs did u apply other than UT (gives me the I20 and starts typing)

Me: ASU, UoA, TAMU...

VO: What are u gonna study there"

Me: Databases blah blah...worked here for 3 years in same field..blah blah...

VO: (eyebrow raised) Where did u work? (continues typing)

Me: Capgemini and Patni...

VO: It will reach u by courier 9

Me: Thank you and have a nice day....(and I'm out b4...I know it...no looking back..I must have broken the world record for the fastest exit)...and as I step out..I see my parents...and my mom shows me the V...and I show her the V back...

and now I sit here penning this extensive piece of crap...my F1 Visa interview

U know wat was teh most amazing thing abt my interview;

The only time I used my piano folder was to keep the I20 back in Smile

Godspeed

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=25893>

Hello Friends,

This is how my VISA interview went.

Place: Chennai

Date: May 15th, 2006

Time: 11:00 AM

Well nothing was happening as per the time. Security people were allowing all those who had come for their visa interview with 15th may date. I reached there at 9:30 and was allowed to enter the first building at 11:15. Here they checked if I had any sealed envelope with me and then they checked my visa appointment letter, hdfc bank fees, passport, I20 and university admission letter. After the verification all these documents were put in a folder and were given back to me. I was then advised to go to the adjacent building, where the actual interview was happening. After reaching the second building, I was told to go for finger printing. In finger printing they took the print of the left hand and right hand's index finger. Once that was over I went for my visa interview. 4 people were standing in my queue in front of me and all of them were rejected. So you all can understand my situation...

Here is how my interview went.

Me: good afternoon sir, how are you?

VO: I am fine thank you. How about you?

Me: Fine sir, thank you.

VO: Please pass on your folder.

(I gave it)

VO: So Arizona State University.

Me: Yes sir.

VO: why do you want to go to ASU

Me: Because of the exhaustive research work ASU is conducting in the field of signal processing and communication.

VO: ok. Now since you have got an admit from ASU I don't think you would have got any better admits.

ME: No sir that's not completely true. I had applied to 11 universities, out of which I got 5 admits and 5 rejects. Among the 5 admits I got a call from UC Boulder, which is ranked higher than ASU and Syracuse University which offered me a 50% tuition fees waiver. BUT

since my area of interest matches with the area of expertise of the professor's at ASU, hence I have decided to go to ASU.

VO: good. May I have a look at your mark sheet?

Me: Sure sir.

(and I passed my degree certificate along with the marksheet)

VO: any backlogs.

Me: No sir. I had an aggregate of 79% and I was ranked among top 3 out of 64 students in my department.

VO: Good. Did u take any standardised test.

ME: yes sir, I took GRE and TOEFL

VO: May I have a look at it.

Me: Sure sir

(I passed the documents)

VO: oh ho! You have laminated these.

ME: yes sir. After all they are very valuable documents.

VO: indeed, indeed.

VO: great. So u have any brothers and sisters.

Me: No sir.

VO (fully surprised): NO?

ME: sir, do u mean to ask if I have any brothers or sisters in the US.

VO: No No.

Me: I am sorry sir. I have a younger sister who is still studying here in India

VO: ok

VO: so what does your father do?

ME: sir, my father is working in xxx for past zz years.

VO: Great. Have a nice time in the US and study well.

Me: Sir, Have I got my VISA?

VO: Yes, ofcourse.

Me: Thank you sir.

VO: have a nice day.

Me: have a great day. Thank you.

And that's how the cookie crumbled.....

I went and asked those administrators if I need to pay any VISA fees but they told me that for F-1 visa, there is no VISA fees.

And after that I came out of the building and the final hurdle got over for me.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26077>

Dear all friends,

.....got VISA in just 4-5 mins....joing MS in IE at SUNY Buffalo for Fall 2006

I have had my VISA interveiw on 20th may at 1000hrs at mumbai consulate....if u dn't want to read all 4 steps , just scroll down for main interview...step 5:

There r 4 major porcesses if u r ging at Mumbai consulate :

step 1: Going to VISA center 45mins early n taking up tht snacks n lounge faciltity)show th einterveiw letter obviously

Step 2: Bus takes u to US Consulate opp. MAZDA apart near Breach Candy Hsp.

Step 3: Security check inside consulate n then u report to counter where u collect ur submitted DS forms n all that.

Step 4: Get in Queue with all those DS forms for fingureprintin (Here u 1st time see firangi -fellow american) n then ur issued yellow coloured coupouns with no.s on it (196,0645,321 ets) n then u r supposed to wait till ur no. is called up on speaker randomly it is. I had to wait for 1 n half hrs...for my no.

Step 5: My no. was called n I went to counter no. 6.

Here's the success journey...

ME: Good afternoon, sir (By the time my i cam to counter to gve my interviw, it was 12.30 noon)

VO: Good afternoon, sir ,....so u joining SUNY -Buffalo ??

ME: Yes , thats right sir.(Please dn't say "YA sir")

VO: Why SUNY buffalo Sir?

ME: Better rank univ. for IE, cheaper n good research going on in TQM, SCM etc.(i mentioned n names of the subjects here , VO officer was staring at me n looking in my eyes....)

VO: Wht abt ur acads?

ME : Done Diploma n BE in mechanical ,Sir.

VO: So why IE?

ME: IE is management related subject n I had very much technical knowledge in my undergraduate studies.....

VO Cuts me in between n asks

VO: What is difference between ME and IE?

ME: Sir, since i have done my BE in mech . i have complete tehcnical knowledge, but my doing MS in IE I can have better insight into the managment related topics.

..(That was the bulls eye answer,as I saw smthing unbeliavble then, VO officer actually smiled at me--i knw i was on right track then)

VO: OK Sir, tell me how do u plan to fund ur education?

ME: Sir, My parents are sponsoring my education.I showed summary statement promptly(All MD guys frm mumbai wuld understnd wht i mean)i.e a balance sheet. I continued, "Sir, My parents have enough of bank balance n FD'S to fund my education".

VO: But, sir, what is ur parents annual income?(He asked me this question as he was checking my Passbook entries n also saw FD's receipts)

ME: Sir, my dad works at SBI n mother is ex-employer of SBI n taken VRS...I can show u IT statements to prove there income.

VO: So, these passbooks r ur dad's ?

ME: No sir, both.

VO: Your parents annual income is around "Y"Lkhs?(i donno why firangi quoted figure much lesser than it was seen on the statement,might be to test my knowledge)

ME: No sir, my father's income is much more than that also , he is being working for x yers now n my mother too gets pension for X yrs on service she has done.

VO: (Somewhat satisfied, pushed all thse docs, towards me thru small opening in the glass , i was watching firangi's face as wht nxt now ths guys is gign to ask me) Ok Sir, I am granting u VISA?

ME: (Somehow culdn't believe he told me magic words)I have got VISA sir that means?????,(Normally u r so tensed , it happens u tend to ask this question to VO even though it is not recommended to ask..it was stupid question)

VO:Yes sir, I m granting u VISA...!!! Welcome to USA son!!

ME:Thank you sir.

I hurriedly gathered all the docs. m cme out as if i had acheived somethign miracloous ..but true the feelin is of satisfaction after all the waits of 8-9mnths ends this way succesfully.

I advice all my fellow edulixian friends, to be sure about financial docs. Passbooks, Fd's or PPF statements. The main aim of firangi is to confirm that U r well supported financially or not...prepare this answer very well.(even thugh it mght mean 50 times of reciting it,But thats ur only weapon. engh of money for education..u acads or GRE scres thr r least imp. to him, its imp. for admiting to univ.)

BEST of LUCK ..thr is really no need to take ne tension...just be confident of what u say n have docs. supporting to what u say.??

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26099>

Hi guys...

Sorry fo rthe late post... But I have been partying hard for teh past week... Very Happy Very Happy

After so many ups and dows finally got my VISA...

Time 8:15 am.. Reached the Delhi Embassay.. My appointment was at 8:45. And frankly I was outside till 8:45 am. These security checks..

At the counter they asked for my DS-156,7,8 forms and passport and I-20 and SEVIS fee receipt... So keep them handy coz they can get irritated and say " Highly Unprofessional" as they said it to me....

Then there is security check.. Keep your mobiles and other keys outside..(They are not allowed inside..)...

The next thing is finger scanning.. Just when you enter it is to the left side.... The time was 9:30... And i was directed to a queue.....

Now there were 2 queue's and people sitting on chair.. I was directed to the second queue... The exterme corner one... Thats where you would go if

you have not taken any emergency date. For emergency dates there is queue 1. and people sitting were for Hindi speaking VO's

After stanfing for about 1:30 hours my turn came and the moment has come where my 2 year of hardwork would be evaluated....And i was tense but dont show it...

Just smile...

Me: Hello

VO : Hello

VO: Hand me your forms and passport..

Me : Handed the docs..

VO: So why USA

Me Masters in Computer science

VO: But why this uinversity...

Me : It offers one of the best programs in networks...

VO: Any relative in USA.

Me : My brother

VO : where

Me : blah blah working for bXYZ company...

VO: Whose sponsering your education

Me : My parents

Vo Do they ahve sufficient finacial resources..

Me: Yes the do.. They have xyz in bank accounts

Vo any other brother/sister

Me: One more brother working in Delhi.

VO: Your passport would reach within 3 days..

ME: thank you..

No documents seen.. Absolutely nothing...

Just be confident and you ll go through...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26050>

had my Visa "talk" today...
 yea... more of a talk than an interview.
 ok here it is: (more or less da whole thing) (and i cut out the pre visa formalities)

I enter -> my token no. 015
 (VO was a cute, smiling lady in blue...)

V: Hi, good morning, how are you?

M: Good morning ma'am, I am good thank you, how are you?

V: I am fine... What are you going to do in the US?

M: I am going to study MS.

V: Why did u select University of Southern California?

M: Univ of Southern Cali has an excellent course in Computer Security, in which I intend to specialize. Also, one of my friends has already finished his MS from USC and he gave me a positive feedback about the Univ.

V: oh i see.. computer security.. thats interesting. can you tel me some instances why u need comp security?

M: Asker her to repeat qn, she did.

M: oh yes, the major implication of security is in Banking.

V: can you explain how?

M: yes, -> I explained (the salami attack)

V: ohk.. hey wasnt this is also shown in some movies?

M: quite possible...

V: how do u prevent this?

M: explained and added other threats like hacking and viruses

V: ok, how are you going to pay for your education?

M: My parents are going to fund me.

V: what do they do? what is their annual income?

M explained.

V: how much liquid funds do you have?

M: should i show u the docs?

V: no, can you just tell me?

M: yes, -> told her.

V: cool, thank you sir, your passport will be couriered to you in 3-4 days... have a nice day.

M: Thank you ma'am, have a nice day:)

ok... tis long... but it was more like a conversation than an "interview"

it was fun, no time for nerves, nothing...

so catch you all later...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=25922>

ABHISHEK : mech rulz 4eva >>>

i was damn nervous before goin to my interview..
but while inside the consulate .. i dunno.. i got some kind of confidence booster..

i was standing in the queue..
in the long queue.. there were jus 4 students includin me...
first a gal.. went.. she got admitted.. (interview was.. 2 min. long)
then.. others (non- students)..went..
most got rejected...
then a boy before me.. went..inside.. he too got admitted (one min.)

then it was.. MY TURN : heres it >>>

ME : (enterin) good mornin' sir... (handin over my pink token)
VO : good mornin..(reading my I-20.. looking a little surprised).. (well, i had full-funding)
VO : (still reading my I-20).. You ever been to this college.. why Clarkson univ. ?
ME : its one of the better colleges, i have applied to. The research options are of my interest and..
VO : (cuts me).. The passport will be couriered to You in 2 - 3 dayz..
ME : (lil' confused).. wat sir ?
VO : u GOt .. Visa..
ME : THANK YOU.. sir..

.. 20 SECONDS..FLAT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

i didnt even had to open .. my documents..

My Visa intrw was over on May 15 at Chennai consulate.The following is the transcript of the same.

vO: Why u want to go to Clemson University?

me: Sir Clemson is reputed for its system programming courses and I have great interest in System programming also its one of the top public university

VO:Which area in System programming you want to specialise?

me:(I got really suprised at this question because I though System Programming itself as specialisation) I want to specialise in Operating Systems and device drivers.(I just told 2 areas that comes under System programming)

VO:What is ur annual income?

me:My annual income or my family's?

VO:Urs

me:224000

VO:Can I pls see your mark sheets?

me:Sure Sir (I pass him the certificates.he stares quite a long time on my 1 st mark sheet, I was having a backlog in it.then he quickly goes thru other semester mark sheets)

VO:What happend with engineering graphics ?

me:Actually we got only 7 months for 1 st year and with 10 subjects I was quite overloaded at that time.

VO:Can I have ur GRE score Sheet and what is ur score?

me:(I passes him the sheet) I got 1310 , Q-790, v-520

Vo:Why ur AWA score is low?

me:There was no one to review the essays while I was practicing and I guess that caused the trouble

VO:Pls show me ur Income proofs.

me:(I gave him the CA certificate,Certificates from the banks and the original receipts of Fixed deposits.He goes thru the certificates and returns).

Vo:Ur Visa is approved, have a nice stay there

me:thanks a lot sir

My reporting time was 10AM. I got there on time and realised that they were letting people in on first come first serve basis. So, I had to join at the end of the long line under the hot

sun. After 30 mins in the sun, I was allowed to enter. Another 45 mins wait at the verification window. I then got into the interviewing building where I was made to wait for another hour. Here is how the interview went.

VO: So, why are you going to this Univ?
 Me: To pursue a PhD in E.C.E
 VO: I see that you have received a full scholarship
 Me: Graduate Teaching Fellowship
 VO: Which college are you from?
 Me: Said
 VO: Do you have an M.Tech?
 Me: No
 VO: So do you have to claim an MS?
 Me: Yes
 VO: Please show me your degree certificate and marksheets?
 Me: Passed
 VO: Went inside for verification.
 VO: What is your research area?
 Me: Signal Processing
 VO: What is that?
 Me: Explained
 VO: What sub area in Signal Processing?
 Me: Multimedia signal processing
 VO: What is that?
 Me: Explained
 VO: Asked about my first job (duration and nature of work)
 VO: Asked about my current job (nature of work)
 VO: What is your monthly income?
 VO: What is the duration of the course
 Me: avg duration is 5 years

I'm think the VO was Nancy. She did reject a couple of visas before me but the rejections didn't seem irrational. People were getting rejected for either for improper documentation or inconsistent answers.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26155>

Hey Edulixians ,

Here is my script of the opera . It was a moderately long one .

My VO was an aged man with beard . Good thing was he was very curious and was paying attention to whatever people were speaking. I guess thats coz it was early morning [8:30]. I was the 3rd candidate. The first guy was from IITC going for a paper presentation , second one to Memphis, VLSI. Bot got their respective visas. Then it was me

vo:Good Morning officer
me :Good Morning .

vo :So youve been to US before for abt 6months ?
me:Yes

vo;How long have you been working with Tata's ?
me:3 yrs

vo:And now you want to do research , right ?
me:Thats right , in Signal Processing.

vo:What work were you doing in TCS?
me:Design and devp of Interactive Voice Response Systems
If you have an Amex Card and wonder whats speaking to you when you speak to the voice application , it my programming.

vo: So tell me how much youve saved for your education ?
me:Around 6 lakhs , excluding Investments and Providend Funds

vo:Remaining ?
me:My father is going to pay from a part of his savings .

vo:Can I see your GRE , TOEFL scores ?
me:Sure ,here they are .

vo:So when you complete MS what would you do ?
me:I want to come back and work in a DSP based company like TI

vo:Cant you do the same thing at Tata's ?
me:No I cant, they dont do DSP work .

vo:But will your company take you back if you want to ?
me:Sure they will as I will be more qualified , but I wont join . [smile]

vo smiles , I smile back

vo:Do you have a brother ?

me:Yes , hes 20 doing his bachelors .

vo:So how much has your father saved for the both of you ?

me:Around xx Lakhs

vo:xx Lakhs ?

me:Yes , Hes working for more than 30 years now [smile]

vo:As what ?

me:Senior Technical consultant in Tribology .

vo:So all the money is savings/ investments ?

me:xxLakhs in savings , I did not tell about investments [smile]

vo:Ok

vo:You sound American [smile]

me:I am an Indian [smile back]

vo:Go and enjoy your stay sir , your passport will be delivered to you in 2 days .

me:Thank you very much officer , u have a nice day..

... and thats how the day went fellas , beleive me it was very smooth and for a moment I did not feel I wont get the visa .

No financial doc was checked , nothing except the score cards . They mostly will not check the fin docs if you sound confident.

Pointers :

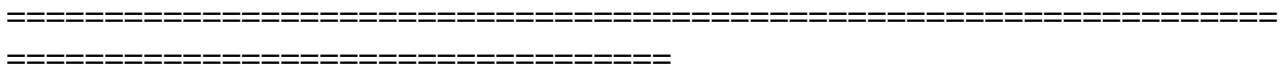
1. Be prepared . It helps a lot to your confidence
2. Be yourself . Dont memorize answers , show your confidence.
3. Remember they are there to give visas and they need us
4. Try getting into a conversation with VO , they like that .
5. Smile , it helps your face muscle and the VO's too [majority cases]

On a note of thanks , there are 4 people who helped me immensely with my VISA process . Thank you Anbe, Popeye, Viv3k and Madmax ... thank u very much .

I will be making pdf files of all the consolidated docs I made and putting them up here for all and will be here as long as needed and try helping others . You can call me @ 9986116969 [cell] / 80-56606339 [office] if you feel I can help you .

EDULIX ROCKS !!!!
take care , all

regards ,
Calculus



<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26158>

hi friends,

i had a long tiring day at the consulate.....i was there at 9:30 for my 10:30 appointment.....i had taken lounge facility.....i was waiting in VFS office till 11:00.....then we where taken into a bus to the counslate.....so I was in at about 11:15.....
after the security checkand all formalities I was waiting from 11:40 to 2:45 for my int.....

interview.....

VO:hand over ur token...

me:good afternoon sir.....(no response from him)

VO:so u r heading to University of texas -Arlington.....hmm good university....masters in civil engg.....why this univerty??

me:sir, i had four admits.....the courses in this uni are of my intrest....

VO:when did u get ur bachleors degree.....

me:july 2005.....

VO:from which uni.....

me:datta meghe college of engg.....

VO:What!!!

me:sir its under university of mumbai.....

VO:so how r u going to fund ur education.....

me:my family is sponsering me.....mainly my father

VO:what does ur father do.....

me: he is an architect by qualification.....leading construction person in mumbai.....he is

also into land development.....

VO:hmm.....so u build big towers.....(laughed).....how much is his income...

me:taxable income is Y and annual income is Z

me:yes sir....

VO:ur I20 is showing big numbers.....how is it possible....

me:my dad has X in savings.....besides my sister is also sponsoring me....

VO:show all financial docs

me:these are IT papers....these are savings balance sheets....

VO:ok.....looks like u r going to bankrupt ur entire family.....(laughed)

me:no sir.....it is manageable.....

VO:r u hard working.....

me :yes sir

VO:how r u going to transfer this money to US.....

me:sir.....i will transfer it through state bank.....

VO:.....(stared at me)

me:.....sir i havent yet discussed it with my dad.....

VO:u have to do that before u leave.....when is ur reporting date???

me:27th august

VO:u can be there after 28th of july.....keep this I20 u will need it at the airport.....i will keep this (passport).....this will be mailed at this address... good luck for ur future....

me: thank u sir....

it was over at 2:55.....i was interviewed for about 5 min.....

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26179>

Hi edulixians.

Got the stamp on May 19th at 2:40pm!! Many thanks to all the people who have helped me till date and all of you who have answered to all my posts.

A special shout out to phani and router.

I will going to UB for MS in IE

MY EXPERIENCE

A new counter opened and all of us in the 1145 time slot were told to go there. I didnt want to be first in the Q so waited for a few people to go ahead of me. After 4 ppl ahead of me:::

ME: Good Afternoon sir how are doing today? (Showing all my teeth)

VO: Hi how are you doing?

He started typing something into his comp for nearly 45 sec and looked into my DS forms very closely

VO: Did you graduate last year?

ME: Yes sir.

VO: Wat have you been doing since then?

ME: I have been working with Kaytee Switch Gear as a Graduate Engineering Trainee.

VO: (With a smile) And wat is that?

ME: The engineers after graduation get recruited as trainees for a year. We get exposed to all the different fields and branches the company works on and then get employed after a year.

VO: Wat are your responsibilities?

ME: I am in the generator Dept. where we design generators btw 415V to 11000V. My responsibilities include to design and model various parts of the generator like base plate, end shields, stator etc. using softwares like ACAD and Inventor (was brimming with confidence)

VO: Ok. Wat do you plan to do after your MS.

ME: With a Masters in IE the scope of jobs is very wide in India with a lot of manuf firms already well established here. I want to join companies like BMW,TKM,L&T as a production or quality engg.

Again he started typing nearly for 30 sec

VO: GRE and Toefl marks sheets plz.

Typed and looked into the sheets. I was gettin dam bored. Expected something more exciting which followed Very Happy

VO: Who is sponsoring your education?

ME: My parents.

VO: wat do they do?

ME : My father is a business man and mothe.... cuts me.

VO: Wat Business?

ME: He runs a chemical Industry.

VO: Wats his Annual Income?

ME: Me XXX (He gets a shock as it is not very high)

VO: Hw many ppl does he have under him?

ME: He runs a small scale industry, he has 2 ppl under him.

VO: then hw do ur parents plan to finance ur education?

ME: My parents have savings of over 30 L . They intend to use a part of it to sponsor my education.

VO : (not looking convinced) Plz show me your fathers transaction statement.

Gave it to him. Looks very carefully into it.

VO : wat is this entry of 3.5L?

ME: Sir my fathers FD has matured so the money has come into the savings. Plz look at the left hand side corner it says Closure of FD. Do u want to see the Xerox of the FD?

VO : No thats fine. For how long is ur father running this business?

ME: It has been passed on from my grand dad it has been running for over 40 yrs now.

VO: so u plan to use up all of ur parents money?

ME: No sir. My mother has XXX L showed him the PB.
My father also has FD's worth XXX L (showed him the fd)
My mother also has Fd worth XXX L ..

VO : ok thats fine sir. (He didnt take the FD receipt of my mom)

VO: So do u have any siblings?

ME: yes sir, an elder brother.

VO : wats he doing?

ME : He works for CTS.

VO: As wat?

ME : (dunno wat happ forgot my bros designation but without any pause told him) He works in the CRM team.

VO : and wats that?

ME : (i went blank, not that i was nervous, there was a pause for 3 sec)

VO : (smiled and said) thats fine!

ME : sorry sir,, he works on the customer relationship management front.

VO : oh ok.

VO: Thank u sir ur passport will be sent.....SmileSmileSmileSmileSmileSmileSmileSmileSmileSmileSmileSmile

Thats it guyz!!!

TIPS

1) I know this sounds repetative but confidence is the key. If u loose it and get nervous, u will not know wat u are sayin. I saw ppl who taking bull shit.

VO : So hw can u say ur uni is the best?

HE: sir i have spoken to my friends parents and thay have said its the best!!

VO : wat parents!! I don believe u!!

After some time

HE: sir can i tell u smthin?

VO: yes

HE: you look very handsome!!!! Very Happy Smile Sad Surprised Shocked Confused 8) Laughing Evil or Very Mad Twisted Evil Rolling Eyes Exclamation Question

VO:: Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes Evil or Very Mad Evil or Very Mad Evil or Very Mad Evil or Very Mad Evil or Very Mad Thank you!!

And this guy gets the visa!!!!

It looked to me like they were bound to give visa to students no matter wat crap they spoke!

I saw ppl shivering so much that they were not able to place their index finger on the machine. The VO told him " Y u shaking so much don be nervous im not so mean, im not gonna eat u up!!!"

The Visa is in ur hands be confident ul get it!!

2) Don listen to other ppl talking. Coz they can talk nonsense and if they get rejected it will only scare u.

IF u are confident and wanna have fun they go ahead and listen, trust me its a comedy show out there!!

3) don overprerare.. Read experiences but may be 5 days before stop and frame questions for ur self and try to answer. Ask ur friends to take a mock interview.

Thats it ppl. Its a fun interview in all. The vo will try to shake u up to see if u can withstand a bit of pressure as there u will be subjected to a lot more!!

To all the ppl who are yet to face their VI

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26288>

HEY friends thanks all of you edulixians for all the support and information that i got on this site.....

Although many of you thought that me with 2 immigration petition filed for me was sure not to get a visa but those all were wrong and i was not at all asked anything abt petition and granted visa in straight 30 sec

Here is the transcript of the visa day.....

Got up at 4:47 am bcuz i was bit in tension and then slept again drinking water and lying there thinking abt the grand event to come at 5:30 am

Again woke up at 6:35 am as i had to leave the room by 7:20 (my mom believes in all this " good MAHURAT " and stuff and i respect my mom's feeling) so got ready by 7 and left the room at 7:15 am

I was staying at A hotel just opposite to VFS center and then after leaving the hotel i went to Shiva Temple at the signal just opposite to VFS center and then i went to MAHALAXMI temple as i had lot and lot of time before my interveiw at 10:00 am and VFS people wont let me in before 9 am

Everyone suggested me that i need to pray a lot bcuz i had 2 petition files so i did not take any chances and asked every possible god to help meI think one of the god or goddess felt for my dreams and my life so he helped me really...

Any ways i was taken from VFS center to The consulate at 9:30 ...i was all ready and then the heat spoiled all my mood as i was let in at 10:10 am in the consulate.....

Girls dont worry as you all would be taken in faster than we all boys...i know its unfair but this is the way.....

after the security check and finger printing at counter no. 1
i went and had a class of water and a trip to toilet just to make sure i look my best in the interveiw

i was waiting for my turn and meanwhile looking at people around me...talking with all the people around me

THAT DAY THE SITUATION OVER THERE IN THE CONSULATE WAS LIKE RAILWAY STATION OF MUMBAI CENTRAL ,,,,SO MANY IMMIGRATION PEOPLE WERE THERE AND ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS IN GUJARATI AND ALSO SO MANY KIDS AROUND PLAYING HERE AND THERE AND ALL THAT....IT WAS ALL CHAOS THERE.....

then my token no. 909 was called on window no. 4 , there were no nos called earlier on that window just 5 of usi was 4th in line....

1st guy was student and got the visa ...then was a guy for visitor visa was asked for some document and was so fumbling finding the doc and finally could not find that document and was given his passport with rejectionthis created a bit tension in me....

there was a south indian girl in front of me and she went insidei could hear a bit ...and this girl was speakin such rubbish englishall in south indian accent and the lady officer was not able to understand her at all....she lost her cool and rejected her.....

i waited for my turn and she gestured to me to get in i went inside:-

Me:- Good after noon Mam

VO:- Good after noon

VO: So what is the name of your course ??

Me: Master of Computer Science

VO: Do you have sibling??

Me: yes younger brother

VO: what do your parents DO??

Me; My father is working with Bank Of Baroda and Mom is Proprietor Business Owner

VO: What kind of business??

Me: imitation jewellery

VO: Which city are you from?

Me: Baroda

VO: Which university?

Me: Sardar Patel University

VO: How are you goin to fund your studies

Me: we have about 21 and half to 22 lakhs of cash in my saving and that accounts for 3 semesters of fees and for last sem i would use my Fixed deposits (this is where i made mistake ...i said "about ' which should never be used ...i said abt 2 and half and 22 lakhs ...you should be using exact amount)

VO: do you have proof of what you telling ??

ME: yes sure mam , here are the pass boooks.....i also have prepared a summary statement would you like to see that...

VO: No just pass me the passbooks please

I just passed the passbooks and then while she was looking at the passbooks i was trying to get the Fixed deposits ...when she told me

VO: please dont give me any more documents

Me: i am just taking out the the Fixed Deposits that is the last sem fees

VO: no more documents please

Me: Ok

i was staring in her eyes directlyshe was all convinced with the confidence i showed ...

VO: ok gentleman your visa is approved ..have a great time in L A

ME: thank you

this was abt 40 -50 secs

i was out and hugged my father hard and said ALL DONE ...

1 yr of waiting for the visa was all over....i am all feeling GREAT now

Thank you all and Thank god

JUST BE CONFIDENT GUYS>>>THATS THE ONLY WEAPON WE ALL HAVE AND UNFORTUNATELY THAT ONLY WE HAVE.....with us

Take care guys

MY university : USC

GRE: 1240

Toefl : 287

Flying to LA in Singapore Airlines 9 july (00:20 am) from ahmedabad

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26131>

My interview was on 20/5/06 at Mumbai.Lasted about 20 sec

Me: Goodmorning mam

VO : goodmorning

Which univ

Me : UMCP

VO : Why UMCP

Me: Very good in my fieldblah blah blah etc

VO : who will support u

Me : family, am the only child.

VO : your visa wil be couriered in 3-4 days

Me : Thank u . Have a great day

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26220>

hey guys

Had my interview (cakewalk) on may 24th at the chennai consul counter 5 (VOs change at lunch, so dont fret).

I'm goin to Georgia Tech for MS in IE

The interview lasted a minute, just 4 questions:

1. Why Georgia Tech and why this course? How did you know abt it? (Duh!!)
2. What is your work at Cognizant? (Had to explain a bit abt my project here) -> She wasn't even listenin, didnt look like atleast..
3. What do your parents do? (Actually my sponsor is grandpa, but she didnt ask, and i didnt tell, just answered to the point)
4. She asked if she could see any financial doc. (Showed her only the CA statement)

Finally asked for the degree certificate.

End of Interview

Some things i noticed:

1. College reputation DOES matter... they DO go into the details of bank transactions and parents jobs and stuff if the univ is not that great..
2. The dreaded "lady in the scarf" gave a LOT of student visas, dont fear.
3. One guy was grilled on "how you arrived at this college"... he answered "i20fever.com".... for heavens sakes.... DONT do this, dont even mention edulix... the guy got grilled on that, and finally had a reject.
4. No such thing as dress code, there were a lot of t-shirt jeans ppl (not me, though).. but dont get too whacky either.

Thats it I guess for now...

I'd like to thank all those on edulix who helped me out right from the appl process to the VI. I've never seen the face of a consultant. Please do get back to me in case you have any questions. I'd be glad to help.

Once again... THANKS A TON, EDULIX!!!

ROCK ON.....

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26407>

Hi guys,

I had my VISA interview on the 25th of May... Chennai Consulate. Though a lot of people might say that there's no use going early, I went there at 8 in the morning for a 10.15 appointment and the time was ideal! They start letting people in by around 8.45 and I was the first guy to go in for the 10.15 appointment.

I went to the Consulate in a cream formal checked shirt, dark jean and sports shoe. Suit yourselves guys.... What ever u want to wear... Look confident.... That's all. First, you have to wait in a queue for about 45 mins in the Pre-screening area. By the time you stand in the counters, u guys would have approached your appointment time and guys having earlier appointment times (like say 9 or somethin) will definitely be delayed by min of 15mins.

At the counter, hand over your passport, HDFC fee receipt, SEVIS receipt, i20 and the consulate appointment letter. After this, the person at the counter will put everything in a folder and give it back to you. And now comes the worst part! Waiting to go into the interview hall! Btw guys, it isn't that hot in Chennai right now but bloody humid. There is only one water can in the pre-screening area and there are no fans at the place where you have to wait and be prepared to stand for hours! So.. dress according to that. There are fans at the seating area in the Pre-screening area but you sit here for only about 10-15 mins. Anyways, once you enter the main interview area, you don't hav to worry abt anythin... its air-conditioned... finally!!!

Once you enter there, there is a seating arrangement and you hav to undergo the finger scanning process first. By the time I got here, it was around 12.15. Then... you have to wait for the interview. By the time I finished my finger scan, twas 12.50. And by now, most of the

counselors wud've gone for their lunch. By the time my interview was held, it was 1.30. Anyways, there was a guy standing before me who got grilled for abt 20 mins since he had some backlogs and stuff. The officers were young and old alike and also, there were quite a few female officers. My interviewer was a brunette. I went to the counter and this is what followed:

ME: Good afternoon...

VO: Good afternoon... (I slided across my folder)

VO: Why do you want to go to the US?

ME: To do my Master of Sciences in electrical engineering at the Arizona State University.

VO: Which year did you graduate?

ME: 2005...

VO: Can I see your marksheets?

ME: (I had the marksheets in my convocation folder) Can I give it to you with the folder or you want them separated?

VO: Separate them and give em to me.

VO: (I handed them over... And she looks through them very closely and I don't think she's seen such colorful marksheets given by VTU!! And there were abt 3 marksheets which had the red number stamping overlapped to the back side of the sheets... Thanks to the paper quality used by VTU!) What have you been doing over the past year?

ME: I have been working as a project engineer in Embedded systems at Wipro Technologies.

VO: If you have been working, then why do you want to go back to school? (I didn't hear this properly since she was not using the mic and not looking at me)

ME: Pardon me?

VO: You are working now... Why do you want to go back to school?

ME: Most of the multi-national companies are setting up their research centers in Bangalore and this is the right time to equip myself with a Master's degree so that I can come back to India and contribute to the ongoing research here in a better way. (I floored it here!)

VO: Good... What is your monthly salary at Wipro?

ME: As of now, it is 17,000 Indian rupees.

VO: Ok... Give me 5 mins...

ME: Sure...

VO: (She takes the marksheets inside, I think to verify the authenticity and comes back after abt 7 mins) Sorry... Congratulations... You have been issued your VISA. Keep your i20 form and SEVIS fee form along with you at all times and during the immigration checks as well. Your passport will be couriered across to your residence in 2-3 days time.

ME: Thank you and have a nice day.

She didn't check my score reports, fin statements... nothing. And there will be a canteen guy who will come sometime at around 1 pm for some refreshments, for which you have to pay!

I took an apple drink at around 1.15 from him. I survived on bread and the apple drink the entire 5 hours. A draining experience!!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26399>

Hi folks,
Had my Emergency visa interview on May-30 Morning 8:00 AM
wud like to share the experience ,

Nobody cares if its an Emergency Appoinment .. If ur I-20 Date is 120 days from visa date, we are eligible to booka slot in Emergency Appoinment ...

i didnt feel anything great ... absolutely ... No emotions nothing ... i still dont understand what happened in the consulate ... it all happened in 3 minutes

i stay very far from Nungambakkam and my father urged me to start at 6:20 AM

my father parked the car near DAV school , Gopalapuram(residential area near the consulate) and we had breakfast (Idly) at 7:00 Am .. there

we reached the consulate by 7:20 and had to wait outside in the road for 10 minutes !!!

and then we were let in by 7:30 AM

In the initial screening section ,we had the mandatory security check and they put the DS forms , Passport , HDFC receipt, SEVIS receipt in a separate folder and asked me to proceed!!!

had to wait from 8:00 - 8:45 in the VISA lobby and then comes the finger print collection

there were many aunties / uncles / grand moms waiting to get visa to see their daughter / son / grand children .. and quite a few Gals_newly married heading to US after marriage !!!!

Not many F1s !!! may be there were around 25 / 100 F1 applicants..

counter 3 : hindi / kannada interview

counter 4: telugu interview.....

counter 5: french beard - funky guy, around 35 yrs old.... F1

counter 6: American young Lady with green dressF1
counter 7: Looks like an Indian , Serious guy : dark , 30 - 40 yrs , F1
counter 8: Finger print collection counter
counter 9: H1-B (BEP)

time: 9:15 Am

i was asked to join counter 7[dark Indian] by one of the girls supervising there ..

i got scared as the officer asks too many questions to students .. he pays attention to what we say and some times cross questions abt the area of specialization ..

he was also scrutinizing the Fin statements s ...

i wanted to shift to Lady counter , before i do , one bugger escaped to the next queue.. when i tried , the lady stopped me and asked to remain in the same queue...

i have decided to face the trial

the two fellows who went before me , were grilled for 15, 15 min each
one for DSP and other for Transporation Enggg ...

i was expecting a tough session but things went very lightly ...

9:30 Am

Good morning , Good morning : Took my folder.....

VO 1 : direct attack: what do u do at ur present company ?

me: i m a s/w engineer. im a programmer basically and added a bit....

VO 2: whats ur salary ?

me: i earn 3 lacs PA

VO3: show me ur degree certs?

gave it i did MMS degree from BITS Pilani

VO3: hey its MMS a PG or UG

Me: its actually a PG but we do it in 4 years as its designed to be an intergrated program ,,,
blah blah ..

VO4: give ur GRE

Me: i gave my TOEFL first , my TOEFL is better than GRE

VO5; Any Fin statements ?

me: i gave the CA statement ... [no words spoken by me]

vo6: Any Bank statements

me: gave my Bank statements

vo7: Any Passbook ?

me: gave my passbook and said that my father maintains 13lacs in S/b account

vo8: how come suddenly in the month of may u got these funds

Me: i said that my father invested his money in Shares .. as sensx went down, my father was reluctant to sell his shares ,, and only last week he liquidated the shares and kept in the s/b account

.. also i handed him some proofs of share holding

VO: ur Passport would be couriered in 3 dayss... and he left the counter immediately and asked the next person to wait for 3 min as he has some work inside..

i found the Inidan VO name: its Prasanjeeth Gupta !!!

time:9:34 AM

i didnt know what to do ... i was blinking there and procceed to the EXIT !!

and i thought ,, is this the US VISA interview

it happened for 3 - 4 minutes... very quickly but all the documents were seen ..

final note: if we speak confidently, without leaning on the counter visa interview is total sac-out ...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26338>

hi i had my visa interview almost 10 days back and it went on pretty good....i shud have written this a long time ago but i was just held up with travelling and other stuff....

mine was at 7:45 and i went there by 7...the queue wasnt as long as i expected at the chennai consulate...we were finally let in at 7:40.they check passports and the appointment letter...after the initial screening i went in and sat down in front of the counter....i was made to wait for a long time b4 my turn came up....

vo :good morning

me:good morning...

vo:just looked at my i20 and the ds forms and started typing something and after a couple of mins " how long have u been working with cognizant and how much money have u saved up?

me:yes i have saved up a bit which i have invested upon shares and stuff and i inted to use this for my graduate studies.

vo:show me ur toedfl and gre scores..

me:show them across..

vo:wat is the nature of ur work in cognizant?

me:blah blah

vo:is ur dad planning to borrow money to fund you?

me:no.I would take a bank loan if required.

vo:you passport would be couriered in 4-7 days and u pls sign on this i20 here.....

me:thanks.Do all u guys speak tamil?

vo:i dont.She does(and pointed me to the lady in the next counter)

me:yah she did really well...(she spoke decent tamil and i was very surprised myself)

vo:i will tell her that..

me:thanks.....

overall it went on well and i think the vo's are mostly student friendlyi have already started a thread regarding the photocopying stuff which was prety new to me.....pls go thro it in case u are curious..

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26331>

Hello guys, Utkarsh here.

My VI was on May 20 (Saturday) at the Mumbai consulate - I am happy to report a success.

(I have been trying to get online and post the relevant details but the ISP - MTNL Triband - kept blocking this site whenever I tried to access edulix. Finally I started using a proxy server and got through.)

I had applied using the USC I20 for MS-EE.

I had availed of the VFS lounge service (Rs. 150) option while submitting my documents at Mumbai - VFS at Tirupati apartments, Bhulabhai Desai Road. My VI time was scheduled for 9:15 and I reported by 8:30 AM as instructed. I was let in to the lounge at around 9:00 AM. Coffee and sandwiches are served while you wait in the lounge area. If you avail of this service you have to pay Rs. 150 at the time of submitting the documents and you will be issued a receipt which you must carry with you on the day of the VI. Locker services are also provided.

Remember: All electronic gadgets like digital watches, cellphones, mp3 players, etc. have to be kept in the VFS locker before boarding the bus to the consulate. Only a harmonium folder or a simple plastic bag containing the documents will be allowed. Not even zip folders are allowed.

We were then transported at around 9:15 AM to the consulate in a bus. There you are instructed to keep the I20, passport and appointment letter ready by the consulate staff. Your folder is checked and you are asked to put all metallic objects away as you pass through the scanner. These include electro-mechanical watches, belts, pens, etc. Then, these are returned to you along with a wooden token.

Inside you have to stand in another queue where an official takes your passport and puts it in a yellowish brown bag and hands over your DS forms (submitted earlier) to you. You will be told to make ready the requisite visa documents for inspection. Then you are made to stand in a line in front of a counter where you will be finger-printed - the left and right index fingers. Then, they will take your passport, DS forms, etc. after fingerprinting you and give you a coupon with a number on it.

You are to wait in the waiting area until your number is called. It will ultimately be called along with many other numbers and told to proceed to one of the many numbered booths at the periphery of the waiting area - this is where the VIs are held.

Each booth is a small room with a glass partition dividing it. It has a slot for passing documents along with a small mike to capture your replies. The VO sits on the other side of this partition.

I waited in the waiting area till my number was called. I could see people queuing up outside the booths as there numbers were called. As I was without my watch I relied on the digital clock on the wall to see how long the interviews lasted. I found that at some booths they lasted upto 5 minutes !!

When my number was called I saw through the glass door that it was the same American

lady who had fingerprinted me. She seemed the pleasant type and so I felt relieved. When I was called I went into the booth.

VO: Hello (smiling).

Me: Hello.

VO: so, why do you want to go to the US ??

Me: I have secured an admit at USC, LA, CA where I plan to study wireless communication.

VO: ok, was this your top choice ??

Me: Yes.

VO: What was your second best choice ?

Me: IIT-C, I have an admit from there too.

VO: Ok - how many places did you apply to ?

Me: five.

VO: Know anyone at USC ??

Me: Yes, Prof. C. Raghavendra - he came down to conduct a seminar and I did personally interact with him.

VO: ok.

VO: How do you plan to fund your studies ??

Me: Using these FDs in my fathers name. (Showed her the FD receipts. She looked at them and returned them.)

Me: Do you wish to see any more financial documents ?

VO: No, its okay. Your passport will reach you in three working days. (returned the I20 to me)

ME: Thank you very much. Good bye.

VO: Bye.

The whole VI took about 90 seconds. No other documents excepts the FDs that were my primary documents were asked for.

I came out, returned the wooden token and exited the consulate. I went home more relieved than happy.

My passport reached me on Monday (22/05/2006) with the visa. The courier will require the HDFC fee receipt when they return the passport to the specified address.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26087>

Interview lasted for about 20 minutes. Scary experience... read on

Chennai consulate,
10.45 Appointment

VO: Hello, how are you?

ME: I'm fine mam, thank you. How about you?

VO: ah, am fine too.

ME: *slips in the folder*

VO: so, how many schools did you apply to?

ME: what?

ME: *realizing that it was blunt* sorry mam, I didn't get that

VO: *asks again*

ME: *blinks again*

VO: Is the mike working?

ME: *gave a big nod*

VO: ok *smiles*.. then listen carefully... (asks again)

ME: *finally* oh 6 mam

VO: how many admits?

ME: 4

VO: which univ have you taken and which program?

ME: Microbio blah blah @ xxx

VO: What about funding?

ME: I have a fee waiver and a 2000\$ PM stipend mam

VO: good, show me the letters you got from the univ.

ME: *showed*

VO: What will you be working on?

ME: * I said something vague, trying hard to avoid terms like 'pathogen' 'disease' etc

VO: tell me more about it

ME: *why???* told again explaining in such a way that she would get bored

VO: Have you done any research so far?

ME: I have done a few projects

VO: what were they about?

ME: proteomics blah blah

VO: could you explain more?

ME: *nervous* told

VO: what are the practical applications of your project?

ME: told something vague, again trying to avoid terms that would make her cautious

VO: can you be more specific

ME: *okay, okay* development of biomarkers for diagnosis of diseases *sad*

VO: "oh I see..." (she had been typing all through the interview. But at this moment she stopped talking to me and was typing very fast for about 2 mins) "Give me a moment..."
disappears inside the room and talks to a person

ME: *of course, nervous*

VO: *comes back* do you have a copy of your bio-data?

ME: oh yes mam... *gave her*

VO: *disappears again*

ME: stood there for 4-5 mins

VO: (after coming back) do you work with radio active elements?

ME: NO!! *with a genuine expression*

VO: okay... *searches for something in a rack full of forms*

ME: *what now?*

VO: *goes inside the room and again searches*

ME: *waited for about a minute*

VO: (comes back with a blue form.. writes something on it)

ME: *sad... reject eh?*

VO: what are you doing now?

ME: what?! *of course, standing and waiting for the reject*

VO: no, I mean, are you a student now?

ME: oh, yes, I am

VO: do you have your degree certificate?

ME: No, but I have the course completion certificate and original mark sheets

VO: then you will have to come another day with your degree certificate or provisional and get your visa stamped. *gives me the folder AND my PASSPORT*

ME: (didn't understand... getting the passport back could mean only one thing right) Whats wrong mam?

VO: nothing... ask your university to give your degree certificate soon so that you don't miss your univ's deadline *smiles sweetly*

ME: *still confused*

VO: *calls the next person*

ME: I moved, still not understanding whether or not I got a Visa!

Then I read the form and understood that I didn't have to attend the interview again and can get the visa stamped any day provided I come with the degree certificate. Wow! I finally understood that I had been given a Visa

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26391>

My visa interview was scheduled at 09:15 hrs and I reached at around 08:30 hrs at the Stars and Stripes Lounge... had a sandwich and some coffee and waited for an hour... I was asked to board a bus at 09:30 ...which reached the consulate and I was let in at 10:00....

Upon arrival at the consulate... there was a security check and all the guyz had to remove their belts and show them all the thngs tht ur carrying(purses, ur folder)... the guard carelessly opened up my folder and searched each and every compartment of the harmonium folder...

then I was let in (a small wooden token stick was given) and on showing the HDFC receipt, passport and appointment letter, they gave me the docs tht I submitted earlier along with a pink token and was asked to stand in a queue for finger printing.... There was a young American lady sitting at the counter... along with an Indian official... they took the passport and other docs and my finger prints were taken..

Then I had to wait for an hour in the waiting hall..... my token number was called along with 12 other numbers to Counter no. 5 and I was the second last person in the queue...

The VO was a young man (in his late 20's).....
 after waiting for abt half hour... I was asked to enter the booth....

Herz how my VI went ..

VO: Hello Subhash

ME: Hello Sir, how ru doing

VO: (Smiles*) good

looks at I-20 makes some markings .. checks passport photo etc... types something on the comp

VO: So subhash, (looks at the I20), why have u chosen Colorado State University

ME: Sir, its one of the best univs offering a course I am interested in....(VO interrupts)

VO: wht is tht course

Me: BLAH BLAH BLAH

(he typed something while listening to me and then on to the I20 again).

VO: so u have done ur UG frm Univ. Inst. Of Chem Tech.... is it an international institute

ME: Sir it's a renowned institute in the field of chemical technology..... and is an autonomous institute

VO: (interrupts).. so which field did u choose in ur under graduation

ME: blah blah blah
 VO: (he askedon wht topic did my UG course lay emphasis on
 ME: blah blah
 VO: (interrupts) asks for an example
 ME: blah blah...
 VO: oh kk.. so have u worked on any defence applications
 ME: No, Sir
 ****THEN THE GOLDEN WORDS****
 VO: ok Subhash, ur passport will be couriered
 ME: Thank you Sir (and left the booth)

The interview lasted 45 secs..... thts it....not a single document asked
 no GRE/TOEFL scoresheets, no TRANSCRIPTS, no FINANCIAL DOCS

and guess wht, the only time I used my harmonium folder was to keep my I20 back...thts it

SOME OBSERVATIONS and SUGGESTIONS:

- Well, I didn't see a single F1 reject, when I was in the consulate
- There were lesser number of F1 applicants
- There were around 4-5 F1 applicants in the queue I was standing... and I didn't see a single person opening his folder.... No docs were asked at all (observation only at my counter)
- SO REMEMBER..... THE KEY FOR SUCCESS IS ***CONFIDENCE***don't panic and maintain EYE contact with the VO... give shorter answers as the VO doesnt have much time
- NO need to shout on the mic thinking tht the VO might not have heard u..... the mics are well maintained

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26281>

I got this from a yahoo group: visa workshop

pls read this..

 hi all
 i got my visa on 4th try. i am going at university of bridgeport
 last three time i have allpied in I.I.T. chicago.

visa is depends on 100% luck "nasib hona chaiye". so dont leave effort. try and try. be confident- this is most important factor for getting visa

give answer with fully of confidence . just look at v.o.'s eyes and give straight forward answer.

My sister is in usa. she is permanent residence . but still i got the visa . so dont bother if your sibling is there.

my all visa experiences are as below.

I. First Conversation – 16th June 2003

Me: Good After noon Sir

Officer: Good Afternoon.

Officer: Have u traveled to USA any time?

Me: No

Officer: What are your grades in undergraduate?

Me: First Class 60%.

Officer: what are your GRE and TOEFL?

Me: TOEFL 247 and GRE is 1680.

Officer: How many acceptances?

Me: 5 , Illinois Institute of Technology, Cleveland State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, University of Bridgeport, Widner University

Officer: what is your father doing?

Me: He is doing government job as pharmacist in E.S.I.S. (Employ State Insurance Scheme)

Officer: What is your Annual income?

Me: 5 lacs

Officer: How will you manage your study?

Me: I have 19 lacs of bank balance which cover both year's fees and

leaving expenses besides that we have 1.5 lacs of F.D. and other liquid assets.

Officer: What are your brother and sister doing?

Me: My bother is software Engineer and he is doing a job in Crystal Micro System in Surat and my sister has just completed her study.

Officer: Has your father traveled to USA?

Me: No

Officer: Has your mother traveled to USA?

Me: No

Officer: Has your sister traveled to USA?

Me: No

Officer: You visa is rejected?

Me: Can I know the reason?

Officer: Sorry, we cannot give you visa this time.

II. Second Conversation: 2nd July 2003

Me: Good After noon, Sir

Officer: Good after noon

Officer: Why were you rejected the first time?

Me: sir, I don't know why I am rejected, last time my visa officer told me that we cannot give you visa this time, so I am applying again

Officer: What are the changes?

Me: Sir, I have all my financial and academic papers, which the officer did not see last time

Officer: Any one can made fake financial documents?

Me: Sir, I have proof of each and everything, please check my documents.

Officer: Ok what's your father's Annual Income?

Me: 5 lakhs

Officer: Sorry I can't give you visa and he just stamped my passport.

Earlier there was a rule that one can not apply personally for visa interview for 2 years after getting rejected twice. But one can apply through mail-visa and if one cleared by mail visa, he can be called for personal visa interview

III. Third time: 23 aug 2003 by mail visa

I have applied through mail visa, in this category we have to send all the documents except passport to USA embassy. After a review of all documents they call for personal interview if they feel that there is some change in documents and the candidate is genuine. I was rejected in my mail visa too. It was my 3rd try.

Then I don't have anyway for going USA. So I have tried to go USA via Canada but in Canada getting admission in good university is very very tough. I have applied in 2 universities but I haven't get admission.

So I have dropped my plan for going abroad and join the job in "sterling telecom and netsystem ltd" as ICT engineering trainee

Then one day I got the news that rules are changing, one can try any number of times. But this rule came in late December-2003 so I can't apply for admission, so I had planned to defer my admission from fall-2003 to spring 2003. But I was too late for deferring my admission so I have to wait six months. Then I have deferred my admission from fall 2003 to fall-2004.

I got admission from only 2 universities one from Bridgeport and Cleveland State University, but I didn't get I-20 from C.S.U. If I want I-20 from C.S.U. then I have to give a new bank balance certificate that I don't have. So I choose University of Bridgeport.

IV. So my visa interview was on 1st June. and miracle happens I got the visa. My conversation is as below.

v.o. : hello

me: hi good afternoon, how r u?

Vo: fine

Vo: he just enter my name in his computer and look at computer for about one minute. than

vO: who is sponsering your study?

me: My parents and their anual income is x lackhs

vo: show me your it retuns.

i showed him about last 5-6 years it returns

vo: so r u working in sterling telecom what is your job profile

me: i am working in Sterling telecom as ICT engineer trainee . we are working for " tata teleservices ltd" for eraction of mobile communication tower all overin india. some what bout 1000 mobile tower(BTS) and i am working in gujarat.

Vo: so why university og bridgeport

me: as you are knowing that i am working in the communication filed, and i am very much intersted in communication filed, univerisyt of bridgepoert offers it best. after completeing of my course i got good place in this telecom industry and as you know that telecom fild in india is booming

vo: how many university u have applied

me: 2 university and i got acceptance from both and state the 2 university's name

v0 give me i-20 and said that i have to stamp your passport .

me: got the visa?

vo:ya

me: thanks

vo: keep the head phone at its place,

i go back and than once again i ask sir i got the visa?

vo: yes you got it and you will get your passport within day or two

day.
me : thanks

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26547>

Hi guys,
I got my visa yest at the chennai consulate! Smile
Must say that I hardly saw any F1 rejects yest. I was asked the usual stuff. Here's the conversation (conversation coz i din feel like it was an interview at all!):

VO (a very smart n good looking guy Smile): Hi miss, How r u?
Me: Fine, how r u?
VO: Am good.
VO: So how many univs did u apply to?
Me:5
VO:Which all?
Me:named them
VO:Which ones accepted u n which ones rejected?
Me:Told
VO:So y this univ?
Me:Told (lemme tel u that this VO was listening very carefully to every F1 applicant while asking this question.If u give the typical reasons that the dept is good n has ur specialisation, he will ask u more questions. U wil have to elaborate more. So whatever u say, ensure u can give good reasons to support it)
VO:ok.show me ur BE marks card, degree cert, n GRE score cards
Me:showed them
VO(looking at my DS forms): So u work for "xyz"?
Me:Yes
VO:Whats ur pay?
Me:Told
VO:ok.ur passport will be couriered to you in 3 days. good luck
Me:thank you

He will keep looking at u, whenever u r answering. Unlike some other officers, who dont even look at u while ur answering!
The scene seems to be quite chill now. Almost everyone was getting a visa!
But here are a few things noticed at my counter:
The VO was looking for genuine answers. There was this guy in front of me who was saying he chose the particular univ becoz of advanced research facilities (a common answer). So

the VO grilled him more here. He was like all univs in US have advanced research facilities. Why do u call this dept advanced?wht specific reason?etc etc... he grilled the guy until he was convinced. n then he asked wht the guy's plan was after an MS. He said he wanted to join as a faculty member in some Indian univ. So VO was like "why"? the guy said he wanted to serve his country n the ppl!!! that's it. The VO grilled him more..again..until he was convinced. The reason might have been genuine since the guy was able to convince the VO. But ppl, dont give such rehearsed "made up answers"!!! U r only tempting the VO to ask more questions on it! So whatever answers u give, be sure that u can support them further. N yeah, if u answer in a very convincing n confident manner in the first shot, he wont ask u more questions on it. That is wht happened to me.

So just stay cool. Look into the VO's eye n speak confidently. This gives an impression that u know n r very sure of wht ur saying.

Good luck to all of u yet to take up the interview!

Thanks a ton to all the edulixians who have helped n all respects!

Thanks a lot guys!

Cheers

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26542>

Here's how my visa interview went on the 31st May 2006 at 3:30 PM (Chennai Consulate)

VO: Hello

ME: Good Afternoon

VO: Good Afternoon

VO: How many universities did u apply to?

ME: I applied to eight and got admitted in all 8

VO: Then why CMU?

ME: The curriculum matches my interest and the course is very flexible, allowing me to take Information Systems related courses from CMU's Business school, School of Public Policy and Software Engineering institute.....and CMU has an excellent reputation and ranking for Information Systems.

VO: Do you have any siblings?

ME: yes,a younger brother. He is doing his 3rd year engineering.

VO: Who is going to sponsor you?

ME: My Parents

VO: What r they doing?

ME: They are.....and slid the CA statement (looks at it for a few seconds)

VO: why do you want to leave ur job at cognizant?

ME: I started answering when she interrupted.....

VO: What r ur future plans after Masters

ME: I said I want to come back and join an IT company.

VO :R u sure u will come back? Don't u want to work there?

ME :Cognizant has already approved and offered me a H1 B visa but I didn't want to take it. My purpose of going to USA is not to find an employment. I want to get qualified and come back to India.

(I was about to take out H1 B documents given by my company, but she said "No, thats ok. You don't have to show that")

VO: Everything seems fine; I am granting you the Visa. Have a nice time at CMU.

ME: Thanks

VO: Thanks

** Just as everyone has been saying here - 'confidence is the key'. When they ask for documents show it to them confidently without hesitation. When u pass on ur docs confidently they don't scrutinize it that much or ask u questions (especially ur financial docs).

** At the Chennai consulate there is no token system and you are ushered to the queue at the different visa counters randomly by the attendants. When the VO at a particular counter was strict, I noticed a lot of people leaving their queues on the pretext of going to the toilet or

drinking water and coming back later to join a different queue when the attendants were not noticing. I don't no what the repercussions would be if ur caught changing queues nor would I recommend it to anyone.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26495>

visa interview on June 1st. Appnt. time was 8:15. Reached there at 7:45. Entered bldg. at 8:00. visa interview at 10:20. I had decided that I would not beg, plead or wallow before the VO. But guess I overdid it. :-p

Advice 1). Do not go to the consulate too early, unless u want to be baked in the sun. They let ppl. in

only on the basis of interview time n not ur position in the queue. 30 minutes before interview is ideal in

the mornings. 15 minutes is fine later in the day.

Advice 2) Have ur name on I20 match exactly the one on the passport. I had my name updated cos my

entire name was written on the sirname line in the passport. Blive me, at the documnet check desk as well

as at the interview, the officers flipped through the passport pages to check if the name was corrected.

Advice 3) Documents r secondary. Ur communication skills are primary.

Advice 4) DO NOT ROTE OR MEMORISE ANY ANSWERS. Some of the interviews before mine were so funny. The VO wud ask something and these students would start at full speed the stupid replies that they had learnt byheart without even listening to the question. That is one thing that really gets on everybody's nerves. The VO's were very very patient and considerate though and never lost their temper, even with these stupid blokes. The VO's r kind, sensitive ppl. They r far from condescending and are very friendly. Please give them atleast ONE SINGLE REASON to give u a visa.

OK. to the thing.....

A beautiful 27-29 yr old lady at counter. Very sane and professional. no 20-30 second interviews.No grilling for ages. all interviews were about 5-7 minutes long. All F-1's were being sent to her. I agreed with all of her visa decisions for the guys n gals before me. Very logical decisions. (Except she was a bit lenient to an idiot and gave him a visa though he was a moron. I guess thats cos it was his second attempt and he looked as desperate n devastated as is possible. Smile)

My interview:

Me: Hi there!

She: Hi

I pass my folder.

She: r u goin to umcp?

me: yes.

she: y this college?

me: research in all aspects of signal processing. blah blah.

she: when did u pass out?

me: 2003

she: what have u been doin since then?

me: working at xxx

she: ive never heard of this co.

me: (making a face as if she must be joking).We are a huge zzz co. worth yyy billion dollars and doing kkkk. we are fotune 500 ranked xxxx. The US media has been talking such a lot abt. us for the past 6 months.

she: gives a cute smile.

she: what do u do there?

me: write code that makes yyy run.

she: y did u go to the rrr country?(must have seen in the Ds-forms or the visa on the passport)

me: our guys out there needed some help with the software.Went there to lend them a hand. (as if I was the guru or something..... he hee)

she: Y r u leaving ur job?

me: im not.(Acting as if it was blasphemous to even think of such things). Ill take a leave for 2 yrs. n then come back n join them, but in a better position doing very different kind of work n for a larger compensation, of course.

she: how much will they pay u then?

me: atleast 13-15 lpa. they r paying me xxx now.

she: ok. what is this family-overseas in the I20. (I had expected this. the UMCP guys had for some unknown reason put

"funds available :\$zzzz(family sources- overseas)"

in my I20.

me: (smiling) dont know. Guess because UMCP is in the US n my family is here in India.

she: Probably. Am seeing this for the first time though.

me: (Smiling) Me too, but unfortunately this is the only I20 ive seen in my life.(Absolute bull shit. this was a careless comment as many others that I made. But that's me. Can never keep my mouth shut. Smile)

she: whos family here?

me: my parents n bro-in-law.

she: what do they do?

me: b-i-l is RnD manager in zzz at Bangalore and father is hardware merchant.

she just keeps quiet

me: my dads into construction materials n paints etc.

she: I know what hardware is.(A snub!!! I wanted to return that.....In retrospect i know what a stupid thought it was.....)

me: Many ppl. mistake hardware for computer stuff. hence the clarification.

she: oh! OK.

she: have u saved anything urself?

me: yep.

she: can I see ur finance docs?

me: heres the CA summary. Put ur finger on an item n ill show u proof of that. Too many docs to pass over the counter. (Again an overacting joker. But thought that as a worthwhile attempt to prevent her from digging into any of my financial docs.)

she returns the statement without even looking at it.

This is the only time I do not say anything.

she: ur degree certificate please.
I pass it across.
she tries scratching the 3D seal, n stuff

she: never heard of this college before.
me: its the reginal engineering college at xxx. recently changed to NIT xxx, ranked zzz in the country.

Returns degree certificate, I20 etc.

she: ur collge is very close to Washington DC.
me: i know that .(snub returned.....)

she: Good luck then.
me: thanx. have a nice day.

No talk of visa reject or accept etc.
I leave counter n come home straight. So ive either got the visa or lost my passport . Smile.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26476>

Guys guys guys !!!!

After being denied on 24/5/06, I was fortunate enough to fetch an appointment on June 2nd..... and this time I made it !!!!

Just like AbeSivam who had his interview at 10.15, I too had a similar 10.00 appointment..... stood in the scorching chennai sun from 9.35 through 11.45, before they let me in..... inside the consulate, there was a 6'0 tall guy (is name's Marc something) with a french beard, and was giving us lecture on how to behave during the interview..... it took a long time at the pre screening section as well..... after 12:30, I was able to make my entry to the interview bay.....

Here, after the fingerprinting session (the guy - indian lookalike - finished his red bull, and went to attend a call before takin my fingerprints), I was asked to sit at the waiting area..... there was a fair indian lady runnin around, trying to instruct everyone on where to sit and all (I was pretty pissed with her... i didnt like her attitude...)

Finally, i was asked to join the queue at counter number 9, where this absolute blonde

beauty was sitting (looks to be around 28 - 35 years old), with a blue top..... There were 6 guys ahead of me (and im sure that one of them was anbesivam..... i saw the guy who was goin to ASU)

5 guys in front of me got accepted... including a couple of hopeless cases.... this lady was quite compassionate..... The guy just in front of me got rejected... he had 18 backlogs, a poor gre score (from her words), and a univ that I was hearing about for the first time.....

Then it was my turn to take center stage:

Me : Good afternoon maam...

VO : GA

(passed the file inside)

(I was expecting questions on my last rejection... but surprisingly nothing of those sort were asked)

VO : Why do u want to do your MBA from SUNY Buffalo ?

ME : Maam - 4 reasons..... reason a, b, c she cut me short before reason d, which was value for money....

VO : Please show me your gmat and toefl scorecards pls....

ME : Sure maam (passed them under)

VO : Your deg cert please

Me : (Gave it)

VO : Now your marksheets please

ME : Maam.. I'm a 2001 graduate, and a couple of my marklists from the first 2 sems are in pretty bad shape.. please be careful with them (smiling)

VO : Smiles.... ok... i'll be (she just looks at the first 2 sems marks , and returned them back to me)

VO : And... did you have any backlogs ?

Me : Yes mam.... a couple during the eight semesters... but my final 2 years are spotlessly clean, and I was the project topper, and have also got very high marks for my seminar, viva voce and comp labs.... am a good student maam (smiling)

VO : gives me one of the most beautiful smiles that i've ever seen

VO : What do you intend to do after your MBA?

Me : maam... with 4 years of solid exp to back me up, and an internationally recognized MBA from Buffalo, I can easily land up a high paid job with any of the fortune 500 companys in India I've got another option too.... my employer has granted me 2 years sabattical leave to purseu my MBA.. and has promised to take me back as the marketing manager upon joining back..... im still undecided on the second option though.....

VO : (The golden words) Thank you sir.... your visa has been granted... enjoy your trip to the US.... please keep the I-20 safe... You'll be needing it when u arrive at the airport there....

Me : Thanks maam.. U have been very co operative... have a wonderful day ahead !

VO : (Gives me another one of her million-dollar-smiles)

Thats it folks..... no financial docs, no experience certs, nothing else.... just took 2 minutes.....

Im thankful to everyone who supported me after my initial failure Very Happy

Best regards,
Jackpot !!!!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26523>

Delhi Consulate

Reached there at 10 :30 for 11 AM appointment. Had to wait till 12:15 in the outside line only to enter the consulate.

Waited another 30 mins there for a 1 min interview.

VI: You are from DCE , good...

VI: Why UCSB ?----Answered

VI: Sevis Receipt? ---shown

VI: How and you financing your studies?--- answered

VI: Enjoy your studies....

Didn't ask for a single document.

Best of luck to all of you for your interviews.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26470>

Hi Everyone... Had my Visa Interview today at 9:30 at the Mumbai Consulate... I am going for my MPH. Reached early by 8:15. Didn't want to take a risk with the skies having no mercy since the last few days.

Had taken the VFS lounge service. So was made to sit there. They serve you coffee and sandwich, but I was not in the mood for either. They called us to board the bus to the consulate at about 9:35. So was sitting there for nearly an hour and a half.

They give us instructions in the bus about what's gonna happen next. Then finally were made to stand in the queue outside the consulate. Were frisked outside and then made to go through the metal detector and handed over the wooden token. Inside were handed over the forms which we had submitted earlier, again along with a pink colored token, on which is the number by which you shall be called to the counters. Then the queue for finger printing.

Thereafter you have to wait till your number is announced. Was sitting in the middle in the first line, so that made it a bit easier to listen to the announcements. It's loud enough and clear too. So no worries.

My number was called up at counter no 8. Was the last in the queue, which had a mixture of F1 and H1 applicants. I was the 7th. I guess we had 2 rejections ahead of me.

The interviewer was the same person who had finger printed me. He was taking real long interviews. Guess 5 min at least for each person.

My interview went like this.

Me: Good morning sir. How are you doing?

VO: Fine. And you?

Me: Am fine too, Sir.

VO: (After typing a few things in his comp) So why Public Health?

Me: Sir, I developed a deep interest in Public Health during my undergrad years. Then described about the research project I had done. Also about my work with the WHO in the Pulse polio campaign.

VO: That's a good answer Very Happy . SO why UTH?

Me: Cause UTH is in the Texas Medical Center..... Also being ASPH and CEPH

accredited.

VO: That's great. Very Happy Looks like you have researched a lot about the University?

Me: Yes sir, off course. If I am going there for my masters, I would want to know everything about the university.

VO: That's right. So how many Universities did you apply to?

Me: 6

VO: And how many did you get into?

Me: 5. The decision of 1 is still awaited.

VO: Good. So what do your parents do?

Me: Told him. He was impressed by Surat.

VO: Oh Surat...That's a good place.. I was there recently...

Me: Yes sir, it is. You are welcome again Sir. Wink

VO: So what are your plans after coming back to India?

Me: Sir, I would want to come back and join NGO's like WHO and CARE who are working here. I would want to be part of the Organizational sector. And went on...

VO: Okay ... You have your Visa... I like the way you speak Shocked . Study well...and hands me back the I 20.

Me: Thank you sir.

That's it guys. No docs seen.. Didn't open my folder at all...

Got my passport in the evening. A good 5 year stamp.

Thanks everyone for the help you provided... I would love to help out anyone who has any doubts..

The essence of everything is , just be confident. They listen to everything you say and are very attentive. The best part is if you answer well they are ready to appreciate giving you the

added confidence.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26455>

hi everyone

thanx to everyone everyone ... everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

gota my visa today ... 2nd June 10am slot

Leavin aside the VFS formalities ... i'll tell u abt wat happened after i got the pink token.

I sat on the 2nd row ... waitin for my no. unfortunately the voice quality of the VOs callin nos. was not grt ... n i thought i missed my no. .. twice!!!!!!

I was sittin in front of 4th counter where a young sweet lady (age 25-30) was doin some work ... n i was just starin at her for a while ... suddenly i realised What M I Doin ...

Soon after 5 mins ... VO at counter 4 called arnd 10 nos includin mine ... i was 1st in the queue ...

n here it goessssssssssssssss

Me: A very good mornin Mam

VO: Not interested .. lookin at my DS forms

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VO: So wat r u doin right now

Me: (Starin at u Wink) I m workin in our family business

VO: wats the business

Me: We have a pharmaceutical biz ... n we make pharma machines for so so MNCs

VO: Wat do u wana do in US

Me: Specialise in vlsi design

VO: which course

Me: Electrical Engg

VO: What is ur father's income

Me: so so ... but my family is sponsoring me

VO: which part of ur family

Me: (wat part yaar!!!!!!!!) my father mom and 1 bro

VO: ur fathers bro or ur bro ... is ur uncle sponsoring u too..

Me: NO , my bro .. only my family

VO: show me ur financial docs

Me: gav passbooks ... FDs stock stmts.

VO: had a thorough look at everythin ... but she didnt ask me anythin as everythin was proper n quite strong

VO: So u have one more bro ... in USA

Me: Yes

VO: why is he not sponsoring u

Me: coz thats not required ... we hav sufficient funds

(problem is ... i didnt want a sponsor who is based in USA)

"""""" NOW THE GAME BEGINS, N I M QUITE SURE SHE KNEW EVERYTHIN ABT MY BRO ... I HAD MENTIONED HIS NAME IN DS FORMS""""""

VO: what is bro doin in US

Me: working

VO: what is he workin on

Me: chip design engineer

VO: which company

Me: XXX (A M-M-MNC)

VO: Show me the proof

ME: (Luckily i had all this docs .. like Appointment letter... visa copy etc..)

I showed her the docs ... n she was readin them very very carefully

VO: he lives in which city

ME:XXX

VO: why did he go US at 1st

ME: to pursue MS

VO: which univ.

ME: univ of toledo

VO: same one as urs

ME: yes (this was tricky ... coz 99.99% she already knew that my bro had gone ther for MS ... it was visible from her expressions)

VO: (without any expressions) ok ur visa is granted

Me: thank you .. good day

VO: AGAIN not interested

Her Name: CODY (surname was damn difficult to understand)

but she was damn sweet !!!!!!!!!!!!!

'su kar mere man ko, kiya su ne kya isara' lol

all this happened in 5 mins

MY LIL ADVICE

If u have ur siblings in US ... tell them the truth ... n keep all the docs of ur siblings too wid u ...

TRUTH PREVAILS ...

n now
In God I Trust!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

signing off

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26452>

Hi all

AnbeSivam gets his VISA with a cakewalk Smile

As usual, I got up at 7:00. It was a pleasant morning, went to temple as my parents suggested. I then made a call to my best friend to gain my confidence. (which i always had Wink). I jus took the harmonium folder with me after wearing a formal wear which i always use at the interviews. Wink

Reached the consulate by around 9:30 for my 10:15 appointment and wow, what a long Q! I got acquainted with a guy there who was heading to IIT. (Hope you got your VISA mate. Couldn't wait for you as they were literally pushing me out).

Entered the consulate at 11:30 and was sweating like anything cos of the scorching heat. Anyway, i must get used to this as i am heading to ASU. Wink

Then I reached the pre screening area and then they made me wait for 30 mins and arranged my DS forms, i20, passport etc.. and put them all in a folder and gave it back to me.

Further, I moved on to the VISA Lobby and straightaway stood in the fingerprinting line at

Counter 8. After sometime, fingerprinting was taken by the Indian VO. (He scared me before by rejecting 2 applicants in another counter. He was anyway very cool drinking RedBull.). I was then asked to sit and wait. Suddenly, a lady came and asked if there were any students waiting for their turn. As I was in the first row, I was called first and asked to go to Counter 9. Wow, there was a beauty. Wink

Yeah, the VO was looking really awesome. I was smiling all the time looking at her during the interview which must have helped me a lot.

Me: Hello, How are you?

VO: Hello, I am doing good. How are you?

Me: I am fine.

VO: Pass on the folder please.

Me: (Passed them silently)

VO: We'll go ahead with the interview but before that I might have to take a fingerprinting. Oh! Wait! You have already taken it?

Me: Yeah (I practiced hard not to say yeah but couldn't help it)

VO: So, Why did you choose Arizona State University?

Me: I found the research going on very interesting.

VO: What is your research interest?

Me: Computer Networks.

VO: Ok. Show me your degree certificate and marksheets.

Me: (Passed on only the degree certificate) Do you want to see the marksheets too?

VO: No. Its fine. Your VISA is approved Sir.(Returned the docs).

Me: Thanks a lot. Have a nice weekend. Smile

That was it. It was so simple.

Things that matter the most are :-

- 1. Confidence.
- 2. Reputation of University.

I saw a F1 reject. (There were not many F1 applicants today. I saw only 4 or 5). That person was answering the Indian VO with a tensed face and that turned against him. Thats why i saw Confidence is very important. You just have to go there and stay cool. Its that simple. Smile

Goodluck to all! Smile

Thanks a lot to the edulix community! Smile

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26166>

hey guys !

its been some time now that I made any post on edulix. I was actually silently monitoring all VI posts and praying that things go well at my end aswell. Its a little different but more or less the same ... so here it goes ...

Date : 22nd May 2006

Consulate : Islamabad

Time 8 : 00

I was sheduled for 8 AM interview and I got there at 7 : 15 but there was a longggggg line in front of me. I got into the embassy at nearly 10 : 30 AM and then handed my passport and I 20 and stuff at window 12. Then got my fingers scanned and then the long wait started again. I was very nervous and was examining windows very cautiously. A very very low average of F -1 applicants. Probably there were only two of us. The other guy was going to some uni in newyork. Well it was mixed ratio and visas were given and rejected equally. One guy at window 8 was completely rejecting everyone and I was praying o LORD ! plzzzz not window 8. And then I saw a very pleasant woman picking up my passport at window 10 and I was releived ... announcement made ... "Mr. Khan Please come to window number 10" and here it goes

VO : Morning Khan

Me : Morning mam (no smiles ... a bit confused but trying to stay confident and looking into eyes !)

VO : (looking at my I-20) Penn ... hmmm ... Pretty kool university Khan ...

Me : Thanks a lot mam. (Now a bit relaxed and started smiling ... amd yeah Uni name does matter guys ... its true .. !)

VO : So why US ?

Me : Basically I have gotten a bit of corporate and industry experience in Telecoms and am now looking to go into research. US provides state of the art technology and very impressive research opportunities.

VO : hmmm ... (very seriously) Do you work ?

Me : Yes mam.

VO : For how long ?

Me : Nearly two years mam.

VO : ANd what are ur plans after Masters ?

Me : I would like to come back to Pakistan and work for a MNC in Telecoms ... I also have offer from my present company of joining them after coming back.

VO : (typing something into computer) OK .. lets see ur I 20 statement (after a pause)... hmmm ... this amount is huge ... how are you going to manage ?

Me : My parents are sponsoring me.

VO : what do they do ?

Me : (told her)

VO : hmmm ... Khan .. plz take out ur financial proofs while I run some checks on computer ...

Me : Sure mam

(haned over all docs ..)

VO : Well your statements are OK ... I think you can manage ... (returning my docs)

Me : Yes mam .. we surely can !

VO : Ok ... Well let me tell you that we always appreciate serious students like you and we appreciate your efforts in getting in some good reputed schools.

Me : (now my heart starts beating very fast ..) Thanks a lot mam.

VO : OK Khan ... I am clearing your interview (the Golden Words) ... Your passport stays with me ... You will get it in two month's time ... we are going to run some security checks on it and reurn it to you along I 20 if security is cleared ...

Me : (Yahooooooooooooooo !) Thanks a lot madam ...

VO : Have a good day !

Me : you too mam !

And thats it ! Now if my security is cleared most probably I'll get the visa .. the other guy got rejected though ... feel sorry for him ... but anyways last hurdle left ... rest my way is clear for US of A !!! Wink

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26221>

Hi guys,

I got rejected on 24th of may.... I was the first guy in the counter on the particular day (7.45 appointment at chennai)..... a blonde young VO (looks not more than 25)

VO : why MBA?

Me : Been workin for the last 4.5 years, and assume that it's the rght time to do it

VO : show me ur experience certs

Me : showed (only error - didnt have the latest one... had just the appraisal letter tat i got this feb)

VO : GMAT and TOEFL marklists pls

me : showed

VO : Deg cert pls

Me : showed (he was lookin at my deg cert as if it was a fake one).... it's a cert from Cochin univ of science and tech, and atleast 100 students apply for MS / MBA from there every year....

VO : Please wait sir..... i'll be right back.....

Me : sure sir... (waits for 3 mins)

VO comes back, types something in the screen....

VO : I'm sorry sir, you wont be getting a visa this time...

Me: (shocked).... sir.... can I know the reason please? can i reapply? (cos he had already stamped)

VO : he told me something like "Get some genuine docs"....

I was dumbstruck.... i had prepared really well for the interview, and the only glitch was

maybe my latest expernce cert... i didnt take that wth me.... damn....

Now, the big Q....

I've paid te fee for a reaplication, but havent gotten a date till now.... hoping to get one pretty soon....

Are there people on this forum who have got second time lucky ? Or will they just blindly reject a reapplicant since he was rejected by another VO earlier sometime??

Besties,
An Unlucky Soul Sad

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26595>

VISA Interview
June 7, 2006, 1030 IST
Delhi Consulate

Gre-1430
Toefl-260
Acads-7.65/10
College-MNNIT, Allahabad
I-20 – University of Cincinnati (Full tuition waiver)

1000 - Reached consulate
(30 minutes in the queue outside consulate, 30 people in front of me)
1030 – Reached windows (stapled my HDFC slip with DS forms and I-20 with Passport)
1035 – Little queue before security gate
1040 – Security Check
1045 – Finger printing queue
1050 – Non-Immigrant Queue(final one)
(Immigrants were supposed to sit on the chairs and were called by their name)
1100 – Coffee
(There were about 40 people in front of me)
1155 – Counter number 8
1200 – Outside the consulate

Believe me all it took was 1 minute. Interviewer was a big structured American in his 40s, wearing Blue T-shirt on counter number 8. He was really fast and energetic. He was asking me questions and in the mean time he was checking the I-20. Whole process was very fast. Looked like an formality. No pause, nothing, it was like a game show in which team is supposed to do a task in 1 minute.

All the interviews I have seen while standing were taking on an average of 7-8 minutes. Except those of the Chinese women who took 4 interviews through out my stay of 70 minutes inside the consulate. Already heard a lot about her from friends who gave their interview in past few days.. This American-Chinese-women in 40s on Counter number 9 was grilling everyone, checking each and every possible document and asking a lot about the subject of specialization.

(For all those discussing big on long hairs -- I went to the interview with my shoulder length hair – all falling, Ear ring and Goti(DCH))

Visa Interview

VO: Give me your forms

ME:): (Never knew we need to keep DS Forms and Passport handy, It was inside the folder)

VO: Should I send you back to the queue.

ME:.)Smile: (by that time he said that he was having the Passport and Forms in his hand)

(It took me hours to prepare my folders with Index and flags)

VO: Which course?

ME:): Masters in Mechanical Engineering

(>>Speak exactly what is written in I-20. For me it was masters not MS))

VO: \$\$\$W@^@%&\$@ ?

ME: What (his voice was very low)??

VO: (again)#@\$#\$@\$# Previous Institute?

ME:): Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad.

VO: TOEFL Score?

ME:): 260

VO: What is the Maximum?

ME:): 300 (was he checking me or he really doesn't know that)

VO: How can I know that Mr. XXX is your Father?

ME: (Oooye – Yeh kya bool raha hai be Shocked Shocked :shock) Sir, please check it in the Passport (and he was really doing that), (I guess he asked that since I was not having a Sur Name)

VO: What do your parents do?

ME:): My father is a Senior Scientist in Health ministry.

VO: Oh! Senior Scientist. (got impressed)

ME:): Show me the proof of funds

VO: (mean time he was looking at my I-20) 32,000\$ - How are you going to pay for it.

ME:): Sir my parents are sponsoring me.

(Although I got Full tuition waiver of 18,500\$, but surprisingly he looked only the left section of I-20 where total expenses are written i.e. 32,000\$)

VO: Show me the proof.

ME:): Passed on my financial statement. (He just looked at the first page that was financial summary n got satisfied)

VO: (and then - Golden Words) your passport will be couriered to you.

ME:): (Yippee - Big smile Very Happy) Thank you sir.

That's all.

Thank you all for your continuous support and help.

EDULIX ROCKS 8)

Preparation, Confidence and Presentation are the keys to success.

-Abhinav Smile

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26605>

HI guys,,,,,,,,,

got my visa to syracuse EE dept...vlsi..chennai consulate..06/06/06..

Guys mine was 10:45 appointment...interview was held at 2:25 PM.

So have a good and full breakfast with some juice...(advise for ppl with appointments after 9:30am)

The Vo was lookin like an INdia with American accent..

Stood before the counter...I was tthe lone one standing..he was interviewing a couple with a child.. I was waiting trying to catch what he is asking...he was verifying all their documents...the person was giving all ..one by one docs..

The VO issued the visa to them ...Then called me..

Interview went on as follows...

Me: "Hello Sir, Good Afternoon" Razz Razz

VO: Hello .Good Afternoon (stern)

VO took my folder first..and started asking..

VO:why did u select this university sir?

me:said this is one of the oldest universities of america..good dept..faculty..phds student to facilty ratio is good..lab facilities.. etc...

asked to give me my memos and gre toefl reports..
gave them,,

VO:what is ur total percentage sir?

me: said it.

vo:what will u do after completing ur MS sir?

me:return to india..good jobs available....(said abt vlsi..good research n jobs in chipdesigning)

VO:what will u do if u get a job there?

me:said i will come back ..no job there..

VO:Is their chipdesigning in India?(MY specialisation being VLSI)

Me: actually in India ..no ..but introducing software into chip,,,,,etc..

VHDL,VERILOG...SAID THESE R ALSO PARTS OF VLSI

VO:ok ok

VO:what r ur parents ?

me: said it.

VO:asked to give me my financial docs..

gave them..

VO: Asked my mothers salary cft..

Me: gave all my docs..there were hardly somepapers left in my harmonium file..he saw all of them..

he started cross cheking my CA statement with my FDs...verified them keenly...

giving all my docs back..said..

VO: ok sir,ur visa is being granted ,,Have a nice day..

Me:Thank u sir..

Took all my belongings and cameout.....

Thats it. guys be patient...the lines r big outside...many were in light colour shirts,,I was in a darkblue shirt...I felt different...no fear at all...be confident..don't tremble..start saying something ..prepare for normal questions first...

Many of the VOs r not at all checking ur financial docs...but just asking abt backlogs (if any),why this university,etc..

be cool...ok..

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26609>

Hi everyone,

I got my student visa on 5th June.

The interview was pretty cool, well its all matter of confidence i shud say,

My interview was like;

VO: Why this univ?

me: blahblah, she was listening very carefully n said ok good.

VO: show me ur GRE score card n ur acad certificates?

me: had arranged the folder carefully so didnt even took a sec.

she saw them all n thts it, no further questons,

she said ur visa appl been approved n u'll get the passport in 3 wrking days.

I was a bit tensed but it turned out to very cool.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=25692>

Right. This is how my interview went. Suspense at the end.

VO: Hello.

Me: Hello, good morning, sir.

VO: So, you've been to the US before?

Me: Yes, on a visitor Visa.

VO: You went to check out the universities?

Me: Not really, went to attend my brother's graduation.

VO: What's your brother doing now?

Me: He's working as a research specialist at UCSF.

VO: And you're going to?

Me: UC Riverside.

VO: How far's that from SF?

Me: 400-450 miles.

VO: Who's funding you?

Me: I've got a fellowship from the university.

VO: What research are you going to do?

Me: It depends on the availability of projects at the university, but I've already corresponded with a professor. He's working on air pollution control.

VO: What specific work?

Me: I'm interested in his work on bioreactors for air pollution control.

VO: Give me two minutes.

(After two minutes)

VO: Everything's okay from my side, but you'll need addition clearance because of your research area.

Me: Okay, sir.

VO: (giving a letter, and pointing in it) You need to go to this website, and fill a form, and then e-mail it along with your resume to this e-mail address.

Me: Okay.

VO: Who's funding you again?

Me: Sir, I've got a fellowship.

VO: Where does the money come from? The professor?

Me: From the university funds.

VO: Okay, fill up the form as soon as possible, so that the clearance can start immediately.

When's your program starting?

Me: September.

VO: Shouldn't be a problem, then. It'll take anywhere between 2-6 weeks. So lots of time for you.

Me: Okay sir, when and how will be I let known of the clearance?

VO: You'll get an e-mail of when we can take you back, after about a week.

Me: Thanks.

VO: You're welcome.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26541>

Hi Freinds ..

I ALSO FINALLY HAVE GOT THE VISA POWER !!!

Well my days before the visa were really hectic .. thanks to my office

work. And to add to my worries .. i had to leave for Nashik for office work

the same eve after my VISA !!

Now without mentioning all the built up for the interview i will staright

away start with my interview..

My Appointment was scheduled at 2.30. Reached at 1.30 at VFS & by 2 i was

insied the VISA office. My window No. was 4.. my name was called out at

2.25 .. Stood in the line .. there was only 1 frnd ahead of me. My VO was a

beautiful (HOT) lady in her 20ies & my interview started at exactly at 2.30

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ME: Good Afternoon Madam

VO: Hmm ..

VO: So where are u planning to go sir

ME : SUNY Buffalo to do my MS in IE.

VO: What have u done ?

ME: BE Mech frm Mumbai University

VO: How many jobs have u held ? (Going thr my DS forms)

ME: 2 (I had mentioned only 1 on DS form .. coz i didnt have a letter frm

1st)

VO: Why have u mentioned only 1 here ?

ME: 1st Job was Implant Training .. It is not considered as a job .. I

wanted to get some shop-floor experience so did it.

VO: Nodded

VO: Who will pay for ur education ?

ME: Parents.

VO: What do they do ?

ME: I told her ..

VO: What was the income of ur dad at the time of his retirement.

ME: Told her

VO: Ok, So will u manage to pay.

ME: Madam, I have more than enough in shares to cover my entire education.

Besides, Mothers Job is pensionable & she has "xxx" in her PF.

VO: Do u have any statement or proof for the same

ME: Showed her my "Summary Statement"

VO: Going thru the Summary

VO: U have a very good height sir

ME: Thank you (I was blushing)

VO: Do u play any games ?

ME: Used to in school , not now.

VO: What dont u play basketball

ME: We dont play Baskeball that much here in India.

VO: .. yaaaa i knw (feeling bad that we dont play)

VO: U can play basketball at Buffalo

ME: I will defiatly consider that

VO: Ok sir ur visa has been approved

ME: Thank you Madam,, Thank you very much.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26563>

Mine was a short interview

the Vo didnt check even my gre score nor did she ask me anything about the other univs i applied

the only docs they asked me were my provisional cert. and fin docs. (she checked only the bank statement and CA statement) and i got my visa

this was how it went

1. what is your specialization?

VLSI and specifically processor design for DSP.

2. where do you find yourself after 5 years?

as a team leader(dont remember what exactly i told her) in India

3. what is your final percentage

** (not good enough to be shown here Wink), its on a ten point scale

OK your visa is approved

That's all i didnt know it would be this easy.

My advice to those who are waiting for their interview

- 1. be professional ... dont give well rehearsed common answers (I felt really strange when i saw a guy delivering a speech)
- 2. be pleasant. wear a smile.
- 3. and finally think of anything but rejection

all the best

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26558>

Hey guys,
Got my visa from Mumbai consulate on the 5th June.I wud like to thank all the edulix members without whoz help dis wudnt b possible. Keep up d gud work guys.

M posting my experience below.

University: Univ of Cincinnati
Course: MS-IS
GRE: 1180 (V:430 Q:750 A:4.5)

TOEFL: 283

Consulate: Mumbai

Interview Time: 10.00 am

Reached VFS at mahalaxmi by 8.45. At around 9.45 der was a call 4 ppl goin4 10'o clk appointment. Got into d bus. Reached consulate by 10 mins. Was made to stand in d long que. Waited.... got in by 10.05. Went thru the security check (the lady der messed up all d docs by removing n bendin dem). Got in went thru d procedure of finger printing. (Der was an american guy at d fingerprint counter he was askin everyone abt american football). Took the pink token n was waitin 4 my no. 2b called.

Der wer ppl waitin frm 8 but der no was not called. My no was announced by 10.45. 3 ppl wer called on counter no 7. V wer standin in d queue. I was 2nd in d row. D first guy went in. VO was an american guy in early 30's. Was waitin for my turn to cum. Den suddenly the VO started waving his hand, askin me2 cum inside. I waited for 30-40 secs 4 d guy2 cum out but he didnt so i opened d door n went inside was standin in a corner waiting 4 d guy 2 leave. He kept askin the vo wen can he apply again. The vo was not at all respondin. The guy left so it was now my time to face the music.

ME: Gudmorning

VO: A vry gudmornin2u too

VO: How ru doin 2day mam?

ME: Great

VO: Can i hve ur pink token pls?

(Gave it to him)

VO: Wait for a sec

(Kept typin sumthin on his PC for a min. I was standing der starin at him.D VO was damn cute)

VO: So which Univ?

ME: University of Cincinnati

VO: Which course?

ME: MS-IS

VO: Y MS-IS?

ME: Have done my under-grad in Computers but i also hve inclination towards mgmt subjects. IS is one of the course which

offers a perfect blend of mgmt as well as IT subjects.

(Completely disinterested in my ans)

VO: Who is sponsoring u?

ME: My parents

VO: What does ur dad do?

ME: He is into the business of building hydraulic power plants.

VO:(Smiles)So u mean he build power plants n keeps it for himself?

ME: No sir he builds it for some company from which he gets orders.

VO:(Still similing)Ohh i thought he keeps it.

ME: Smiled

VO: Have a nice trip dear.

ME: (Cudnt believe its over) Thank you sir. Have a nice day.

So guys tht was it no docs asked for. Didnt even touch my folder.

All d best to d guys goin4 visa. Jus b confident. I dnt think d VO was even listenin2my answers. Its jus ur body language n d way u speak.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26710>

Hi all,

Got my visa, finally. After a lot of nerve breaking tension & concern about my VI---GOT IT!!!!!! Very Happy

To start with the day of VI--i had a 1130 appointment. Reached there barely at 1100 & realized that there was no provision to deposit any electronic items anywhere!!!! now what ??? i was carrying a cellphone & I was expecting to see my sis anytime... Confused

well fortunately she just arrived just in time before i was ushered inside the building. Warning #1--do not carry any electronic stuff unless somebody is accompanying u. I had not opted for the Stars & Stripes servive (u'll realize it is not required if u r prepared to stand in

the line for 60-75 minutes.)

well for beginners i was standing in the line outside the office for 30 min---which could be reduced if u go just 20 min before ur VI time & inside the consulate there was a 10 min line fo r fingerprinting---thats all!!!! Laughing

15 min after my VI my token # was called(along with half a dozen more #). u'll find a lot of F-1 visa applicants & for the time I was there at the consulate none of the F-1 applicants were rejected.

I was assigned to counter # 2. A serious lady in her late 20's manned the counter(kam se kam types). Wink

There were a couple of F-1 applicants before me of whom one of them had come for his second attempt---he was grilled like anything by the VO but finally was granted the visa(i can tell u he had not prepared well). To begin with my VI

ME: Good afternoon. How are u doing today??? Very Happy (all smiles)

VO: Hi. Fine. So why do u want to go to the us

ME: To pursue my masters in EE

VO: But why not india

ME: The specialization blah blah.... not good in india blah blah..

VO: What do plan to do after ms

ME: Work in a good company in india like L & T

VO: What does ur father do

ME: Told

VO: His anual income???

ME: Told

VO: how does he plan to pay for your edu.

ME: told about my dads savings

VO: show me ur fathers IT returns

ME: showed...

VO: So since how long r u working with Suth Global Services(my job)

ME: 3 months

VO: How many people work in ur office?

ME: 300+

VO: U'll get ur passport in 3-4 days

ME: Thank you have a nice day

Well thats all!!!! i would say she did ask me a few qestions but nothing a bit of prep cannot handle.... & for those yet to appear for VI prepare well but do not over prep.

I just have 2 things to tell you--- CONFIDENCE & THE WHOLE THING IS HYPED--IF U ARE PREPARED THERE IS NO WAY ANYTHING CAN GO WRONG. Rolling Eyes

chalo bahut pakaya. bye
GOOD LUCK & GODSPEED Smile

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26727>

Hi All,

This is my visa experience on 5th June, 2006 at Mumbai consulate. Hope this helps for people who are going to take their visa interview.

My interview time was 9:30 AM. I reached consulate with my father at 8:30 AM. Then took breakfast near the consulate and went in front of the consulate at 8:45 AM. The VFS guy told me to form a queue and after 15-20 minutes, they allowed my inside. After passing thru metal detectors again I was made to stand in a queue for getting the DS forms that we had submitted.

After getting the DS forms and the pink token I was asked to stand in a queue for finger printing at Window 1. After taking the finger print the lady (VO) asked for the DS forms, I-20 and passport. After this I went and sat in the sitting place in front of the Windows. (One imp thing I have noticed is - mostly Visa officer (VO) takes the finger printing, so please be polite with them).

Then my turn came soon at around 10:05 AM. I was the first in the line, this is how my interview went -

My Interview:

Me : Good Morning Ma'm
VO: Good morning, how r u?

Me: I am fine madam, how r u?
VO: Gimme the token pls
Me: Sure madam..
Given the token, then she looks for my DS forms

VO: Oh Syracuse Univ
Me: Yes, madam

VO: Which course?

Me: MS in comp engg

VO: oh, so u got tuition scholarship

Me: yes madam

VO: So ur family will pay 26K

Me: yes madam

VO: what savings do ur family have?

Me: My father is having savings of around XX lacs

VO: what is ur father doing?

Me: He is working as YY in ZZ goverment firm

VO: okay, have u been to US before?

Me: No madam

VO: Do u have any brothers or sister?

Me: Yes, I have one elder brother working with XYZ at Ahmedabad

VO: oh okay..

VO: I am granting you visa, you will receive ur passport in 2 working days!

Thats it! Smile No docs seen!!! Nothing at all!!! Lasted less then a minute!

All thru out the interview I confident and always had a smiling face. This really helps...

No need to worry guys n gals, every1 will get the visa!!!

Be confident... Thats it!

Regards

Jay Bhide

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26714>

At Chennai consulate.

After the endless queues, which accounted for almost 4 hours, i finally found myself in the the final line, in front of the VO.

The VO was a slightly aged man, with a greying beard.

- My first impression of the VO was, "How did Saddam Hussein land a job at the US consulate?" Laughing Laughing

He granted 3 visas - 2 F1 and 1 H1B - and rejected the one immediately before me, who was also applying for an F1.

When it was my turn...

Me: Good Afternoon sir.

VO: Good Afternoon. How are u?

Me: I'm good. How are u?

VO: Just fine!

He took my folder and spent almost a minute and a half, going through my DS forms and entering details on his console.

VO: How long have u been working at Oilgear(my current employer)?

Me: 3 months

VO: How long have u been working at KOEL(my previous employer)?

Me: 2 and a half years.

He entered these details on his machine.

(To me, it seemed like he was filling out a form, with a drop box)

VO: So what do you do at Oilgear?

Me: blah blah about industrial machinery.

VO: And what did u do at KOEL?

Me: A lot of blah blah about auto components manufacture.

VO: Why do want to do MS?

Me: (told him about the diversification plans of my present company and the need for specialisation)

VO: But won't u gain that knowledge through experience?

Me: (was able to convince him, that specialised training is required to realise the diversification plans of my present company)

VO: Who'll be paying for ur education?

Me: My father.

VO: What does your father do?

Me: He's a director at Oilgear.

VO: Is that the same company u are working at?

Me: Yes, it is.

VO: How much has ur father saved for ur education?

Me: (I read the figure off the statement I had prepared)
(He didn't even care to look at it.)

VO: Since when has ur father been saving for ur education?

Me: I can't say for sure, but maybe from the time he's married.

VO: (With mock surprise) He's been saving for UR EDUCATION since he's married?

Me: Not exactly for my education, but its been in his plan of life.

VO: (Laughs)

Me: (Shrug and Laugh)

VO: Do u have any brothers or sisters?

Me: I have one younger brother.

VO: How old is he? What does he do?

Me: 18, studying.

VO: And is your father saving for his education also?

Me: Yes sir. He is.

VO: Whats ur fathers annual salary?

Me: (I again read it off the statement I had prepared)
(He showed absolutely no interest in the sheet)

VO: And how much have u saved for ur education?

Me: (I was taken off guard, but quoted the figure in my account)

VO: Thats nice. Can I have ur test reports please?

Me: (handing them over) Sure.

He noted some number from the reports on the onscreen form and returned them, alongwith my I20.

VO: U've been granted a visa. U'll receive ur passport in 4 days.

Me: Thank you very much sir.

VO: U're welcome.

Me: Have a good day.

VO: U too.

A few observations:

The interview lasted for 5-6 minutes.

While I was answering questions about my current and past employment, the VO was tallying my replies against what I had mentioned in the DS forms.

IMO, differences between replies and corresponding entries on DS forms are noted, and are likely to adversely affect one chances.

I guess the thing about confidence is true. Barring my score reports, the VO didn't ask for any document.

As I came out of the consulate, I was in such high spirits, that I didn't even feel the Chennai heat.

Cheers to Edulix!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26639>

OH well...9th June- Delhi Consulate.

Woke up at 6 30- got dressed and left home to be there by 8 for my 8 30 scheduled appointment.

7:45 - outside consulate

7: 55 - Waiting to be called to first window where all the forms , 120 etc. ar checked.

8:00- security took my fone away, screened me and let me in.

8:03 - waiting in finger print line.

8:10 - waiting in NI Visa Line.

8:20- waiting....

8:30 - *yaaaawwn* waiting....

8:40- Some activity in the immigrant visa window. I was still yawning away to glory...and oh yeah...waiting.....

8:45 - NI windows open, people start getting called...I had some 10 people before me in line.

9:10 - the person standing 1 ahead of me get a reject...hmm...first reject of the day..and thats when I start paying a little more attention to what is happening around me.

9:12 - I get called to counter no. 11(reject was on 12...so kinda relieved)

all of 50 seconds...this is how it was

VO: Hi

M: Morning...

VO: What are you currently doing?

M: Finishing off with my bachelor's in engineering

VO: How long do you intend to take to complete it?

M:...Im in my final year...im waiting for results....

VO: What you gonna do in UMich, ann arbor

M: Masters in Financial Engineering

VO: What engineering are you doing now?

M: Electronics and Communication

VO: Who is going to pay for you?

M: My parents

VO: What do they do?

M: My father is XYZ and my mother is ABC

VO: Your Visa is issued

M: Thank you! When do i get my pssport?

VO: It will be couriered.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26676>

As I sit down to write this post as a responsible member of edulix,a lot of thoughts are juggling in my mind.

To start with,I would like to give a short background history of my application.I had applied for Fall 2005 and had got 1 admit from Boston University which was very costly with expenses for 9 months amounting to \$45,00 and hence my Visa was rejected @ Mumbai on 6th July 2005 .I had no financial aid from BU.

I again applied for my VISA and I got a reject again on 22nd July 2005.

I then applied for Fall 2006 and got admits from IUB,UIC and NJIT.

So this was my THIRD ATTEMPT...

Now the important day 9th June 2006 @ Mumbai Consulate.

I waited ...I got a call @ 10:30 am for interview scheduled at 9:00 am.20 F-1 applicants called in a single go...I was the 11th..

All visas were accepted except the 7th one..she was a Muslim girl..with burkha and all..

Now my turn came..

COUNTER NO 5:

Me: good morning ,sir.How are you ?

Vo:I am fine thank you .

VO: So Indiana ?

Me: yes sir,

VO: Why Indiana University ?

Me: Told him...blah..blah...

VO: But why only Indiana ...

Me: Told him best admit and blah ..blah..

VO: you are going too fast.I am not able to understand you.

VO: I am sorry...

VO:At this time he gave my I-20 back...and asked me What is a Hoosier?

Me: I was shocked..I said I dont know I am sorry..

VO: He again stressed how is that possible..

Me: i again said I seriously dont know I am sorry about it...

VO: then came the shocker...he said last year I had taken your interview..so it would be unfair that I take your interview ..you please go to counter No 8 ..

Counter No 8:

Me: Good morning,sir .How are you ?

VO: I am fine.(This chap was actually standing along side with Counter no 5 and was talking to him..)You really dont know what a hoosier is..He even spelled it...

Me: No sir.I am sorry.

VO: He said you are going to Indiana and going to stay for 2 years and you dont know what a hoosier is..

Me: (I was really upset yaar..stupid question yaar agaian and again..I screamed may be.)I DONT KNOW..

VO:Ok,Why Indiana Univerity ?

Me: Blaha..Blah...

VO: So you are working for TCS..

Me: yes

VO: thats a very good organisation..Why you want to go for Masters...

Me: Told him interested in Parallel and Distributed databases ..will come back and work for TCS..

VO:You are going too fast...You have practised a lot,..say the answer in your own words..

Me: Sorry..sir..

VO: I will issue your VISA ..but tell the answers slowly..(I was may be too fast..)

VO:Are you not happy with your current job..

Me: No its not like that.I will come back and work for TCS again..

VO: Since how long are you working for TCS.

Me: told him..

VO: How many universities you applied to ?

Me: Told him along with admits...

VO: Whats your dad doing ?

Me : told him..

VO: What your mom doing ?

Me:My mom runs hindi classes.

VO:Oh HINDI Classes..

Me: Yes she has done her masters in Himdi and MY dad is a PHD in Statistics..

VO: Oh thats cool..

VO: Whats your dads annual income.

Me: Told him..

VO: Whats your moms annual income ?

me: Told him..

VO: Why do you think your VISA was rejected ?

me: Blah..high cost...

VO: You like playing basket ball..

Me: Yes kind of..

VO: You go and play basket ball in Indiana...

Me: Yes sir..

VO: ok i am issuing you the VISA ..but promise me you will go to home straight away and get the answer of what a hoosier is?

Me: I said yes sir...

The entire interview including both lasted for 15 minutes..My heart was in my mouth...I believe this will provide good information for people who are rejected...

NOT a single document asked....I never opened my folder...

I finally came without a passport was an amazing achievement I felt at that time..When I

came out..people were actually staring at me...

I HAVE GOT IT GUYS...VISA POWER....

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26602>

hi All,

I had my visa interview on the 5th of June at the Chennai consulate.

I'm headed to TAMU, College Station for MS in MIS. I'm funding my MS entirely with an education loan (read, first year's expense also shown by way of a loan). I'm sure several of us here are considering one, hence i hope this post would be of some help.

IMO, as long as you can explain your credentials, financial need and ability to pay back (yourself or your sponsor), it's alright if you show a loan.

As has been stated several times before, confidence is most definitely an important factor to a successful interview.

I was asked why I chose TAMU, what my goals after MS are, was asked to show GRE, TOEFL scores along with marksheets and degree certificate, for the CA statement and how I'll finance my studies. I had also stated that I would be the one repaying the loan and not my parents. Just explained that I thought I was capable enough (holding a job currently helped in this context).

That's it. I've been granted a 5 yr visa and just received the passport yesterday. Also, I had, at the time of applying to schools, I had sent only a solvency certificate and applied for the loan only after admission.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26570>

Hi Folks,

Location : Chennai Consul.

Date : 7th June.

Time : 08:20 Hrs

Me : Good Morning Officer!

VO : Good morning...how u doing?

Me : fantastic. Razz

VO : UMTC..hmm...which other universties did u apply to?

Me : Told...

VO : Why UMin?

Me : I like the Research...blah..blah...plain BS.

VO : Show me ur GRE/TOEFL and marksheets.

Me : Gave.

VO : (Takes the marksheets and looks at the ceiling and says)

You got it!!

Me : Thanks dude. (Hehe..I actually said that! Twisted Evil Twisted Evil)

Thanks to all the edulixians for the support!

All the best to folks who have thier veejas soon!

Rock!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26552>

The previous visa interviews posted,
in this forum have been of immense help to me.

I got thru f-1 visa interview to study MS in
communications and signal processing from North
Carolina State University(NCSU) , this fall.

I have resigned and was relieved from Emuzed.

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my interview time was at 11.45AM.

My interview took place at around 3.40PM, at counter number 12.

I guess some 10 counters were there for interviews.

At counter 12. mostly student visas are being conducted.
the VO, is of age less than 25, cool guy(american) with clear accent.
b4 me 3 girls were interviewd.

He asked all 4 (including me), only these questions,

- 1) which universities u applied. how many admit/reject .
- 2) why did u choose university Ncsu.. he asked for detailed explanation about university course, and was interested in knowing about the university.
- 3) he asked for marks list, provisional, GRE/TOEFL.. if backlogs (a girl interviewed by me, has 21 backlogs), he was asking explanations.

4) he asked me about my experience, pay .
that's it.

he told i 'll get visa in couple days.

NB: there is no issue about Funds.. he did not give a damn about finances.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26618>

got it today with some weird markings in one of the pages with my photo. Very Happy yes i got my visa and final hurdle crossed.

Attended the visa in Chennai consulate on 6th June. 8.15 am. A man with beard took the interview. it went like

Vo: gave a hand signal asking me to come.

Me: good morning sir !! How are u ? (smiling)

Vo: yeah good morning (first time he smiled)

Vo: u work for XXX ?

Me : yes sir

Vo: good , how much do they pay ?

Me : I got a hike from this month , it is XX from this month . Upto last month it was YY

Vo: good , from when are u working ?

Me: blah blah

Vo: good , so do you have any brothers and sisters ?

Me: no sir

Vo: so what is ur parents doing ?

Me : my father is production manager in xxx.mother house wife

Vo: how much do ur father earn ?

Me : x lakh per annum

Vo : oh good ! Give me ur marksheets , degree certificates and gre and toefl score sheets.

Me: sure sir and gave him

Vo : ok , ur passport with ur visa will be couriered to ur home in 3 days .
 Me : thanks you sir, u made my day !
 Vo : best of luck son ! Study well
 Me: sure , thank you sir.

he did not ask or c any of the financial docs. tats it

going to chicagooooooooo !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

thanks for all in edulix !!!!
 edulix rocs!!!!!!!!!!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26753>

Hello,
 I got VISA on 13 June Mumbai consulate for Texas A&M University for MIS.Question are like this

1. U r working with very good company then y going to USA?
2. What Value Addition will be done by this course?
3. How many admission u got ?Which uni's u have applied
4. What is parents do what's their income?

My company's Reputation and College Reputation helped me a lot for getting me a VISA. He did not ask 4 single document so guys just be confident .speak with louder voice.dont look here and there ..that creates bad impression.The more confidence u have the less visa interview time .So be confident.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26748>

I am going to NCSU for PhD (Materials Science) with full financial aid. My wife also appeared for VI with me (F-2 visa). My wife has a sibling in US and we declared it.

Appointment time at Delhi Consulate: 12:45
 Arrived consulate at: 12:15

There was no queue outside the consulate. After checking the documents we entered the consulate. Once inside got scanned for fingerprints in a small queue. After that we waited on chairs for around 1 hour, then in queue for 45 min before interview. VO was a middle aged american.

Following questions were asked:

- Have you visited US earlier?
- Which university you are going to?
- Which other universities you applied?
- Which universities you got admits?
- What will be your PhD work?

He asked following question from my wife:
Will you work in US?

Everything took just 2 minutes. No documents were seen; not even our marriage certificate. I didn't have to open my folder which I have been arranging for a week.

Ravi

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26732>

Hi all,

I got my visa for Univ of Kansas in Mumbai consulate on june 8th, 8:15 time slot.

The VI was as follows...

- 1) I reached the consulate at 7:30 am.They first allowed only the 8:15 am candidates inside.
- 2) We were checked at the security and let in...followed by the fingerprint session where they took our folder and gave us a pink token.
- 2) Then we were asked to be seated...audio is very clear...no probs with that...as my time was the first in the morn,it was very peaceful!
- 3) Frm wat i noticed,majority of the candidates were for F-1 visa only!
- 4) I was the first candidate to be called at the counter 2.
- 5) My VO was a salma hayek look alike...Wink

She announced the nos at 8:15am and i was the frst one to go stand in the queue.she called

me forward to the counter at 8:20 am.All other counters excpet 2 were like a small booth...My counter 2 was open with only a partition bet the VO and me..much like a bank counter.Then there was a prob with her comp and she took 20 mins to solve that and left me high n dry, standing at the counter totally nervous!

finally my VI at 8:45...

me: good morning,how are u today?

VO: good morning..pass me ur token.

me:struggling to find the gap and finally managed to...Smile

VO:why this univ

me: it is good in the area of my interest,good no of electives/+ve response frm my SENIORS & profs

VO: who told u abt univ?

me: some seniors

VO: which seniors?

me: totally wondering..

VO: i wuld like some names of seniors

me: told her a few names of ppl i had interacted with

VO: picks up the last name i mention and asks how i know that senior

me: she was my calssmate (actually,she was the classmate of my friend)..i thot i was dead here..but she didnt appear to be interested in my answer at all!

VO: ok..who will fund ur education?

me: my dad

VO:wat is ur dad

me; my dad is a retired XXXX.

VO: (raises her eyebrows) if he is retired,how will he sponsior (almost sarcastic tone!)

me: he has saved quite a good amt for my edu...has XXXRS i.e YYY\$ in FD and XXX Rs in savings i.e YYY \$...(i told her the FD amt first as it was huge!)

VO: surprised at the huge FDamt, show me FDs

me: pull all FDs out and show..

VO: counts each oneeach one of them and calculates total amt!

VO: show me deg cert

me:showed it

VO: wats ur annual income

me: XXXRs is total pay pkg and i get YYR per month

VO:which company are u working in?

me:XXX

here the interesting part starts:

VO:are u frm chennai?

me:NO

VO: have u ever been to CHENNAI

me:yes have some relatives there.

VO:have u ever been INSIDE CHENNAI consulate

ME:NO

VO:have u ever SEEN CHENNAI consulate?

Me:No mam.i have never been to chennai consualte at all.this is my first visa interview

VO: and its ur last for F-1! smiles at last!!

and she told me that i had got visa really fast..i couldnt follow her..just assumed i had it as i didnt get back my PP!

I am actuallyf rom blore,but have been working in mumbai..so she asked me all those chennai related Qs.

I also have a bro who is on H-1B visa in US since 8 yrs..no Qs asked abt that..

So,all those who have thier visas,relax and be confident.They luv indian students and will give us all visas Very Happy

good luck all!

cheers!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26829>

Wasnt really an interview....but a cakewalk. The only hitch was being fried in the sun outside the consulate with no arrangements made whatsoever. No other striking feature, except that the female at the finger printing counter was extremly pretty Wink

Ok...jumping straight to the interview....

VO:Looks at the i20, dumps the passport in some place and asks "Why VTech"

Me: excellent course, good research..the usual blah blah (not more than 4 sentences though)

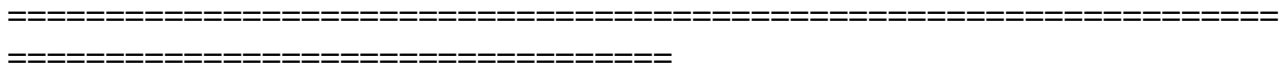
VO:Who is sponsoring you

Me:My Mom and Dad

VO:What does ur dad do??

Me: My dad is a technical analyst in a broking firm.

VO:Ok Sir, have a nice stay at Virginia Tech.
Me: Quite taken aback "Sir what??"
VO: U have got ur visa. Have a nice day.
Me: Have a good day sir.



<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26828>

Hi all

Sorry for late posting, I was in mumbai from the last 2 days and edulix was not opening and I was not in myself from the last 2 days (hope some of u can understand).

I went to mumbai visa center at 7:00 and I my interview was at 8:15. I went inside around 7:20 and till 8:00 I finished all the things (finger prints and all the other things)

Now I was waiting for my token number to be called. As VO comes at 8:30 so we have to wait for 30 mins. But I was very nervous but then my friend started to look for some cool girls and aunties. And then we both started to enjoy. Mast Time Very Happy

Then sharp at 8:31 our token numbers were called and we went to counter number 5.

Visa Started:

VO: GM how r u
ME: GM madam. I m fine. What about u?
VO: I m fine too.

VO: What about u r future plans?
ME: After Gradating from SJSU, I will be recognized world wide because of independent research based knowledge of latest requirement of multinational software companies of the world.

Moreover during this period I am planning to work on coding and decoding of Software Development Life cycle, which is foundation for any Software project implementation.

Therefore I will be able to contribute in the latest upcoming Software technologies for the benefit of corporate sectors and society at large.

She was looking at me as if she is going to eat me.

VO: Why this university?

ME: SJSU is the oldest public university established in 1857. Moreover the Computer Science department of this university have separate institute of Software engineering, which is been headed by Prof. Dan Harkey.

VO: Here she stopped me in between and said who is this Dan Harkey?

ME: Madam he is Director and Chairman of SE department.

VO: So u contacted him?

ME: Yes Madam. I emailed him.

VO: what u write?

ME: Madam I sent him my resume and my SOP.

Vo: what he replied?

ME: He told me that, He likes my resume and my projects and he is looking forward to see me in his class.

VO: that's Good. U got any proof for this?

ME: Yes madam I got emails print out. And I showed to print out to her. She was looking very happy.

Vo: said GOOD GOOD.

ME: Thank u madam.

VO: what about u r other admits and rejection?

ME: Madam I applied in total 7 universities and I got call from 6 and 1 rejection.

VO: name them?

ME: UFL, UIC, IITC, NJIT, SJSU, CSU Sacramento and madam I got rejection from UTDallas.

VO: ok, then why not UFL and UIC?

ME: I was looking at her for 3-4 seconds and I said that SJSU is good for SE,

VO: she started laughing and said UFL is also very good university and good for SE then?

ME: Madam I want to do specialization in Enterprise Software Technology, which UFL is not providing.

VO: She smiled and said ok I understand.

ME: I gave a small smile.

Vo: so u graduated in 2005. What was u doing since then?

ME: I was working in a MNC as Software Engineering and I showed her my company certificate which I made 8) on my companies letter head and taken print out Very Happy

Vo: ok. So who is going to Sponsor u?

ME: I told and showed her financial Documents.

Vo: ok sir u r visa is approved but I still don't understand why u r leaving UFL?

ME: I said thank u madam and then i become Mr. India and i never turned back and looked at her.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26823>

Chennai Consul, 15th June 2006. VI details --

"Good Morning Ma'am, how are you doing?"

I'm fine. Pls pass me the folder.

"Here it is."

(Carefully looked into different visa stampings I got in the passport, no question about this, though. Also, she looked into my I-20. Full funding, impressed.)

(Parallely she searched thru the data base and found that I was rejected THRICE previously.)

Can you pass me your scores and the degree certificate?

"Here they are."

(She gave a very superficial look on these certificates. I doubt whether she observed my scores or not.)

I'll be right back.

"OK."

(She took somewhere around five minutes in coming back. She actually could not locate my old record.)

Why Michigan Tech ?

"The MS course in Electrical and Computer Engineering ideally matches with my research requirements, Ma'am."

What are your research requirements and future plans?

"I would like to further specialize in Embedded Systems, in which field I've been working and re-join my company at a higher capacity where in I'm already serving as a senior engineer. Professors Kieckhafer and Mishra at MTU are doing very good work in my field."

(She again left her seat to locate my record. She took some 15 minutes this time. I saw her discussing with another bearded consular officer from the next window.)

"Ma'am I would like to add that I am a university topper in my under graduation and secured full fee waiver plus a stipend from MTU."

Well, I'm not interested knowing much about your academics. What happened in 2002?

"Because of insufficiency of funds, I was denied a visa. The interviewer asked me to show transaction statements but I did not have a pass book to show. Also, I did have funding also that time. But, now I've full support from the university and my professors are very interested to see me at MTU as soon as possible."

And what about that drop-box thing ?

"Mistakenly I sent my application thru drop-box and was called for a personal interview."

(Only people with more than 50% tuition waiver could go for a drop-box. But, I dropped my application even though I did not have funding that time. A complete mistake.)

I'm glad to issue a visa and appreciate that you admitted your fault.

"Thanks a lot and I wish you a great day ahead."

Thanks, Bye.

Some Observations.

==> It appeared to me that the officers were inclined to give visas, though they rejected some applicants. The Indian-type guy rejected most of the vistor visas. The bearded guy did approve some and decline some, but essentially it was the dumbness of applicants that caused rejects, I suppose. One applicant was asked to comment on his papers. He just stonewalled and then the VO said the documents were all fake. Even then there was no response from the interviewee. A rejection followed.

==> I believe visa issuance is not an objective decision. You have to be well prepared for the interview and ask for some extra-terrestrial help too.

I wish everybody a very good luck on their D-Days. And, infinite-many thanks to our EDULIX for bringing me the success. Long-live EDULIX !!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26825>

Hi,

Below is my VI which was at the Chennai consulte.

Date:15th june
Actual appointment time:10:00
Actual happened time:12:45.
Interview duration:5 min.
University: University Of Southern California.

I took some 1:15 minutes to even get inside the consulate.Arrived at the consulate at about quarter past nine.

After tier 1 and tier 2 checking of documents i finally entered the Visa lobby at around 12:00[This is where the appointment happens].

There were four counters which were manned by 2 women and 2 men. The women were easy [counter 8 and 9]. They were giving visa's at the drop of a hat. The men looked grim and serious. One of them was 40'ish and the other one was a young 20ish bloke.

I tried my best to avoid the men[even tried going to the loo some 3 times] as they were rejecting a lot of ppl but to my fate i was made to stand in counter no.4 where the 40'ish

dude was there. I was the last person who was being interviewed by this person..He had rejected 2 ppl in front of me..[they were fl's]This was how it went..He looked ver serious..
Confused

AcE:Good Afternoon Officer, how are you doing?

VO:I'm fine thank you, how are you?

AcE:I'm doing good sir, thank you.

AcE:So i am the last person you are interviewing for the day?

VO:Yep, hope so..

Vo:Sooooooooo, you working in XYZ.

AcE:Yes sir.

VO:Since how long you've been working there?

AcE:Since a year sir.

Vo:So u work as a System #@!#@! there?

AcE:No sir, i work as a Software Engg.

VO:Oh great.

VO:U've been working as SE for a year now, cant you get the desired knowlwdge by working?

AcE:No sir, the field is such tat it requires specialized training.

VO:Ok[looked satisfied].

VO:How much do you earn per month?

AcE:#@#@ per annum[heard it as a per year].

VO:So, how much is that per month?

AcE:Told him.

[Types something into the computer.....]

Vo:Why do you want to do ur masters?

AcE:Vomitted it at his face. Very Happy Very Happy

Vo:Great.[looked more satisfied]

Vo:What do your parents do?

AcE:My father is into business and owns restaurants.

VO:What kinda restaurants?

AcE:We make south indian dishes like Dosa, Idly.

Vo:Dosaaaaaaa...HmMMM

AcE:Yes sir.

VO:Are they any good?

AcE:[By this time i knew that i had the visa]Yes they are sir, you should probably try it sometime. Laughing Wink

VO:No expression

[Types something into the computer.....]

VO:So how many ppl work under ur father?

AcE:Some #@! ppl.

Vo:ok

VO:What do your siblings do?

AcE:Told him.

Vo:Did they go to college?

AcE:Of course they did go sir.

Vo:Can i see you marksheets please.

AcE:Sure sir.

Vo:Also, can i see your GRE and TOEFL scores?

AcE:Sure.

VO:How much have ur parents saved up for your education?

AcE:Told him.

VO:Ok, everything looks fine.You will have your passport couriered to you in 3 days.

AcE:[MAJOR SMILESSSS Smile]Thank you sir. Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy

AcE:You have a nice day!! 8) 8)

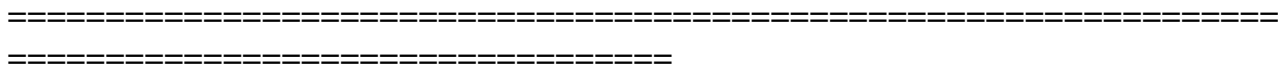
Vo:Thank you, have a nice day too.

My Observations:

Vo's are extremely patient. They listen to you carefully and they expect the same from you. Never give stuff unless they ask for it.You are inviting trouble if you give more or less. As they say confidence is the key. Make sure u carry that when u go to the VI.

Special mention to Popeye and Madmax for their help..And all other Edulixians. Thanks guys.. I take a bow to this great community.

AcE.



<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26820>

hey ppl..

got my visa today at mumbai consulate..

pretty much a run-of-the-mill interview..

except 1 goof-up on my part...i missed my token no being called once..no hassels tho..they called it again after some 15 mnts..

well, here goes the interview..conducted by a latino lady straight outta sopranos..

VO:@#\$\$@#\$\$@ university @#\$\$@#\$(could just unnerstand the university part)

ME: I am going to VTECH

VO:Oh..u have been there already ???

ME:(unnerstood the earlier question) oh noo maam...I am from mumbai university..

VO:which course?
 ME:Computer engineering
 VO:why Vtech?
 ME:(same old crap..)blah blah ..interested in distributed computing..
 VO:wats distributed computing?
 ME:blah blah..(she dint unnerstand a thing)
 VO:whos paying fr ur education?
 ME:My family
 VO:what does ur family do?
 ME:Blah blah
 VO:alrite..ur pp will be couriered to u..
 ME:thnk u maam..

that was it...i dint have to remove a single document frm my carefully arranged piano file..interview was at 8.15 ..i was out by 8.45..

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26766>

I am so excited that i dunno wat to type....

My Appointment was at 9.30 @ Mumbai Consulate. Reached tVFS at 8 went to Mahalakshmi temple. They let us into the lounge at 8.30... Waited for bus till 9.15... By 9.50 i was sitting in the hall waiting for my number to be called... Within 5 mins my number was called... Went to Counter 3.. As soon as in entered the booth an American blond greeted with all smiles... I was feeling nervous but regained composure after i saw the lady...

Vo:Good Morning Sir, How do u do
 Me: Am Doing good.
 Vo:Why US?
 ME: MS in EE at USC
 Vo: Why USc?
 Me: USual blah balh
 Vo:Wen did u finish ur Bachelor's
 Me:2005
 Vo:Wat have u been doing since then
 Me:Working for the TATA's... TCS
 (Saw a big broad smile on her face once she heard this)
 Vo: Who's paying ur education

Me:Parents
 VO:Wat are they doing
 Me:Dad works for ICICI BANK
 (Saw the big broad smil on her face again)
 Vo: Wat's his annual income
 Me:Told her
 Vo:How are they going to sponser ur education
 Me:Have X in savings etc
 Vo:ur account or fathers
 Me:sorry father's
 Vo: Ok sir ur visa is approved.. Ull get it in 2-3 days..
 Me:Thanks a lot mam..
 Vo: r Welcome ... HAVe agrt day...
 Me: I had turned ard to leave... realized that i hadnt acknowleged her "Have a good day"...
 Turned back and told her U too have a good day mam and left...

I was not asked for any docs... The interview was like a rapid fire Q&A... Didnt realize wen it started and wen it ended... was out by 10... Met Anand (Wordbot) outside... He was waiting for 11.30 appointment... Waiting to hear how his interview went...Spoke to him and left...

Now time to thank ppl... I dont remember too many name right now.. So i thank all Edulix members... HAIL EDULIX...

P.S: Special thanks to MAddy and popeye for helping me with Financail docs...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26798>

Hi all,

Had my VI today at the Mumbai Consulate. Was super smooth sailing.

Appointment Time: 9:30 am

Was let in at : 10:15 am

I had a very small waiting period (around 15 minutes once I got my pink slip) once I was inside...

The Indian lady who handed me my DS forms was very nice

Nice Lady: Good day sir, how are you

Me: Im fine thx Ms. how about you?

Nice Lady: Oh Im good, have you been waiting for long in the queue

Me: Yes for quite some time Very Happy

Nice Lady: Don't worry, it will be over soon...

She reminded me of a nice nurse when I had a surgery Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy

The Mumbai Consulate schematic posted here on edulix made me feel like Ive been there before Laughing Thanks for that !!!

Anyway, I was called to counter no. 3 where sat one of the most beautiful women that Ive seen in 22 years!!!

VO: Hiiiiii Sir, how are you?

Me: Oh, Im doing great mam, how about you?

VO: Im doing great too Smile

VO: So , why are you going to the US?

ME: To pursue an M.S. in C.S.

VO: why CS?

ME: Well. Ive done my Undergrad in computer engg and thats what interests me, hence Id like to pursue CS during my Masters too.

VO: What Interested you for CS in the first place?

ME: Well mam, my bro is a CS grad and he has been teaching me a lot since I was in high school... thats what got me interested in the first place...

VO: What does your brother do??

ME: He's working in the US mam,

VO: Where is he working?

ME: Hes working with XYZ ltd in Seattle

VO: looking askance at me... and he landed as a student?

ME: Thats right mam

VO: Where did he do his MS from>

ME: Georgia Tech

VO(looking impressed): So did you apply to Gatech?

ME: No mam

VO: how come?

ME: Well It requires a subject GRE, and I have not given that exam... hence I didnt apply

VO: How many places did you apply to?

ME: 8 places (I had apped to 10 but torn 1 of my rejects in frustration and still awaiting one)

VO: And you were admitted to how many?

ME: 5 places

VO: What was your first preference?

ME: USC...

VO: where were you rejected from?

ME: RPI, SUNYSB, Buffalo (full forms)

VO: You got 300/200 on toefl?????

ME: Yes mam

VO: Thats really very good

ME: Thank you mam, Im aware of that Laughing

VO: Im issuing you your visa sir, your pp will be couriered to you Smile

Me: Thanx mam, have a great day...

Points to be noted:

1. Although I was asked quite a few questions, it was more like a casual chat. The lady was very cheerful with lots of smiles on her face and lots of eye contact (sigh!!!!!!). I wasnt asked for a single document Smile

2. Be uber confident.

3. Avail of the lounge service

4. If not(point 3)

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Just reach 30 mins in advance, no more than that ;

}

5. Best of luck Smile

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26806>

Hi frends,

Today it was my turn to get the VISA Power...for Kasas State univ.

it was damn easy...

as usual standard Q's....

My brother is working in US so asked about him...told him the truth...

he Dint ask me for single document...VI lasted for abt 2 mins...

One important thing :

I had some problem with my photograph on DS form...still dont know wht was it...so i had to take a new photo graph which can be obtained inside a consulate itself...U need to PAY HEAVILY for this...200 bucks for 3 photos...

So please carry some Rs with u as i had to come out and take money ..and repeat same security procedure...nyways...was a nice experience....Finally I GOT VISA...

VO: What does your brother/sister do??

ME: He's in US and working in Miscrosoft

VO: where did he grad. from?

ME: ASU

VO(looking impressed): So did you apply to ASU?

ME: No

VO: how come?

ME: Well I wanna do research in OS and i chose univ. which have good research in OS so i dint applied there...

VO: How many places did you apply to?

ME: 5 places (I had apped to 7)

VO: And you were admitted to how many?

ME: 2

VO: which ones?

ME: told

VO: where were you rejected from?

ME: told

VO: ok sir, u got ur visa...u r one step closer to goto KSU..

me: Phew.....

Cheers

Nikhil

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26797>

I had my Visa interview today at 8.30. There were two people ahead of me in the same counter. The first was a middle aged lady. The VO took about 5mins with her and was asking about every visa stamped on her passport. The next was a guy for F1. His interview took about two minutes and was asked for some piece of documentation. I am not sure if he got his visa though. He was pretty much stoic before , during and after the Interview. My interview took about 3 minutes and went as follows :-

VO: Good Morning , How are you Doing

VO: Which program ?

VO: What is TSM ?

VO: How did you choose NorthEastern?

VO: I see you have a scholarship. So how are you paying for the rest ?

VO:How much money do you have for your education ?

VO: What does you father do?

VO: His yearly earnings ?

VO: And your Mother ?

VO: Her earnings ?

VO: So how do you have so much savings ?

VO: What is the duration of the course ?

VO: This will eat up most of your savings ?

VO: Your Passport will be couriered to you in a few days. Have a nice Day!

No documents were asked for. I got in at 8.40 and was out at 9.05. After the first hand experience I must say that VIs are highly overrated.

The VO seemed to be very friendly to everyone. So if you are prepared there's nothing stopping you from getting your Visa.

Best wishes everyone.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26793>

Hey Guys..

I got the Visa yesterday Smile
Following are the details of my long awaited interview!

9:45 I reached consulate...

10:00 Joined the Queue outside the main gate (to show guard my appointment letter)

10:05 Joined Queue 2 for NIVs

10:30 At counter where my Sevis fee receipt, I20, HDFC, DS forms and passport were verified and stapled together

10:40 Inside consulate.. join the Q for fingerprinting after security checks

10:50 Join the snake for Visa interviews..

Here I see 6 counters for NIVs..

counter 8- Lady who took my interview.. quite cool.. jus there for verifying things a lil.. giving visa easily.

counter 9 - lday I had already seen in my nightmares!! Smile that wel known chinki..

Counter 11-- again a gal.. was easy going i guess

all other handsome and cool guys...

11:00 Comes my turn for VI (I had arnd 20 ppl before me when I had joined the Q)

11:05 I was out of the consulate.. searching for a phone booth..

Questions asked::

ME and VO: Hi.. good morning .. how r u!! (almost simultaneously)

ME: slides my docs towards her

She: keeps on scanning and then says.... oh u have been working in HCL..

ME: Yes...

VO: How long?

ME: 23 months Smile

VO: wat is the major u are applying for?

ME: Elec and Comm (as on my I20)

VO: wat was ur undergrad major

ME: Same.. ECE

VO: Ur percentage?

ME: 86.8

VO: 86.888!! with a shock and smile..

ME: Yeah Smile

VO: Oh were u the topper?

ME: YEAH Smile shd I show the transcripts?

VO: No. I jus want to see ur degree

ME: Here maam...

VO: So watis this GA written on ur I20?

ME: Graduate Assistantship!

VO: So why have u chosen this school..

ME: prof XX and specialization story

VO: Ok ur visa has been issued... have fun.. Smile

ME: Thanks!!

She kept my I20, passport, DS forms and appointment letter with her and I ran towads exit trying to believe thats its over!! Smile Smile

So was out of the consulate even b4 my appointment time!!

Whole VI appeared like a formality..

Tips:

Be confident.. env there is quite cool.. no need to be nervous!!

Dont prepare long answers...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26778>

Hi all,

Today 14th june i had my VI in the Delhi Consulate. GOT IT..

Lets cut the chase and come staight to the Interview.

After the security check and fingerprinting i was standing in that serpant shaped queue watching people's fate being sealed. I saw everytype of person in the counsulate, announcements being made in hindi, a translator roaming around. To me it was a bit surprising.

So finally i reach almost to the end of the queue, just two ppl infront of me. And i start seeing the VOs. The famous CHINESE woman was grilling people like anything. She took 12-14 minutes per person, i saw one acceptance from her(i was only able to see two ppl going to her). Then just as two people are left infront of me, the CHINESE woman gets free and calls the person at the start of the queue. Mannn!!! it was a relief, i knew she will again grill for 12-14 min, by the time i will be walkin outside.

So this INDIAN, middle aged lady, smiles and calls me.

Me: Good Morning MAM

VO: Good Morning. Can you please pass the documents through here.

Me: Sure

starts typing for a minute.(In the mean time i was trying to get a smile on my face, but i hardly think that the output would have been a smile Embarassed Embarassed)

VO: Ok. So you are going to pursue your masters in computer science?

Me: Yes

VO:Which all univ did you applied to?

Me: 7 in total(now i wait, i see that she is expecting names) So then she speak the name of 6 ...then i went blank..cant remember the 7th...goodd..

VO: (smiles and asks) which else did you get through?

Me: (named them): UMR, UNCC(spoke USC too Embarrassed)

VO: Why did you choose USC?(listens very carefully making eye contact)

Me: There are many renowned prof in the field of networks in USC. Also there is some active research in distributed computing, i intend to take it as specialization, that why i chose USC.

(I was just going to start with the project names when she fires the last question)

VO: any relatives in the US?

Me: No

Ok sir your VISA WILL BE COURIERED TO YOU IN A WEEK.

I was like standing there with my folder in hand(closed), blinking at her. After a moment i see that she is smiling at me, mannn i wasn't able to believe that i got the visa.

Me: Thankyou

VO: Have a nice trip son.

For the next five mins, i was just walking in amazement. So much hype, so much docs, so much prep, NOTHING ASKED.

Some pointers for the DELHI goers:

* Just relax and dont fear the chinese lady, you cannot avoid her(and plz dont try to act smart and try). She is pretty strict and short tempered, checks many documents.

* Dont lean in front of the chinese lady, dont put your folder on the counter, dont bend to listen. Otherwise you will get a cry which i heard today: DONT LEAN.STAND STRAIGHT.

* You will be allowed to get in the line around 1hr 15 mins early. The earlier you get in the line , the earlier you will be able to leave.

* Keep your cool and all the best.

Godspeed

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26770>

Hi All,

I had my visa interview scheduled for 12th June in Chennai consulate at 3:45 PM (last slot of the day Crying or Very sad). I reached the consulate at around 2:30 PM. Initially I was asked to join a big queue outside the consulate (in hot sun Mad). When my turn came, it was 3:00 PM. After initial security check, I was asked to join one more queue in Pre-Scanning section. Here I had to wait till 4:45 PM to get pre-scanning done. I was one of the last 3 to get pre-scanning of docs done for the day (because of few counters closing for the day by 4:15 PM). Then I was asked to head to main building where I was asked to join Counter No.8, where American Lady VO was conducting interviews. Within few seconds, I was asked to join Counter No.11, which was empty. Here the VO was of Indian Origin. He took my basic folder of docs & started questioning.

VO: What will do at UTD?

Me: Masters in Computer Science.

VO: What specialisation?

Me: Networking & Telecommunication

VO: In what is it useful for u?

Me: Having worked on Mobile Communications for last 28 months, I have felt the need to get into depths of concepts involved. Thus specialisation in this field will enable me to come back to India & start working for other domain leaders who already have their R&D centres established in India.

VO: So, you work for LG Soft India. What's your annual income?

Me: 3.5 lakhs

VO: Show me your under-graduate mark sheets.

Me: (Handed over all 8 sem sheets)

VO: What was your aggregate?

Me: 76%

VO: Show me your GRE, TOEFL score reports.

ME: (Handed over the docs)

VO: What do your parents do?

Me: Father-Private tutorials

Mom-31 yrs KPTCL.

VO: Is your mother an Engineer?

Me: No, she's MA graduate.

VO: How many siblings you have?

Me: One, elder sister.

VO: So, she in US.

Me: Yes(actualy I had mentioned about it in DS 156 as H4)

VO: Show me your financial docs

Me: Sir, will just CA statement do or you others as well?

VO: Show me everything you have.

Me:(Handed over everthing with CA statement on top followed by bank statements, passbooks etc.)

VO: (Goes through CA statement carefully page-wise)Ok, your visa is issued. You will get your passport in 2 days.

Me: Thank you Very Happy

While collecting back all docs from VO, I observed that my I-20 & Sevis receipt were with him. So, started smiling at VO.

Me: I think my I-20 & Sevis receipt is with you.

VO: No, its with yours docs.

Within few secs, I cross-checked & realised that docs were infact not with me. So, again started smiling at VO. The VO observed & again called me up.

VO: Do you have the docs?

Me: No Sir, its with you.

The VO got back the folder & went through the stapled papers. Infact my I-20 & Sevis receipt were in it.

VO: Sorry sir(he removed the docs & returned it back to me)

Me: Thank you sir Very Happy

By 5:00 PM, I was out of consulate feeling a relieved man Smile Smile

Thank you all fellow edulixians for the moral support & suggestions Smile

All the best for people who have Visa Interview scheduled in near future Smile

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26769>

As i wait for my visa to be stamped till 5.00 pm.....i thought i will barg in to a cafe and type in my experience !!!

My interview lasted just 30 secs flat !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

My Appointment was on June 14th at 11.00 am Mumbai Consulate. I reached the VFS center at 10.00 am....The bus started at 10.30...went through checking counters and got my fingers printed..... i was sitting in the hall waiting for my number to be called...

A lady at counter no.6 was like giving VISA's like pamphlets !!! Was praying to God to call me at counter6 and thats just what happened!!!

As i went in I saw a cute American (glasses like priety Zinta in Kal Ho Na Ho)

Vo: Hi

Me: Hi

Vo:Why r u going to US?

ME: To pursue my MS in EE at Northeastern University

by this time she had already thrown in my passport in a rack and kept my I20 besides the window !!! she had already made up her mind to give me the VISA !!!

Vo: who is sponsoring you ?

Me: My mother is gonna sponsor me.

VO:Wat does she do ?

Me: She is a GOVT employee working in BARC hospital.

Vo: Ok sir ur visa is approved.. Ull get it in 2-3 days..

Me:Thanks a lot maam..

i didnt even had to open my folder !!!!!!!!!!!

thanks to all those ppl who helped me trougthout my app procedures.....especially

Madmax, popoye for helping me with the financial docs.... !!!!

they are giving Visa's very liberally so keep ur chill and GO GET IT !!!!

i will always be a part of Edulix and help other aspirants now onwards !!!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26779>

virtually i had given visa a thousand times before todays real one

also had very good visualitation of the situtation second by second and description of almost all the VO in consulates all over india

THANKS TO WONDERFULL DESCRIPTIONS BY FELLOW EDULIX MEMBERS...

time 8.30 : hot blazing sun unbearble heat outside the mumbai Consulate

time 9.20 : might have got a lighter tan by now

the queue system wass totally confusion...

but doesnt matter we indians are trained to stand in a queue all our life...

time 9.30: let in, wodden stick which had a markings ."best of luck" on it..

time 9.38: finger printed ,pink token handed ...

(here the token no. print was faint and couldnt make out the last digit whether it was 3,8,or 9.....tension.....tension..... finally asked a person sitting beside me he confirmed it was 9 and so the magic no. was 049

time 9.53 :called in for VI counter no. 6

VO: hi how r u

me: fine (kept quiet ..after tht ...)

VO : which course?

me: industrial engg and system science...

VO : bachelors deg ?

me :mech..

VO: why this univ...

ME : cuase the course is good and blah..blah... (here the VO halts me and say also u r getting money frm thtem thts why u going there isnt it)
(FULL SCHOLARSHIP.. + RA)

me : yes

how u gonna pay for the rest

ME": bank balance xx and loan on yy

VO: which bank loan..

ME : zz bank loan..

(throws my I 20 in the window...

ok u will get ur visa in coulple of days.....

thanks

bye..

no docs no finan statement ... no fathers proffesion..

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26741>

Hiiii frnds

This interview ll help a lot to those whose family members r in US.....

Hi folks,

My visa date was on 7 June , 2006 at Mumbai consulate scheduled at 9:30.

But to my surprise I came out at 9:15 only,as I entered early inside the consulate.

My profile

GRE: 890(I was saved she didn't ask me anything abt scores n even university rejection n all stuff)

Toefl:227

Academics: 58% (one backlog) over all, 66% last year

My visa interview is as follows:

As mine was a bit different casemy entire family is in US on immigration and my sister is on student visa over there.

So I was targeted only on family based questions.

VO: Give me pink token(u need to carry after taking finger prints, they ll give u and the

number will be written on it which ll be announced and u need to go to that counter)

Me: Good morning madam,

Vo: Hiii

VO: So wat r u doing right now ?

Me: I was working with BMA, it was more of on management side.

VO: Wat u did over there?

Me: I added some namak mirchi n made it a somewhat technical job but she is even smart she again told me but I think its more of on management side ... so I agreed ya it is ofcourse.

VO: So ur sister is in US?

Me: Yes madam

VO: Ur parents also in US?

Me; Yes madam

VO: I am bit confused how u alone only left?

Me: Let me explain u madam, my parents alongwid my younger brother went on immigration in June 2005 and my sis went on student visa in January 2005

VO: so how many years u r old??(she understood now tht I left bcos I crossed 21 yrs, so now starts the real game)

Me: 22 years madam

VO: So u have completed ur bachelors in which field?

Me: Electrical in July 2005

VO: Again she asked so wat u did for this much time?

Me: I told I was working wid this company and alongwid I was learning few softwares which ll be helpful to me in my courses at NYIT.

VO: kk ... so u did ur bachelors from which university??

Me: Sardar Patel University

VO: So wat ur father is doing in US?

Me: He is working wid Motorola

VO: Wat is his income?

ME: annual income is

VO: Wat he was doing here?

Me: working wid IPCL

VO: Wats tht??

Me: I said the full form

VO: KK as wat he is working and wat was his income in India??

Me: as quality officer and this much was income

VO: So wat ur sis is doing over there?

ME: masters in Molecular biology

VO; which university

Me: IIT-Chicago (always speak full forms, they hate short forms)

VO; so how she is paying her fees?

Me: she has been awarded TA RA, so now she can easily make up for all her expenses

VO: So she is planning for Ph.D??

Me: Ya madam, she is performing very well wid highest academic performance, so I think her professors ll only support her for the same

VO: kk.....wat grades she got??

Me: In this last sem she scored A grade over all

VO: kk.....so who is sponsoring u?

Me: My father

VO: can is see ur India bank balance and Even US statements... U have everything??

Me: sure madam, n is showed passbooks of India and the summary statement of India n bank statements of US

VO: She started looking at everything for abt 3 mints she went all this and then when I asked her tht madam I can help u in explaining everything ..she said its kk I ll make out everything

Me:: kk madam,

VO: then alongwid reviewing she asked me so through whom ur parents went there

Me: my aunt

VO: wat is she and his husband doing there?

Me: she is registered nurse and my uncle is working in real estate

VO: the moment she heard Registered nurse she was impressed and didn't asked anything further

VO: so how many of ur family members are left here?

Me: My fathers brother is here in baroda and ever her two elder sister r in India only and even my grandfather and grandmother r in godhara.

VO: kk so u r alone herewhere r u staying ?

Me: Yes madam I m staying at my own place in baroda

VO: SO when ur parents went,u were staying alone?

Me: No madam I was staying wid my few friends and then in October mom came back and now she is wid me here only

VO: Wat was she doing there?

ME; she was also working wid Motorola

VO: kk (I think she was now satisfied wid all info and started typing in her database everything)

And at last after 2 mints the GOLDEN WORDS “ MADAM UR VISA IS APPROVED COLLECT IN RUSH SERVICE “

Me: Thank you very much madam

VO: But u have to maintain ur status in USkkk (as if she was giving dhamki to me)

Me: Ya sure madam, definitely

So, friends not a single question on Universityshe jst scanned my whole family history and she was happy tht I answered everything correctly

N those who have parents on immigration dnt worry yaar

Wat my experience says is.....i think I got the visa jst bcos my parents r there or else if u

see my profile u wont believe tht I can get visa
 Well whatever happens , happens for good
 Wat I ll advice take one capsule of confidence and be very honest and even if u lie u shld
 knw the tactic to do tht
 Just take capsule of confidence b4 interview and everything ll be done and if u r over
 confident then take anti-dose bcos even over confidence ll throw u off there.....
 So, my interview finally lasted for about 10mints approximately

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My interviewer was a very friendly lady, and active female bonding before the interview
 lead to softer question during the interview. You can say we kind of connected.

The questions were very simple:

- Why did you choose Amherst?
- Who is sponsoring your education?
- What do your parents do?
- Whats their annual income?
- How much are their semi-liquid assets?
- Do you have any siblings?
- What do your siblings do?
- How often do you meet?
- What do you plan to do after your MS?

"Ok Miss, your visa has been issued. You can collect your passport this evening."

How I had longed to hear these words. And when they came, I felt like a bird!

Tips to those dreading their interview:

Don't dread the interview. Your fears will anyway vanish once you reach inside the
 consulate. Its not all white and clean like the Prometric testing center. Its all noisy and
 wooden, and you'll feel perfectly at home. Stay away from people who look nervous. Not
 only do they make you nervous, they also fart quite loudly and its considered impolite to
 laugh. Mind your own business, stand in the queue wherever required without creating a
 fuss. Speak clearly in short sentences. Avoid conjunctions. Converse, don't give well

memorised answers. Don't jump around inside the embassy after you get the visa. Don't create noise if you don't or they will call security. Come out and say "We did it, we did it" like Dora the explorer.

Oh, read up about the school and the state you are going to on wikipedia. You'll feel a lot more confident, and you might learn a thing or two. Like Emily *word censored by forum* and Robert Frost both are from Amherst!! And the mascot of UMass is Minuteman. And so on. (you get the drift)

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26906>

Called at window 7. It is like a railway ticket counter with the officer sitting with a computer behind a glass. And you standing in front of the glass. Also it is a sort of cabin with a door. So you will be able to hear and speak properly as fas as you concentrate. Here was the interview:

This guy was giving Visa to everyone:

Me: Good Afternoon Sir. (Very loudly)

(Untill this time he was looking something in the computer. After hearing my greeting he said to me "Hello: quite rudely)

Officer: Who is Mr. Ashok Kumar Singh. (looking at my DS forms)

ME: Ashok Kumar Singh is my dad

(At this point he was looking at me and i was looking at him but he was busy arranging his counter.)

Officer: Why UC Boulder?

Me: UCB has a very well designed curriculum. The ITP (Interdisciplinary Telecommunications Program) has a perfect blend of technology and also emphasizes on other aspects of telecommunications such as strategy making, law, budget etc.. Doing this program will help me propel my future here in India. (All these words with looking straight into his eye ball)

Now he stunned me.

Officer: Mr. Singh you know all these guys standing behind you will give me the same answers. i need to know more specific answers from you.

ME: (I paused for a few seconds, was nevous now)Doing ITP course from such a school will

definitely give me a chance to work as a project supervisor . (While saying these sort of answers dont be in a general tone ie. be specific and say the post of the job that you might get after completing your MS/MBA. Dont give an answer such as: "would work for a MNC here in India". They wanna know how clearly are your goals defined).

Probably, he was now convinced of me as a credible student and then the second part of the interview started about finances.)

Officer: So what does your father do? (was reading the second page of the DS forms. Here i had mentioned about my sister being a US citizen. So i knew i will get something from there as well. Honestly, my brain was not working as fast as i am writing this now)

Me: Sir , my father is into two streams. He is into property development and he has cattle farms. (The cattle farm funda was used by me because, my dads IT return is relatively low as compared to the fees and the savings that he has. So with cattle farms i could say that some part of the earnings is exempted from tax as it is from agricultural income. Here, buddy if you have a similar case as of mine, then you might add that my dad has inherited most of the savings from my grandfather.)

Officer: So what do the cattles do in the cattle farm? (looked as if he was kidding)

Me: (I have heard from the US Consulate seminars and USEFI that when you are asked strange questions like these or " What is your favorite color?", then more or less your visa is done and the Officer is just having some fun and reducing his work load)

Me: Sir., the cattles in the cattle farm give the milk and we sell the milk (answered in a jovial manner. It was a school boy answer but to his jovial tone, it suited the occasion. At this time i thought either this guy i gonna give me a visa or is gonna reject me and is making fun of me. Any way only these two things could have happened).

Officer: Your sister is in US? (I knew it would come. Also notice till now no documents have been asked, not even academic documents).

Me: (loudly and more confidently) Yes Sir, she is a US citizen. She is residing in New Jersey.

Officer: How did she go there?

Me: She travelled along with her huband.

Officer: What is her status?

Me: She is a US citizen by Naturalization. (he was using the key board at the speed of light. Saw something, probably about my sister. Remeber we cannot see their monitor.)

Officer: You are going to Colorado. (Waived his hand for the next guy in queue).

(i was so happy and idiot that i did not even thank him)

So guys, this was my interview, do feel free to call me anytime on my cell 9869975048. I was not asked for a single document. I completed my BE in Oct 2004 and was not asked "What have been doing since then?", I have been rejected for tourist Visa twice before in the year 2000. I had expected some question on this as well. But no questions on this. Finally i had expected the interview to have the third part to it: where i had to convince him with my coming back to India.

I worked hard for this day. With the blessings of God, my parents, all relatives, friends and teachers i was lucky enough and i feel i am BLESSed.

Bye, do contact me i am very helpful by nature,
wish you luck, blessings,
Vishal A Singh

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26884>

Hi everyone, well i too got my visa on 17th June morning, Mumbai. TAMU MS-MIS

No relevant questions asked like why US? Why TAMU? Finances? Future plans ?

Interview started with wat my name meant?, wat was i doing in australia?, wat my dad does?, do ppl try to bribe him?, where did i grow up?, why did i do my undergrad from Gujarat?, if i am a sardar?, then y did i get my hair cut?, if i goto the Gurudwara? but ur name doesnt sound like a punjabi name! HAHHAHAHA.. i had a lovely time in there.

Eventually i just forgot that she's supposed to tell me that i hv been granted a visa. Anyways, i never expected such a easy going interview, but i always knew that i'd get it. I'm sure she was a Punjabi American. COz the accent was totally american.

All the best to everyone!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26850>

Hi Guys,
Profile.

Going for MBA in International Management - Thunderbird, Garvin school of management
- Ranked no 1 for International Business in the U.S.

GMAT -580 AWA - 6/6, TOEFL 273 AWA 6/6

WORK EXP = 2 YRS As Financial analyst with HSBC Bank BPO.

Education : MBA Fin & Mktg. , B.Com (Hons)

I-20 Funds required for one year - USD 50,000, FOR ME NO AID as GMAT score is lower.

Applied and admit: Thunderbird, SFSU (SFSU for the safer option)

No rejects.

Had been to Chennai Consulate on 16th June. Appointment at 11 am, but cud reach the visa officer at 2.15 after the long ques and waits..

Initial hurdle was at the counter where they enter data,mean verify your appointment letter, receipt and DS forms along with I-20,

For everyone (most of them) they were taking all the forms and passport and immediately returning the same kept in a folder after entering the data. In my case she took all the forms, I-20 and passport and asked me to wait...my heart beat started pounding like a cheetah...I didnt know why it was done. after half an hour I got my Folder back,somebody has got it from inside the consulates admin section.

((((((((((((I still dont know as to why they were retaining some folders and later giving them back- If anyone knows please clarify.))))))))))

Then I got the finger prints scanned and within 10 mins i was in the front of the lady (lucky mascot for the day) who had just walked in after her lunch at 2.00, I was sixth in the row..the first 3 were F-1 studs and all got a visa within 5 minutes(first candidate only 45 secs). then was a old couple for visit visa..after many questions she let them through, then another student..he too got it..i confidently went and said good afternoon in a light tone.but she was busy with something else..i dint care much..took my folder (i-20 and DS forms)

Questions

1) VO: Why Thunderbird?

Me: Ranked no 1 in the world for International business above harvard and kellogs,etc..and also i had worked for HSBC bank analyzing statements of various companies and hence wanted to explore further in the field of international finance.

(she was also typin something on her comp)

2) Show me your latest degree?

I gave my P.G.D.B.M. marks sheet, she said she wanted to see graduation - i gave my B.COM hons marks memo,,she said not this i want the pass certificate.i shoed it..she immediately pushed it back to me..

!!!! Your visa is approved sir !!!!!!-- she said it and turned back and started chatting with her colleague...I cudnt even say thank you on her face..but i let it out and was standing aside thinking she might call me back..but that was the end.....an assisting officer said that my passport would come in short time...congrats and bye...

I feel sad on the other end as i was having all genuine documents including bank statements, funds..i had taken a tough time getting all those things done...my mom and papa need special thanks for this..

but nothing was checked there...nothing is nothing..i was carrying a folder with all material full for 25 pockets..i used only 1 pocket(the transcripts one)..rest all were just waste..

Had i been in the next counter where a mid age man..(had rejected six in row to the extent i have seen., even after asking many questions.), my fate might have been different or maybe i would have changed the trend..

Advice to Chennai applicants-

Dont go more than 30 mins before u r scheduled time..as u will have to wait inside even if u go earlier...even if u walk after u r interview time u dont loose a penny as applicants will need atleast 1 hr more to wait in the Q's..(early monring appointments eush on time..dont delay)

Be confident...and walk in normally..as if u would loose anything..it shouldnt show on your face that u are going to loose something if dont get a visa.

and to top it all..i call the U.S. Visa.-- the factor of luck if time is in your favour you get the VISA power...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26905>

Hello friends, i got my visa on 15th June. I was given an appointment of 11:30 but was taken

inside the consulate (Mumbai) at 12:45. The interview happened at about 2pm. Guys remember one thing,

They are loooking for reasons for giving the visa to the students and not ways for rejecting them.

So be confident. Speak Loudly and look straight into the officers eyes. It is easier for us (students) friends.

bye,
Vishal

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26874>

Hi Friends,
Here is my visa experience at the Mumbai consulate.

Me: Hello Sir

VO: Goodmorning Sir

VO: Why this Univ?

Me: Sir, the specialization that I would like to do in Software Engg. is Enterprise Software Technologies. And, SJSU is the best among all the admits that I have received offering this course.

VO: What ***** courses //couldn't hear what he said

ME: // told about the subjects included in this course

VO: No Sir, which other univ did you apply to?

ME: Sorry Sir, I applied to CWRU, Clemson university, TAMUK, UTAr

VO: 20k is a lot of money. How are you going to manage it?

ME: Its really not that big an amount, since we have so and so amount in the form of savings, fds, ppf, etc

VO: But, still its quite a lot of money

ME: Both of my parents are working. Besides, I will be completing my MS in a couple of years. So, that shouldnt be a problem.

VO: Have you taken any loan, sir?

ME: No sir

VO: Visa by courier

ME: Thanks a lot, sir.

I had mentioned about my sis in US. Moreover, i had also taken loan, which i didnt reveal to the VO. No docs were asked for. The interview didnt last for more than a couple of minutes. I wish others(waiting for their VI) sail through as well. Good luck.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26845>

got my visa for usc today ...My visa interview was at 8.15 am.. i was out by 8.45 am ...i would direly tell the experience...

me:good morn mam...

vo:no response

Vo: are u goin to us looking for a job???

me:no man... for my education

vo:are u married?

me:(i was thinkin wat the hell is she askin me) no

vo:so hw many univs did u apply to???

me:10

vo:so wats ur i20 amounting too???

me:blah blah..

vo:so wat does ur dad do???

me:business in

vo:wats ur dads income.

me:xxx amt ...

vo:can i see ur statement plz:

me:here mam...

vo:u will get ur pp couriered...

me:ty very much mam...

so this was my experience ... i tell u guys every1's getting it...its like lot ka maal hai lot ka...le ke jau...they r there to jus giv u the visas...just take a pill of confidence before goin...all d best to whoever still left...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26871>

My appointment was at 2 45 pm Was there at the consulate by 2 pm

Damn Chennai too hot and humid. Stood in the queue upto 3pm and by this tie I was fully drowned in sweat. And was cursing the consulate people for not putting any thing to protect the applicants from the scorching sun

At 3 30 I was given the brown folder and proceeded to the mail counters

Was made to sit in the front row and was observing one Indian guy who was rejecting few and granting few visa's

A woman came and asked how many of the F1 applicants have not been prescreened .I too raised my hand along with probably 8 others.

She asked four of us to stand in the line of counter no 3. Here was one damn cute lady (may be in her 20's) . she accepted one girl and gave her the blue form as she did not have her provisional. Then the guy before me was rejected .now my turn.

She jus waved indicating me to come

I passed the brown folder

Vo : so University of Tennessee

Me: at Knoxville

Vo: pass me ur provisional

I jus passed it

Vo: so distinction

Me: jus smiled and said "would u like to see the consolidated"

She jus showed her palm indicating no

Vo: plzz put ur left index finger on that

I did the same

She looked at the monitor curiously and at that small box used for finger scanning

Vo: plzz put ur right index finger

I did the same

She looked at the monitor curiously and at that small box used for finger scanning

Vo: plzz wipe that red surface

I did the same

All throught this time I was always giving a smile at her

Vo: now put ur left index finger on that

I did the same

Vo: ok Ill be back in a minute

She returned back with a wet tissue paper and gave me

Vo: wipe

I thought that she was asking me to wipe that glowing red surface and was about to do that

Vo: (laughing loudly) not that wipe ur fingers
Me: (I too laughed) oh
Then she scanned my fingers and said the golden words that my visa was approved
Me : thank you
She was still laughing

She was then explaining something but I was in no mood to listen
That's it
During whole interview I was not asked a single question

Came out by 4 30

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26841>

Mumbai consulate
Interview Time:8:30am
Date:16th June

My Suggestion is to take VFS service for you and your family member if they are coming. If you havent taken the VFS coupon dont worry just go there and they will give you coupon on the spot for 150 bucks. also it was raining a little in morning so better take the service

After VFS bus reached consulate i was inside the consulate within 10 mins after security check. Got the submitted documents and completed finger printing thing in another 10 mins.

Sat with my pink token on a seat... withing 2-3 mins my number was called!!!! i was shocked by getting my chance so early. I had 2 people in front of me. A visitor visa case. A old couple.. they took around 6-7 mins inside and got ther visa. next was a H1B case. He was rejected and i think the reason was his body language. He was showing all the signs of nervousness. swinging his body.

Next was me

me: hi lovely morning today (it was 9am and had rained a little)
VO (a beautiful lady... almost similar to rachel viez): yes lovely morning
(then she went on computer and started typing something ... i was waiting for almost 2 mins)
VO: which univ?
me: San jose state univ
VO: How will you fund your education

me:(showed her my asset statement): I have XX liquid assets and i can show you any document you need to see.

(i was preparing for passbook .. but came shocker)

VO:show me all your bonds

Me(kept all bond papers just on table .. she didnt see any):Here

VO:What did u do last year?

ME (i was little wayward here) : i prepared for my compitative exams and also worked as trainee in Ace software, plus also helped my dad with his work

VO:What does your father do?

ME:he is a doctor and we have our own 20 bed hospital

VO:what kind of doctor

ME:he is urologist

Vo:and ur mother?

ME:she is also a doctor ... a pathologist she has her own pathological lab

VO:do u have any relative in US

ME: NOOO

VO:ok ur visa has been approved....

ME:Thankx a lot... good bye

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26783>

Hey All:

I am really happy to say that I finally got my visa... no questions asked... was just told by VO how lucky i am to go to JHU n its a wonderful univ. I would extend my heart felt thanks to all members for their wishes and encouragement through my most testing times. Thanks once again.

Megha

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26846>

I was rejected my visa for UIC MS CS on june 16 at mumbai..

The UIC I20 states 36k and 36mnths as d duration..

I had first year's money in bank n FDs, another 10 L in NSC, Bonds etc..and a 15 Lac Loan sanction..all amounting to a total of well over 2 years bt less than wats needed for 3 years.

I had a letter from the CS HOD stating as follows:

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Dear Vivek,

A small number of students finish the program in 12 months. The normal course of study is around 16-21 months for most students.

Please let me know if you have further questions or concerns.

Pete Nelson

Peter C. Nelson, Ph.D.
Professor and Head
Department of Computer Science
University of Illinois at Chicago

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Also another letter from The office of international studies explaining why duration is 36 months not 24 months in all..."

I have talked to our Office of International Services (OIS) about the question being raised by students admitted to the MS program. Many students have been inquiring about the number of years required to show proof of funding to have an I-20 issued. OIS has informed us that the current I20 is issued based on showing funding for only one academic year. You NEED NOT show funding for all three years, only one academic year. These conditions are clearly stated on page 2 of the I-20. If your visa officer asks you to show funding for all 3 years and denies your visa based on this criteria alone, you should ask to speak to their supervisor - since you are NOT required to show funding for all 3 years and your visa should not be denied for this reason.

The I-20 indicates 3 years as a method of providing students flexibility in their program completion. Although the normal length of study is 2 years - sometimes students may need an extra month or two to finish up program requirements. If only 2 years is indicated on the I-20 and you need an extra month or two you will have to go through a very lengthy process to extend your I-20. 3 years is provided as a method to allow students flexibility with the least amount of problems if an extension is needed.

So again, please speak with your officers supervisor if you are informed that your I-20 was not issued due to not providing funding for a 3 year time period. You can inform them to review their guidelines listed on page 2 requiring only 1 academic year funding requirement.

Good luck on your visa.

CS Student Affairs

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The relevant part of the VI went along as follows:

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VO:(pointing to the I20) Your I20 states that the course duration is 36 months. Show me that your parents(they are my sponsors) can fund you for 3 years.

ME: (trying to give him the reply that I got from d HOD and the OIS)

Sir, I have corresponded with the university regarding the duration..(then I was bluntly cut short..)

VO: Vivek, (pointing to the I20)..this is the legal document that we go by. It states 3 years and so its 3 years for me. I am not interested in any correspondence you have received from the college.

This is my job and I do this day in and day out. So dont waste your time trying to convince me otherwise. We wont have any further discussion on this front.

ME: Showed him my proof of funding for over 2 years

VO: Vivek..we are required to verify 2 things in order to grant you an F1 visa..one that you are a genuine student and that you can fund yourself for the duration of your study. I dont see any problem on the first part(he had seen my marksheets) but I see that you dont have enough funds to suffice you for the duration of your course..so I cannot grant you your Visa.(and he stamped my passport with the rejection)

ME: Sir, can you please give me a moment to explain myself?

VO: No. You are wasting my and your time. I have a lot of people waiting behind you.

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So seniors please suggest what do I do next?

I dont see any point in trying to convince them again about UIC since the college letters are not "Legal" and UIC wont issue any official docs..(d HOD said he will try to get another I20...if he cant even do that ..his letter is not valued..y d *word censored by forum* did he send such

a reply in d first place..)

My next bet is IUB (27 k p.a.(also \$2200 fin reward) and 21 mnths)..so wud be done fine w/o d loan also..

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26814>

Hi all,

finally I am out of the blues.

First of all thanks a million to edulix. Right from choosing universities to preparing for the visa, Edulix helped me a lot.

I have got my Visa er almost....

Actually I (and all others from my college atleast) have got a blue form because we have not got our final degree.

We are supposed to post our passport with the degree to the consulate and then they will give the visa.

I am assuming that this means visa is assured..... am I right ??

Hey guys, anybody else who got a blue form and later got the final visa ??

My visa questions:

1. So tell me about the university and course you have selected.

ans: Some crap...

2. What are your plans after your M.S.?

ans: Come back to India and re-apply to a few companies which rejected me earlier.

3. Can I see your degree?

ans: I have not got my final degree yet, but you can see my continuing transcript and individual semester grade sheets.

(The VO saw my transcript and gradesheets very carefully.)

4. Who is funding your education?

ans: My father

5. Can I see your CA statement ?

ans: I dont have a CA statement but I do have an affidavit by my parents and documents to support it.

6. Do you have any siblings ?

ans: Yes I have a younger sister.

VO: Well I dont think there is anything to stop you. However, take this form(blue form) and post it alongwith your final degree and passport when you get your degree. We can go ahead with the administrative work after that.

So guys, I think that I have got the visa.

Thank you edulix once again.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26833>

guys my VI was today at delhi concul. Since i am very tensed i am unable to key in the detailed experience. I was asked which uni?? Marksheets, GRE toefl and specialization. the VO gave me a questionnaire to fill up which was a damn long one. after that he read it and told me that "there is some administrative processing to be done because of the area you work in and therefore your visa will be couriered in two weeks. Trust me you will be fine. I am keeping your docs(kept all passport, DS, SEVIS, I20) and you will recieve them in two weeks and you good got your VISA"

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26776>

une 14 mumbai consulate 8:15 am appt. time

i'll directly jump to the VI

VO: so syracuse, what r u gonna do there

ME: i intend to persue my masters in IM

VO: so whats IM, is it related to databases

ME: IM is blah blah

VO:so whos sponsoring u

ME: my parents

VO: what do they do

ME: dad works as mom works as at

VO: how much savings do they have

ME: XX lacs

VO: ur pp wil b couriered in 3 days

ME: thank u mam, have a nice day

was out in 20 sec

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26980>

hey friends..

i had my interview scheduled for 0930 , 21 june Mumbai..

my token was called for counter 8 where a fat guy with specs sits.. on the other counters they were not taking more tahn 2 mins per applicant, but this guy seemed to have plenty of time.. he was taking abt 15-20 mins per applicant.. and was rejecting some and accepted just one F1 visa b4 me. and then at 11am he said he wud be back in a few mintues.. wich he never turned up till 12 .. and we were waiting in the Q and i guess every1 ahead of me was cursing him.. poor fellow.. but we turned lucky.. coz when he returned.. he said he has some other assignements and said that our token will be called again..

and by then the counter 13 had just opend.. and he called my token. i was 4th in the Q. he was a cute guy Very Happy

so here goes the interview.. (as we were standing in the Q for counter 8, thsi guy (Counetr 13) was observing us frm a long time.. and he saw me chatting and laughing with the ppl in the Q

so when i eneterd the cabin.. he greeted me with a big HELLO and told me..

VO: U seem to be very happy today Very Happy

ME : smiling ... yes.. i am very happy today

VO: why are u so happy today?

ME: coudnt think of anything.. so told.. just becoz i have come for my VI Very Happy Very Happy

VO: have to u travelled outside india anytime

ME: NO Sad

VO: So why have u decided to go to UCinincinnati?

ME: started telling.. but he was listening so intently that i even told him abt the reserach labs and the work going on there.

VO: where di u do ur undergrad?

ME: afetr blabbering so much abt UCIn was not prepared for this Q so i fumbled and said.. aahh Mumbai , VJTI.

VO: can i have a look at ur degree cert

ME: i showed him.. he read it completely Very Happy

VO: so u r interested in AI?

ME: afraid of the section 221g, added.. yes sir and dataming too

VO: why datamining?

ME: told.. he was still listening.. so tried to relate it with my present job

VO: so wat do u work for at TCS?

ME: currently am working for a project for Target USA

VO: Oh target is it? wat do u for Target?

ME: started telling.. he was listeningso patiently.. that i told him abt my entire project and all the s/w jargons.. Very Happy

VO: i see u have partial funding frm the univ (i have full tuition waiver). wat abt the rest?

ME.. family is gonna fund me

VO: wats ur father doing?

ME: told

VO: annual income?

ME: told. (it was a littel less for that last year?) Sad

VO: mother?

ME: house wife.. but she assits my father in his business so has a income ..

but he cut me short at that and told.. taht ur mom is houswif.. fathers income is this.. then how will ya fund urself?

ME: we have enuff saving arn XYZ in s/b and apart frm parents my uncle is also funding me and then i have some savings of my own

VO: wat does ur uncle do?

ME: told.. and coz he was lsiteing.. i xplained my uncles business

VO: so how much savings he has?

ME: calculated fast.. and told XYZ

VO: and u?

ME: this much in bank and invested some amnt in shares and bonds

VO: passed my I20 towards me.. and said keep thsi safe.. the lady at immigration will ask for this..

ME: tahnsk and once again a smile.. Laughing

i opend the door to come out.. and then turned back and said..

ME: have a nice day officer.

VO: yeah.. u too

tahts its..

thank for keeping patience while reading this long exp...

GOOD Luck to all who r waiting for Visas to be stamped..

and thanks to all the edulixians..

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26959>

On a serious note, here's some more details.

I'd appeared for my visa interview on May 11 at the Mumbai consulate. I'm going for PhD in Chemical & Environmental Engineering at the University fo California, Riverside. I got 221(g) - sensitive technology field. I was asked to send in a questionnaire and my resume. I sent the same on May 12. Ten days later, I asked for a status check through email, and got a reply within half an hour saying that my documents have been forwarded to Washington for the additional clearance, and I'd be contacted when there's a response from there.

I got a phone call on June 8 from the Mumbai consulate that I can come in any day between Monday and Thursday before 9:30 am for my second interview, as they have received a positive response on my case. I had exams going on then, so I decided to go the consulated after June 20 only.

I went to the consulate today (June 21). I reached there at 9:15 am. There were about 20 pending cases, with myself and one other guy being the ones for F1, with sensitive technology. Some girl from the consulate came out where we were asked to stand, at around 9:45 am, and took our documents (221(g) letter, VFS envelope that was given back after first interview, I-20 and passport), and gave us pink tokens. We were taken in at 12:15 pm; it was a ridiculous wait between 9:45 am and 12:15 pm.

Once we enetered the consulate, we were asked to take a seat, and wait till our token number was called. Five of the pending cases (no idea which visa type) got their visas without the interview. The other sensitive technology guy (MS in Biomedical Engineering at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin) got his token number called at counter 13, at around 1:30 pm. His interview lasted a minute, and he was just asked why he wants to go to the US, and why that particular university. He got his visa, and came out. Two minutes later, my token number got called at the same counter. I went to the counter. Here's the transcript of the interview:

VO: Hello, how are you?

Me: I'm fine, how about you?

VO: I'm fine too.

(VO types something into his computer)

VO: Remind me why you're going to the US.

Me: I want to pursue research in the field of air pollution control. There are lots of opportunities available in the same in the US. The university I want to go to has extensive research going on, especially on the applications of Chemical Engineering in the air pollution control.

(VO types some more into his computer)

VO: Congrats, you've been granted your Visa. Take this (giving I-20).

Me: Thanks.

VO: Have a nice time.

I took my I-20, and rushed out of the consulate. Very Happy

All of the 221(g) cases, except one, got their visas. The one who didn't was going for some training program. His purpose of visit seemed very vague, and he got a second additional clearance requirement.

Anyway, California, here I come!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26812>

Hey frns,

Had my appt at 10:00. Reached at 9:15. Was in Q at 9:30 n believe me i ws out of the emnassy by 10:30. Consider the fact that i gave my interview(15-20 long mins) to the most dreaded Chinese lady.

First of all I would like to say something

* if u hav all ur docs ready, dont be afraid of any chinese or mongolian lady.

* She is not that bad. Though she takes 15 mins but she issues u a VISA, provided u hav the docs she asks(n yes, she asks for hell amount of docs.). I found her quite nice.

CL stands for the CHINESE LADY who has become a nghtmare 4 students goin 2 Delhi Consulate.

I will start wid the Interview.Its a bit long. I reach the counter.

Me: Hi mam

CL: Hello!! How r u??

Me:Im fine mam

CL: First trip abroad??

Me:Yes mam

CL: Which course??

Me: MS in CS

CL: Which uni??
Me: SUNY BING

CL: WHY SUNY???
Me: Brand value in Indiaetc etc.

CL: Wen did u complete ur undergrad diploma??
Me: In 2005 mam.

CL: Can i c ur diploma certificate??? n ur transcripts??
Me: Ya sure mam.(hand over a pile of marksheets n degree, pointing towards my Degree certificate)

Asks me sumthing which she cudn't undrstand on my transcripts.

Now she takes 5 mins lookin at my transcripts. She watches each n every marksheet. Mayb she was looking 4 a backlog or somethin, which i din't hav.

Again.

CL: From which colege did u do ur diploma frm??(Dnt knw y she kept callin it diploma as it was a BE degree)
Me:

CL: Wats ur undergrad %age??
Me: 72%

CL: Who's ur sponsor??
Me: My parents

CL: what does ur dad do??
Me: He is

CL: wats his post??
Me: He is an

Wats his annual inc??
Me: XXX lacs

CL: OK. what does ur mom do??
Me: She works in bank....

CL: Wat is ur mom's post???

Me: Officer

Now she wil shout at me.

CL: (Loudly) Ther is no such post like officer in a bank

Me: (I got a bit nervous)She is an officer mam or u can say the second manager.

CL: Ther is no such thing like second manager. Can u tel me wat work does she do???

Me: I xplain sumthin.... n she cuts me short

CL: Frget it. u dnt knw wat does ur mom do.

Me: (Nw it got a bit funny 4 me. i actualy started laughin.)I said OK mam.

CL: Do u have sumthin to show ur parents employment??

Me: NO mam. OOhh i hav dere PF statements.(Dnt knw y i dint say IT returns).

Nywayz she forgets that.

CL: Can i c ur financial docs. Actualy show me the saving passbuku

Me: pass the saving acount statements(these shud b duly attested). She shouts.

CL: Where r the passbuku?? Dont u hav passbuku??

Me: No mam. i dnt hav . i jus hav these statements n they are attested.

She shouts again as she ws nt able 2 find my dad's name on the statement.

CL: Where is ur dad's name???? show me??? where is it???

Me: There it is.

Now she does some calc on some paper 4 quite sumtime n tells me,

CL: these r nt enogh funds 4 ur edu.

Me: Here r some more statements.

She is doin sumthin on her comp.

I ask her if she wants me to show some more financial docs.

CL: NO

After a while.

CL: Ur granted a VISA. n u wil get ur PPT in 4-5 days.
Me: Thank u mam. Hav a gr8 day
CL: U2.

I was very calm during the interview. She kept doin sumthin on the computer. I knew that watever she will ask me , I wil provide her. I stood confident.It was really a gr8 xperience me. She is actually nice. Dont be afraid n carry all the docs. I knw Delhi consulate is getting famous as a no docs consulate but this chinese lady looks at all the docs. So u do carry all the docs as u never knw u might land up in front of CL(Chinese Lady).

Soo the mantra is of 3 C's.

Calm
Composed
Confident.

Best of Luk. Ny queries. u can ask me.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26958>

Got my visa on 20th June at chennai, 11 AM appointment time. After endless waiting my turn came at 2.30. VO white lady with blonde straight hair.

ME: Good afternoon mam. how are you ?
VO: Pass me the folder

VO: Why Texas A&M ?
ME: ranked in top 20 and good research in Distributed systems

VO: Show me your degree cert.

VO: I am approving your visa, you will receive your passport in 3 days
ME: Thank you. Have a nice day.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26897>

hello and thanks to all the people who added their visa experiences as well to those who gave their sincere comments.

FIRST OF ALL SOME GUIDELINES(MAY BE U KNW BUT

FROM MY TODAY'S EXPERIENCE

1:IF YOU GOT ELECTRONICS GADGETS THEN KEEP

THEM AT HOME(I HAD TO KEEP MY MOBILE WITH

MUMBAI POLICE CONSTABLE POSTED THERE,HAD MY

FINGERS CROSSED TILL THE END BUT GOT IT

LUCKILY.)

IF YOU CAN TAKE SOMEONE ALONG WTH YOU TAKE IT

OR ITS FINE.(SOMETIMES YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT

THEY MAY OBJECT FOR.

2:IF YOU ARE FROM A FAR AWAY PLACE LIKE I

WAS(VASHI)LEAVE A BIT EARLY(I LEFT AT 8:15

FROM VASHI BUT MANGED TO REACH BY 9:50 AT

EMBASSY).THERE IS TOO MUCH RUSH IN TRAINS.U

CAN'T EVEN BOARD A TRAIN LIKE HAPPENED WTH ME

FOR 1ST TRAIN AT KURLA.

NOW THE VISA INTERVIEW:

DATE 19TH JUNE2006.10:30AM

LOCATION MUMBAI CONSULATE.

CALLED AT COUNTER NO. 4 INSIDE US CONSULTATE

LADY AT THE COUNTER LOOKED LIKE INDIAN BUT

WASN'T SO..

GUY BEFORE ME WAS GOING FOR MBA ON

SCHOLARSHIP ,WRKING IN TCS GOT REJECTED.

I WAS ALREADY HAVING BUTTERFLIES SO WAS BIT

MORE WORRIED NYWAYZ NOW THE ACTION....

ENTERED THE CABIN.....

ME:GOOD AFTERNOON

VO:GOOD AFTERNOON

VO:UR PINK TOKEN.

GAVE HER...

VO:WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO US?

****HERE EVERYTHING COOKED WENT OUT F THE

WINDOW"*****"

ME:EDUCATION IN US IS VERY GOOD,EDUCATION

SYSTEM IS FLEXIBLE,AFTER DOING MS FROM I L GET

FATTER PAY PACKET IN INDIA.

VO;WHO IS YOUR SPONSOR

ME:MY FATHER.

VO: HOW MUCH IS HIS SALARY.

ME;TOLD 5 LAKHS.

VO;IS HE A RICH MAN?

HE I GOT ABIT SURPRISED....AND PAUSEDTHEN

SAID YES.

VO:HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE FOR EDUCATION:

ME:48000\$

VO:WHY DO YOU HAVE PASSPORT FROM BENGAL?

ME:I WAS STUDYING IN DURGAPUR.

VO:WHERE WERE YOU WORKING?

ME:I V CUSTOMER IN PUNE.

VO;WHEN DID YOU YOU LEAVE YOUR JOB?

ME:TOLD MAY 31ST.

VO:WHY MAY 31ST

ME:TOLD HAD INTERVIEW ON 19TH JUNE AND HAD TO

GO BACK HOME ALSO.

VO:WHAT SORT OF JOB YOU WERE DOING IN COMPANY/

ME:PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR LINBKSYS

PRODUCTS

VO:HOW MUCH DID YOU EARN?

ME :TOLD 11000PM

VO:WHY DO YOU LEAVE YOUR COMPANY?

ME:WAS A SMALL COMPANY,WANTED TO WORK IN

BIGGER COMPANY SO MASTERS IS A PREREQUISITE.

VO:WHERE DOES YOUR FATHER WORK?

ME:IN PUNJAB.

VO:WHERE DOES HE STAY?

ME:IN PUNJAB ONLY.

VO:SHOW ME FINANCIAL DOC AND YOUR LAST MONTH

SALARY SLIP:

ME:GAVE HER CA STATEMENT AND LAST MONTH SALARY

SLIP.

VO:BACK HOME?

I ASKED HER TO REPEAT IT ATLEAST 3 OR 4

TIMES.TOLD I DIDN'T GET HER.

THEN SHE SAID WHERE IS MY FAMILY.

ME:IN PUNJAB.

VO;HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN STAYING IN PUNE?

ME:1 YEAR.

VO:YOU WILL GET YOUR VISA?

ME:THANK YOU MAM.

THATS THE END OF THE STORY.....I WAS THROUGH

OUT VERY SERIOUSNORMALLY WHILE GIVING

INTERVIEWS I DON'T SMILE.EXPRESSIONLESS

FACE...AND CONSTANTLY STARING AT HER....EVEN

WHEN VISA WAS GRANTED NO EMOTIONS...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26832>

hey sorry if the topic is misguiding but this is how i feel after getting the VISA. a bit of excitement, little joy and loads of relief. without wasting time; here goes my interview.

Mumbai Consulate: 15th June, 9:00 a.m.

The VFS bus took me to the consulate at 9:00 a.m. sharp. after the security check and the fingerprinting ordeal, got the pink token number. just as I took a seat in the center of the hall, my coupon number was announced. Counter 2, strikingly beautiful lady. hearts won!! n now for the VISA.

VI: hello welcome sir

Me: hello ma'am

VI: so which college r u going to?

Me: SUNY, Stony Brook

VI: Hmmm, why this college?

Me: i liked the research and blah blah blah

VI: so u have worked with a social outfit? (I had collected some funds during school days for a social group and had almost forgot that i had mentioned it in my DS forms!!!)

Me: Yes ma'am and explained what that outfit is.

VI: so how did u help them?

Me: chatted with them, listened to their experiences (i made it up; couldnt help) and also did some fund collection.

VI: How much?

Me: 1000 bucks

VI: Dollars?

Me: (gave a huge smile) rupees ma'am (sanity restored)

VI: good, actually excellent work!!

Me: (blushed) ya

VI: who is going to sponsor u?

Me: parents and told them their income

VI: what is ur sister doing in US?

Me: Working as a network engineer in XYZ company

VI: (looked impressed) Ok, congratulations you will be couriered ur passport in two days.

Me: thank you ma'am (collected the passport in the evening)

Tips:

Be confident and the battle is almost won.

dont look baffled if u r forwarded with an awkward question. that will test ur mettle.

look directly at the officer and if she is beautiful as mine was; continue the good habit till u leave. (neways u have no option)

relief and best of luck to all who still have their interviews pending.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26940>

Ok.. i am in a hurry..i will make it quick..

the visa officer was a very young guy .. might be in 25s.. he kept on calling me sir Smile and i was too tired after waiting for 5 hrs in the queue to even smile at him ... so this is how the interview went..

1) What all universities have u applied to sir

Told him 8 and given the names.. (Didn't mention vtech and msu as i got rejects)

2) What all admits have u got

I said 7 admits and a reject from austin

3) What made u choose a&m from all these universities

Told him about my area of interest and internship project and that the CAD group at tamu is quite strong and working in the same area.. thats why tamu

4) He wanted to know more my area of interest (he was very interested in asking people the technical details.. he did that for people before me too)

I was very enthued to explain him what it is all about..(he was very impressed 8))

5) Show me ur degree certificate

He checked it carefully for the autheticity

6) How long have u been working with XXX electronics?

told him since last july

7) how much are they paying you?

some lacs

This was the interview.. got over very quickly.. he didn't ask for anything else... no transcripts, gre toefl scores.. absolutely nothing..

One advice for people going to Chennai.. Please have a very heavy breakfast!!

I went in at 11am and got out 4pm Shocked

I thank each and every person in edulix for all the help and support.. I would have gone mad without edulix.. thanks guys..

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26943>

hi i had a dread ful visa interview at kolkata counsulate and i still could not beleive my night mare will come true. my tamu visa rejected on financial ground. i am absolutely crest fallen. here is the visa ineterview.

me: good morning

vo: no reply,hardly looked at me.

vo: what are u doing?

me: just completed a computer application course in my specialization.

vo: sorry i can't here u

me: repeat the same.

vo: what specialization?

me: transportation engg.

vo: why u left ur organization?

me: to do masters

vo: what was ur salary

me: mentioned(8000/-pm)

vo: what is ur father does?

me: retired civil engg.

vo: how much is his income?

me:he s now getting pention of yearly-xx

vo: show me ur financial statements?

me: i have taken educational loan and rest will be financed by my father.

gave loan sanction letter and summarysttement.

vo: how much loan?

me: 12 lacs.

vo: why loan?

me: to meet 1st years expnses.

vo: saw the statement and asked about a 11lacs rupees mentioned there whether this is from my fathere's retirement?

me:yes.

vo statrtd typing. i thought myvisa will be granted, but then the dread ful moment came.

vo: sorry i can't issue u visa as u don't have enough financial resource. what will happen if any emergency arises,if u get sick and all those fundas. and thats it.

now i have to apply again. but i can't any way improve my financial status so quickly. i have to take loan. so same result is expected if i go with TAMU i20. so ihave to change my unv. i have to go with unv of miss, columbia with full scho+RA. i can't take another chance. it will be avery risky proposition. i know TAMu ranks in top 15 specially in civil engg but i have no other options of improving my financial support. that vo lady never asked any thing about the unvs, scores, BTEch %, etc. i just still can't beleive.

now i wnt to ask u all how i will represent unv of miss as vo will be knowing tamu is much better school from this one. so what are the points that i should highlight now to convine vo about my selection. plzz i need ur suggestions urgently. plzzz help me.....

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26954>

Hello Friends,

This is Harmit Upadhyaya from Baroda (Gujarat) and I got visa on 15th June...It was nice experience as I got visa otherwise not. I am going for M.S in computer science. My interview went for nearly 7-8 minutes at counter number 3. The visa officer was nice young lady.

At first I got entry at 9:00 am but I wore a digital sports watch so Indian person at first checking counter said me that I had to go outside and submit my watch. So I went outside and again stand in queue. So this took another 45 minutes. Then I enter consulate at 9:45 am. Follow the general procedure (fingerprints etc..).

As I completed my procedure, my number was called. And I went to counter number three.

VO (lady): good morning gentleman!

ME: (surprised with smile) Good morning mam!

VO: give me pink token please.

VO: ok, fine just put aside your all documents, I don't require any docs right now, if I'll require, tell you personally and allow you to fetch your doc from file.

Now take deep breath, release your firm grip from your file

ME: Mam, I am file and comfortable with this environment, not nervous at all.

VO: No, no ...I know that, I am just following normal procedure ...ok

(So I did those things...) Yeah, that's fine.

VO: So, Youngman which university?

ME: SUNY Binghamton to pursue my masters in field of CS.

VO: So why masters in Computer Science?

ME: Madam, as you know BU is reputed public university..And explain reasons for my post graduate studies.

VO: But there are many Universities in US? Why only BU?

ME: told her another 2-3 reasons. Also told her that my professor who did his masters from US and he is currently working as so and so, also suggested me this university by considering my area of interests.

VO: who's sponsoring you?

ME: my parents.

VO: what are they doing?

ME: I said, mam, my parents are doctors and working since last 30 years. My father is doing his private practice and my mother is anesthesiologist and head of department at so and so medical college and hospital.

VO: That's great! Then Mr. Hermit (instead of Harmit) why didn't you choose medical school?

ME: told her some reasons that I am pretty much interested in mathematics so I chose engineering rather than medical school even though I got admissions from medical as well as dental schools after my 12th grade. Then I told her that in my 12th grade I didn't even able to remember a single system of frog in biology subject, how I could remember about entire human body in medical school so I went for CS.

VO: she laughed ...

VO: do you have any elder brother or sister?

ME: yes, elder sister and she's married.

VO: where is she and what visa she has?

ME: told her, USA, on h1 and her company's name.

Then she asked me all the details about my sister, her previous visa status, company profile, working designation, same details about her husband, etc..

But after that she said to me, ok gentleman you'll receive your visa in 2 days and have fun and enjoy your stay at United states of America...

So, this is my interview at Mumbai consulate. And sorry for too much description. According to me they just want to check whether you are genuine student or not and how comfortable you are

Bye, and wishing good luck to rest of friends for their visa interview. And at last lot of thank to Edulix Community ..Simply Great..!

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Hi Guys

Had my interview at the chennai consulate yesterdayfor SUNY SB..The interview was taken by the guy with the french beard :)These are the questions he asked..(He asked for my scoresheets and marks cards .. thts it no other docs)

Why this university

Wht form of scholarship did u get in teh other schools

Who is sponsoring u ?
 wht are your parents doing ?
 How much have they manged to save up for ur education ..
 How long have u been working ?
 How much is ur pay ?
 Thts it Smile
 All the best guys for ur vI's

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26882>

MS in MIS, Texas A&M College Station

45 seconds, Indian expressionless average looking VO but a total sweetheart. Not even opened my folder. Called on window # 2, no cabin...just an open window with distracting background noise.

1. Why USA?
2. Why TAMU?
3. Why MS without work-ex?
4. Who is sponsoring education? What they do?
 answer - family and an education loan as a precautionary measure
5. Which institute (bank)?
6. Where is brother? (he is India)
7. Why didn't he go for MS?

There was a F1 reject just before me. Reason I guess was that her brother was in the same university.

Suggestion - VI is not worth all the tension. Just keep your cool and nail the goras. On the big day, the queue and security check and entire procedure will drain you so much that worrying will look like too much efforts.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26977>

appointment time was 8.30. reached consulate at 7.30. went inside by 7.55. after the security n finger-printing was given the pink token at 8.15.. my no came at 9.00.

vo: good morning. how r to doing today.
me: good morning. im fine thank u very much

vo: so why r u going to us
me: mam i want to persue masters in cs from uncc

vo: ok sir. why did u choose this univ
me: mam, i want to do masters in computer science. uncc has a good cs dept. many prof r involved in various research. so the faculty is very experienced. n i want to do my specialization in databases. cs curricuram at uncc has 5-6 courses related to databases. uncc was always my first choice

vo: ok . so how many univ did u apply to
me: 10

vo: 10 univ. that must have cost u a lot
me: no mam. it didnt cost that much

vo: so who is sponsoring ur education
me: my father n my mother. both r sponsoring me

vo: wht do they do
me: told

vo: whats their salary
me: told them their annual salary.

vo: so how r they going to sponsor you.
me: mam my parents have xx money in our bank account n xx in the form of investments

vo: (now she looked at the i20 amount) it seems like u r going to use up all yours parents money
me: no man. that is not going to happen. uncc first yr cost is 10.5 lakh rs. at present our bank account has money exceeding that. n by 2nd year my parents would have earned the money to cover my 2nd year fees. also if required, we can liquidate our investments.

vo: ok. so do u have any siblings
me: no mam.

vo: ok sir, ur passport wil be delivered to u in 2 days.
me: thank u very much mam.

The Visa Officer was a fantastic lady.. very cheerful n jovial.. i was very nervous n couldnt give my ans with confidence which is the key to crack the interview.. i stammered a lot in 2-3 answers, but she was very generous n granted me visa.
Also not even a single document was asked. didnt even open my folder.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26965>

First of all, hello to all u edulixians...
I have been a very very passive member of the community! I have learnt a lot frm all the visa experiences dat are posted here...
So heres mine.. (was refused a visa last yr MUMBAI)
(WELL, IM A STUDENT OF PARA MEDICINE.. DID MY BACHELORS IN AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY)

This time...

ME: GD AFTERNOON SIR
VO: VERY GOOD AFTERNOON MISS... PRETTY SMILING FACE HAA.. BUT THIS PIC ON UR ORM KEEPS SAYIN... BE SERIOUS!

SO, HW HAVE U BEEN
ME: VERY WELL SIR
VO: YY BLOOMSBURG UNI
ME: (SAME OL STUFF... RESEARCH ETC)
VO: YY MASTERS IN SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
ME: MY INTEREST SIR...
VO: OKAY... HOW MANY BROTHERS N SISTERS DO U HAVE
ME: ONE YOUNGER BROTHER SIR
VO: WHTS HE DOIN?
ME: GAVE HIS X GRADE XAM
VO: HW DID HE DO?
ME: RSLTS NOT OUT SIR..
VO: WHHAT?
ME: REPEAT..
VO: OK... HW DO U THINK HE DID
ME : HE DID VERY WELL SIR
VO: KK WHT DO UR MUM N DAD DO FOR A LIVING?
ME: TOLD

VO: THEIR EARNING?
 ME: TOLD
 VO: SHOW ME PROOF OF FINANCES..
 ME: I SHOW PASSBOOKS, FD, PPF....
 VO:UMM... DONT KNOW.. NOT CONVINCED
 ME: (dunno yy he wasnt convinced>>> had all the proofs) YY SIR
 VO: READS MY I 20 ATLEAST 15 TIMES...
 THEN SAYS... OKIE U WAIT.. ILL GET BAC ...
 ME: WAIT N WAIT N WAIT... HE DISCUSSES SMTHIN WID SUM1 INSIDE
 VO: COMES BAC... OKIE MISS U HAVE UR VISA... STUDY HARD MAKE UR PARENTS PROUD!!

WASNT I WAITIN TO HEAR THOSE GOLDEN WORDS!!!

MY INTERVIEW LASTED FOR LIKE 20 MINUTES N I WAS SOOOO SURE HE WLDNT GIV IT TO ME.. LOL.... BUT EVRYTHINGS POSSIBLE!!

CONGRAAAATS TO ALL OF UU WHO ALRDY HAVE UR VISAS N GOOOODLUCK TO THOSE WHO WILL SOON HAVE THEIR INTERVIEW!

ALLLLLLL THAAAAAANNNNXX TO ALL EDULIXIANS N YES I MUST MENTION A VERY SPECIAL THANK TO OUR VERY OWN ALOK AKA SHEARER!!

HAIL EDULIX

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yea peeps...got my visa today ie. 22June.

teachd the consulate around 11:30AM for my appointment at 12:45PM...and came out with visa approved around 2:15PM..gosh was a loooooomg wait...but as v say alls well that ends well Wink

my VI haha...here it goes....

Vo : Gimme ur docs?
 I : sure mam Wink (mast se thi)
 Vo : hmm.. USC for MS in CS..
 I : Yes mam Smile
 Vo : have u given any tests lik GRE...show me..
 I : yes mam i'v..here it is....wanna chk TOEFL too..

Vo : seemed busy.. :p
 VO : Have u completed ur Bachelors?
 I : Yes mam....and my final sem results r awaited.
 Vo : Which Univ?
 I : GGSIPU...full form ofcourse!
 Vo : Did yaa applies to other univs?
 I : Yes mam, 5 in total.
 Vo : And wat othr admits u got?
 I : UIC and Syracuse.
 Vo : OK.
 Vo : Magic words Smile
 I : ty mam, have a nice day :p

Note : Chini ssems to be on leave....her counter no. 8 is closed for 2 days now..... seems Uncle SAM ne use wapas bula lia Laughing

and yea....thnx all for ur support... :p

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27020>

Hi

Got my visa at the Delhi consulate on the 23

Here goes my interview

After getting my DS forms stamped and I-20 cheked and stapled with the pasport outside the consulate, i entered inside the consulate for security check.
 Then after the finger printing etc, i was standing in the q in front of the counters.
 Now as my turn comes, 2 counters become free, In counter 8 was middle age guy who called me and here it goes:

VO:Good morning(Very cheerfully and smiling)
 me: Good morning Sir
 VO: ur passport,I-20 and application forms plz
 me:(gave him)
 VO:(after checking these) Can i see your degree/diploma certificate?
 me:Yes sir(gave him)
 VO:you got first division,Good. Can i see your GRE score card?

me:Yes sir(gave him)

VO:How will u pay for ur education?

me:Parents wil sponsor me,both are teacher and goverment employes.

VO:both are teacher ,Good.this is your first visa application?

me:yes sir

VO: Ok Sir, ur visa is approved, Have nice studies in U.S,Good Luck

me:Thank u sir

It was over in about 1 minute and he did not ask for any documents other than passport, I-20 and DS forms.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27039>

Got my visa for Ms in industrial Engg at GaTech was very luck as the whole process took under 2 hours. I had an appointment for 10.30 nd reached there by 10(could have reached earlier if I had found a parking spot) and I was out by 11.50.The visa officer was very cool and didn't even ask where I was headed to and which course!!!!

(After he called me he started taking to his colleague as I waited anxiously)

Vo:: Show me your Gre Score sheet

Me:: (Passed em Silently)

Vo :: College Marksheets and Degree

Me :: Passed him the marksheets nd told him that the final sem results were not out yet..

Vo :: How will you fund your Education

Me :: Family Funds

VO :: Annual Family Income

Me :: told him

Vo :: (Does something on the computer and scribbles on the DS form)Visa Approved!

Me :: Thanks

Apart form this he even asked me what a CA statement was nd y it was called so (I don't know y he asked me this but who cares since I got the visa)

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27024>

ets cut to the chase...

2pm appt mumbai consulate,counter no.2,indian american lady wit curly hair

Me:gud afternoon maam

Vo:gud afrnoon

Vo:y US?

Me:pursue MS in EE in sjsu

Vo:do u know any1 in US

Me:No

Vo:u dont know any1 in US(looks at me suspiciously)

Me:No maam

Vo:y sjsu

Me:gud course in networks,etc...whole lotta crap..

Vo:wat does ur mom do

Me:blah

Vo:show me ur degree certificate

showed it to her

Vo:pp wil b sent in 3 days

Me:thnx

Vo:(least bothered)best of luck.

i was dreadin qns abt 3 yrs in the i20 and tht sjsu is my sole admit,but these qns nvr came up,was really lucky i guess...thnx to all who helpd me.....

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27009>

Hey everyone,

I had my interview on 22nd june at mumbai consulate.. had my appointment time at 8.30.. was called at counter 5 at arnd 9.30...

a young guy with a stern look n giving visa to all called my number..

me : very good morning sir.. how r u doing?

VO : no reply

VO : Why uic?

me : research.. blah.. blah

VO : Wht do your father do?

me : buisness in advertising frm last 18 years

VO : pp will be couriered.....

tht was all... no docs asked.. just be confident.. they r giving visa to all..
thnx madmax,Anbesivam,Tanmay n everyone at edulix..

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27006>

Howdy everyone! Got my visa today..yippee.. the appointment was as follows

23rd June

Mumbai Consulate

Time 9 30 am

I reached at around 8 45 at the embassy directly(hadnt taken the VFS lounge option) and saw people from 9 am appointments getting in line. I stood around in the back for a few minutes after which the line for 9 30 was called. I was so relaxed on the earlier day and even today morning but somehow the whole atmosphere at the embassy is so charged up and intimidating that you can bet your last buck even "Ice Man Steve Waugh" will get a bit zonked out!

So anyway, i waited in line for about 15 minutes, the time was 9 20..took out my i-20, sevis, passport and hdfc receipt and waited some more.

Finally i was called inside for security check. I had left my wallet,watch etc with Dad so no probs there.. i was given the wooden stick which i took in the inner hall. Inside the scene was that of total commotion, gujrati announcements and usual anxious faces, serious discussions..however i turned left and joined the line to get the pink token.

Here the person stapled my passport with the token quite horribly,handed me the processed DS forms and asked me to proceed to fingerprinting, right ahead. I was so friggin tense that my hands were sweating and the lady out there had to wipe them 4 times with some sorta spirit to finally get a reading on the electronic screen.

The scenario was like that of a bank. So many people bumbling about that it was kinda funny and relaxing too! Then i took a seat in the waiting area(it is advisable to take a front row seat) in front of the counters and waited for my turn. Contrary to everyone's experience,

i could easily make out the announcements being made for the applicants as to which applicant no is called to which counter.

At about 9 45 my number was called alongwith a couple of others to counter no 6 occupied by a pleasant young lady. She must be hardly 30.
So i step inside

I went in and suddenly all fear, anxiety and stress vanished away. The booth is sound proof and the quiet atmosphere somewhat chills you down.

VO:Hi! Good Morning! How are you?

Me:Good Morning! I am fine thank you(Big smile!)

VO:Ok, so why did you choose Indiana University at Bloomington

Me: M'am coz its CS department is highly ranked and has one of the best labs when it comes to research in Distributed Systems, which is my interest.

VO:Ok. Good. So why CS?

ME:(D-uh, if im interested in Distributed,what else would i take? Civil?)

So i explain the whole interest in the subject all over again

VO:Ok. (with a smile)But you really dont have to stoop and talk in the mike, i can hear you perfectly well!

Me: (in my nervousness and stupidity, i stoop down again to say) Oh, sorry M'am!(with an equally sheepish grin!)

VO: (Laughing) ok so do you have any brothers or sisters?

Me: Yes. I have one brother who is doing his Masters in the US

VO:Show me your i-20

Me:Here it is(Hands over the i-20 lying in my hand...folder still closed)

VO:So how are your parents going to afford your 29k\$ mentioned in the i-20 and your brothers education as well?

Me: Well they have saved up for both our education and have enough assets to pay for our education. Should i show my liquid assets summary statement?

VO: No, no need

Me:OK (Phew!..Visa power..here i come..though somewhat regretting the effort wasted in arranging the file!)

VO:So what do your parents do?

Me:My Dad is a General Manager etc etc and my Mom is a professor of English Literature

VO:(Completely baited..i just reel her in) Wow! thats great...english lit huh..(prolly wishing she could discuss Chaucer with her)..cool

Me:(Smiling)

VO:Ok im issuing your visa. Passport will be couriered in a few days. Thank you!

Me: Thank you! (mwaaah meri jaan..life banaa di)

Grinning proudly, i step out..10 15 am..the mere mortals in the waiting room look at the absence of passport in my hand and realize i have been granted the visa. They clap, they cheer, they do a standing ovation and the girls come out and we all discoed till the evening!

LOL sorry couldnt help the end

But a BIG THANK YOU to every single member of edulix and especially all those seniors who keep the site updated everyday. Plus all those before me who wrote their Visa experiences. That was the most crucial help in this entire process and really counted a lot. Request to every1 else who get their visas(and i am sure everyone will the way this season's been shaping up) to post their experiences for the rest of the people too, just like others did for u guys..

Major Tip: Be assertive. Be cool. Be confident. If you look at em directly without any mumbling around and have prepared your answers well without making em too artificial, chances are you wont be even asked to open your folder. Havent heard of a single reject amongst people i know. 'Tis raining Visas. So grab your copy today!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27078>

hellos ppl

me gt my visa from delhi consulate today afternun ...
gave my intrview to the baldy at counter 9 !! the mongolian lady was absent today as well but i saw a new indian female at counter 12 i guess..dunno if shes new or wat ...but she seemed to be extremely friendly and sweet
i had a two min interview fr out of which for 1 min d baldy was writing on his keyborad ...

here s d interview

me :gud afternun sir

vo :gud afternun

(he brought his hands fwd fr d docs(passport+ ds forms) ,i passed dem to him)
starts reading dem and writes on his keyborad ..

vo : oh you are going to syracuse univerity for ms in comp science

me:yes sir

again starts writing

vo:when did u complete ur bachelors

me:i hav given my 8th semester exams and am awaiting results ,here s a certificate from the college stating the same and here are my previous sems transcripts ...

vo:nice

(then he started reading that letter from my coll and it appeared to me as if he was copying some lines from the letter on his pc ,i thot so bcoz he appeared to me much like a student rotating his neck periodically to copy from some buks etc)

vo: oh so u also hav 30% tution waiver

me: yes sir

vo:who is going to pay for the rest 70%

me:my father ,my father is a general amnager with XXXX and earns XXX lacs per annum

vo:u hav any supporting documents

me:yes sir (passed on my ca docs and it returns of my father)

vo:ok so ur dad is going to pay the rest of 26k \$

me:yes sir

starts typing and keeps typing

after some 25 seconds

vo:i have approved ur visa ,it takes a week to process the documents ,,go and enjoy ..

me:thank you sir

he was faintly smiling all the time

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26760>

had my VISA viva scheduled on 13th June at 8:15 am. Reached VFS at around 7:15 AM and there was biig queue outside even at such early hours.

Then shown inside , usual time pass of sitting in CCD while awaiting your turn. I decided lets drink (coffee) after my viva as it was too early. So just I was steppig out of the CCD I found I did not have the bus coupon. After a moment of dumbness recalled the guy at locker had taken it. Nice start of the day indeed !!

Fast forward to Counsalate. It is 8:30 AM. There is a big queue at counter 1 where there was some American young lady. This is just for doc submission. Then my token was called at Counter no 2. It does not have closed doors. It had an Indian girl with heavy American Accent. Seemed pretty cool. She was not only behaving well with elderly people she was giving them VISAs without much trouble. It is my turn now.

VO : good mornign

me : good morning mam. how are you doing ?

VO : Fine. Whats your name ?

me : told

VO: (takes out my application) why UFL ?

me : told (quite rapidly I guess)

VO : (smiling) easy easy there. Calm down.

VO: you have quite low score in GRE.

(I was surprised. I have 1480)

me: mam I have 1480 in GRE

VO : yeah why the score is low ? Any reason ?

me : mam it is out of 1600.

VO : (laughing)I know I was just kidding. IT is a good score. Do you think this is a good score?

me : yes mam

VO : are you sure ? (with twinkle in her eye)

me : (smiling) yes. It is a good score

VO : how did you prepare for GRE?

me : Barrons and websites

VO : which websites

me : (couldnt recall names) There are some sites which give extensive information on GRE words. I used their help.

VO : do you read lot of books ?

me : yes

VO : which authors ?

me : Stephen Hawking , Stephen King and other fiction authors (wanted to tell more but she cut short)

VO : Stephen Hawking , hmm. What kind of books does he write?

me : Astronomy. I have read his "a brief history of time"

VO : was it good ?

me : yes mam

VO: have you read Da vinci code?

me : yes mam

VO : did you like it ?

me : yes mam

VO: have you seen the movie ?

me : no mam.

VO: (suddenly) are you married ?

me : no mam

VO : why ?

me : I am too young for marriage

VO: how old are you ?

me :23

VO : so when will you get married ?

me : (now almost laughing) when I am bit older.

VO : ok tell me how will you pay for studies

me : told and shown docs

VO : What is your father ?

me : told

VO : how much does he earn per year?

me : told

VO: do you have brother or sister?

me : yes mam. I have one sister

VO : is she married ?

me: yes

VO : how old is she?

me : 25

VO : so when you are 25 you will also get married !!!

me : (broadly smiling) no man. even that would be quite early.

VO : ok I am approving your VISA. It will be couriered to you in 2 days.

me : Thanks mam. (Still smiling)

All in matter of less than 5-6 minutes. Was out of counsalate by 9:15 AM.

I came out of the counsalate and was walking towards VFS. With this interview still in my mind of course. After collecting my mobile I recalled I still had coffee coupon left. So why waste coffee worth 150 bucks ? I went in . I was stopped at doors by VFS guy. Asked me when is your interview. I told him I have given my interview I have come for coffee. Gave me weird look.

I then happily pumped that caffeine into my nervous system which made me even lighter. I was thinking about that conversation all the way back to home.

Thats it. I collected my passport on the same evening. That day not single F1 VISA was rejected as long I was there.

These are somethings I observed :

1. Counsalate should take some advice from Mumbai Local train anouncement system. Many a times there were confused faces as to which number had been called.
2. It not the actual interview but the looong queues and ,miillions of security checks that makes you edgy and irritated. Starting from VFS I was standing in 6 queues and waiting for my turn 2 times sitting. 3 queues inside counsalate alone. And at the time of actual interview you suddenly feel energised to the max.
3. VISA officials are being pretty cool to student VISA this time round. One site had mentioned that State Dept has asked them not to ask questions to students pertaining to " their ability to complete the course and their financial ability if they are having I20". Many many people I know were not asked more than 3-4 questions. Serious questions I mean , not pertaining to marriage ! Here is a site that tells full story. Mind you this is unofficial story.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27027>

Received my visa today for Texas A&M university College Station. My VO was a sweet damsel (didn't Look American) in her late 20s or early 30s. My VI was pretty smooth, no documents were asked for. I think only three relevant questions were asked and remaining was like an informal conversation with the VO.

Details:
University: Texas A&M College Station
Program: MIS
Consulate: Mumbai Consulate
Visa Date : 23 Jun, 2006

About My F1 Application:

Strong Points

1. Work Experience
2. Parents sponsoring my education
3. Had two foreign trips to Japan
4. Good Universities

Weak Points

1. Had not prepared my harmonium file and answers (to the basic questions) till the day before my VI.
2. No financial property assets in India to show strong economic ties with country

The following is the transcript of my VI

Me: Good Morning Mam (broad Smile)

VO: How are u? (checking something on the computer screen)

Me: I am fine thank you mam, how are you?

VO: What is the purpose of trip

Me: (With Confidence on my face and nervousness in my heart)I want to pursue my Masters of Science in Management information Systems

VO: Are you married?

Me: No

(VO with a smile she flipped the pages on my passport. She found a Japan Visa stamped on my passport)

VO: Why did you go to Japan

Me: I was sent by my company to gather requirements for a software assignment.

VO: which Company?

Me: Patni Computer Systems, Mam it provides IT services ...(was cut short by VO)

VO: Oh I know Patni Computer System (with a little accent)

[Looks like this is the point where visa was almost granted, because after this she just asked

me few irrelevant questions]

VO: So do you speak Japanese

Me: No mam am able to understand only few words, we were provided with official interpreters out there

VO: So did you taste Sushi in Japan

[For those who may not be aware, Sushi is actually a delicacy in Japan, it actually raw uncooked

fish.]

Me: Yes mam tasted it once but didn't like it(trust me not many will like it).

VO: Do you eat fish?

Me: Yes mam

VO: Why you not a vegetarian

Me: (I think she saw my surname and thought I was a Gujarati) I am not a vegeterian ...with a broad smile

VO: Why didn't your company send you to the US?

Me: Mam I have been working with Japanese Clients right from the start

VO: Who is going to sponsor you education?

Me: my parents

VO: What do your parents do?

Me: My father works as a marine engineer...

Lady Luck (the VO) then smiled and spoke the magical words.. Your Visa is granted sir..

Me: Confused for a moment, I thought it was a question and was trying to think of what to answer. Suddenly it struck me and I said "Thank You Mam" and tried to rush out.

She called be back and asked me to take my documents (had forgotten to collect my I-20 form).

The few things I observed at the consulate

1. None of the students Visa were rejected. For students visa there were two possible cases
 i. Students were grilled and then granted a visa
 ii. Students were granted a visa without being grilled.
 In both the cases the outcome was always positive.

2. There was a FI applicant ahead of me who when asked, "How do I know that you are coming back?" he just said "Mam it is a question of trust and faith." (but guess he said it with Confidence).He was granted a visa.

3. If the VO doubts something, he will give you a chance to explain it(and as long as your answer is logical enough he will grant you the visa).E.g if he feels you look like a potential immigrant, he will ask you "How do I know that you are coming back?" (or some question like that).I initially had this assumption that if the VO is not convinced with something, he may not even give you a chance to explain, which is not true.

4. (Not witnessed this personally but known this from a friend) One of the F1 applicant even got his program name wrong at first and he stammered through out his VI. The VO just told him that he should be more confident and granted his Visa.

A piece of advice to ppl who are still not done with their VI, prepare well for the following
 i Why you have selected the university ? (Think of as many points as possible, it is likely that VO might not get convinced with few general reasons)
 ii. Finance for your education + financial stability of your sponsors
 If VO is convinced with the following, Visa is yours

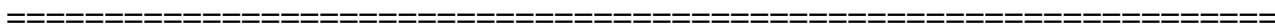
Also if you have a foreign trip it would add as a big plus point.

Vote of Thanks

Although my VI was a smooth sail, I think I was prepared for the worst.. Thanks to THIS GREAT EDULIX FORUM. Special Thanks to one and all from this forum for their help, prompt replies and sharing their experiences.

Piece of Advice for F1 applicants for Spring/Fall 2007

1. Don't don't join any counselor for the F1 Visa counseling. Forums like EDULIX are flooded with all the information. In fact, one will receive all the information directly from the horse's mouth, as students share their experiences. Besides, the members at Edulix would provide you better advice then the counsellors (as it is a team effort rather than a single mind working). I was myself in a dilemma few a month back and am happy I didn't join one.



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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27067>

Subjest line says all !
Let me get straight down to the business !

VO: Good morning sir , please pass me your pink token .
ME: Very good morning Officer , here's the token . (Looking for a space to pass it and VO shows it to me)

VO: Why are you going to USA sir ?
ME: Sir , i am going to pursue Masters in Computers science in New Jersey Institute of Technology.

VO: Sorry , What are you going to study ?
ME: Sir , masters in Comuter science.
VO: OK

VO: Why NJIT sir ?
Me: Sir, NJIT have pretty flexible course work which suits my interest and proffessons like Perl,Geller,Nessaimi(cuts me short)

VO: Can your father afford such a costly university?
ME: Yes sir , money won't be a problem because my father have saving bank balance of Rs.X lakhs and he has investments worth Y Lakhs.
VO:Show me your passboks
(I remove 6 passboks from folder)
VO:Show me only your father's passbook.
ME: Sure sir.

VO: Have a great time in USA sir , you will get your passport within 2 days.
ME: Thanks a lot sir , have a great day !

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27108>

Hi friends,

I got my visa today... yippie!!!!

My interview was scheduled for 0830 hrs @ Mumbai consulate.. I was out of the consulate by 0900 hrs so it was pretty quick. I am posting an uncensored version, hope it causes no harm Wink

My PROFILE:

B. E. Civil Sardar Patel CoE, Mumbai University (2005)

Acads: 1st class in final yr.... 12 backlogs in the 1st two yrs and moderate performance after that.

A yr brk doing my applications and a few s/w courses.

GRE: 1210 (Q 770, V 440 AWA 5.0)

TOEFL: 283

Colleges applied: 12

Admits: 9

Rejects: 2

Destination: USC

Sponsors: Parents

After all the procedures I was waiting for my number to be called. Like others, I would reiterate that the speakers are pretty clear so its doesnt matter where you sit. Just in case you miss on your number, dont worry they call it again if the person has not reported to the counter. I was sitting right in front of counter 2-3, in the second row. My number was called at 0845, there were 3 more F1s ahead of me. I entered booth 3 at around 0850...

My VO was a lady in her late 20s, she was pretty, smiling all the time. She had another blonde (read beautiful Wink) for company.

ME: Good morning Ma'am, How u doing?

VO: Good morning Sir (!!!) I am fine, how are you?

ME: I am fine, Thankyou.

VO: So why are you going to US?

ME: I wish to pursue my MS Civil Engg at Univ of Southern California.

At this point she signed the right corner of the DS forms and gives back my I20!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

VO: Why USC?

ME: It a very reputed university.. the Engg school is celebrating its 100th yr. The Civil dept faculty boasts of teachers like Dr. Anderson, Dr. Lee, Dr. Hoffman, Dr. Carter who have more than 2 decades of experience in their field..... (and she cuts me off)

VO: Who will sponsor you?

ME: My parents. They earn around 5.5 Lakhs combined. We own a textile manufacturing and trading firm.

Then the VO asked the blonde... any issues??

By this time I was holding on to the I20 never to give it back to them Razz

VO: Ok, have a nice day.

ME: Thankyou, have a good day. (What!!! thats it??? I wanted to tell you sooooo many things, my finances, my savings, yes I have siblings, yes I had backlogs, my future plans.. I had prepared for so long, please ask me all that... dnt let my efforts go down the drain)

Sorry for getting all senti with that last Q, but i really felt all that Razz

So technically I got my visa right after the 1st Q... hehehe the VI was pretty fun. Can iI say it was the shortest??? Wink

Thanks Edulix and all the members... the VI experiences posted here were of immense help. Thankyou all again!

All the best for others who are waiting for their VIs.

Californiaaaa... here I come....

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27176>

Hello edulixian frnds.....as the subject line says

I was the first person for finger printing and also was called wen the window openedi was second in the queue standing outside the cabin.....first student's Visa during my JUNE 28, 08.15 slot.....

My Visa Interview as follows....

I reached the embassy at 7 am and was taken in within 10 mint....so after the checking i went inside at 7.20 am.....

All Windows were closed.....only Immigration Visa windows were opened d other side.....After 15 mint....some lady told to queue for finger printing.....i went to window no.

Ibut no one was present there..after 10 mint one gori mem came and started d PC.....and called me after another 5 mint....so I gave my finger printing and was waiting for my number.....The Visa officers came in window 3,4,5.....and then first slot of Pink tokens were called.....I was called at window no. 5.....

I was second in tat queue.....

Me: gud morning ,Sir, how r u

VO: No reply...

VO:after taking my DS forms he asked me by looking in his PC, so y r u going to CSU-longbeach

Me: i said him but my ans was not nice one.....I was nervous and told him some broken words

VO: he asked me other universities r also there with nice courses but Y this one

Me: this time i told him with confidence.....

VO: which other universities u applied

Me: told him all names

VO: Can u afford

Me: yes sir, my parents r sponsoring

VO: wat is ur father

Me: I told him (i was ready to remove docs from my folder) He saw

Me

VO: then he shouted at Me Pls keep ur hands out of the folder i dunt want to see ne of the docs.....just ans wat im asking u

Me: told him soriiii

VO: do u have bro/sis

Me: confidently and loudly said No brother/ no sister / no one

VO: looks in DS-158 now and sees my sister name

now i understood tat he was asking not ab USA but was asking ab here

VO:again he asks me do u have ne bro/sis

Me: i said Yes this time and told him tat i have one young sis

VO: looked at me and said me why u said NO first

Me: told him Sit i thought ur asking tat do I have ne bro /sis at USA.....Soriii Sir

VO: looking at DS -158whos She

Me: told my sis name

VO: where is She

Me: was nervous and said Sir.....at my home only here

VO: what is she doing(was typing something in his PC)

ME: told him

Vo: wat course

me: told him

VO: which collg

Me: told him

VO:wats her age

Me: told him

VO: VISA BY COURIER

ME: thanks you Sir, have a nice day.....

Vo: no response

Last line i was sure tat im getting a VISA becoz i was the first student of the day so wud not reject a first person.....

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27179>

Hi. Here's my visa experience.

Entered the visa consulate. Got finger printing and sat with my coupon in the middle row "as advised on map". I'd like 2 say that as said by other ppl the announcements of token number are not clear at all. They are very difficult to listen some times.

Moreover there's a sweet little girl, chanting "Twinkle twinkle little star" at the top of her voice. It was so annoying but can't ask her to stop that. No one else was bothered by her. Even her mom was not asking her to keep quiet. So much for a Disciplinary Visa Office. It was not less than a fishmarket!!

Well luckily i could listen when my number was called.

Here's how the interview went! (VO was a beautiful blonde)

codename006: Good afternoon Mam!

VO: Good afternoon, sir. Hav u ever been to US?

codename006: No mam!

VO: Have you never been to US?

codename006: Never mam!(same qs again???)

VO: SO you are going to IIT, chicago! tell me about your university!

codename006: IIT is infact a very old institute with lots of research fields and many research works going on. It has been a merger of two different colleges made by two professors Lewis and Armour. Armour college of engineering was set by him. Engineering college is very highly funded. Many research work is going on.

VO: How many unis did you apply to?(now i was gonna lie about this! i decided to speak 5 applied 2 admits.. but her eyes made me speak truth!!)

codename006: six

VO: Good! wht are you going to do at IIT?(typing something and looking at me & checking my photo in passport)

codename006: VLSI and embedded system

VO: Explain a research!

codename006: The ECASP lab has been focussing mainly on a special ESD protection devices and High speed VLSI chips which can be used at high frequency and other RF components. Moreover, they have a special project going on in LESES lab. It's named IPN interactive powr network. Here the..

VO: (interrupted) Okay. Tell me about your father? what does he do?

codename006: Engineer.

VO: what sort? job profile?

codename006: Emergency duty in Gas project of municipal corporation.

VO: (impressed) Oh emergency duty! Good! Wht does ur mother do?

codename006: senior administrator, BSNL!

VO: what does ur father make per annum?

codename006: X lacs

VO: what does ur mother make per annum?

codename006: X lacs

VO: how have u planned to fund your studies?

codename006: (fumbled) XX lacs in FD, XX lacs in Savings, XX lacs of demat, XX lacs of Bonds!(thought as if she was rejecting)

VO: (Smiles) Do have brother/sister?

codename006: Yes

VO: (expression suggesting asking- brother or sister?)

codename006: Brother.

VO: Younger/elder?
codename006: Younger.
VO: (smiled) What do plan to do after your degree?
codename006: come back to india and do a Job!
VO: (smiled) where?
codename006: TCS, XILINX, WIPRO, NASSCOM etc..
VO: (smiled again) okay sir, I am granting you the VISA!
codename006: Thankyou mam!
VO: Have nice studies at US!
codename006: thankyou mam! (exits)

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27184>

Lets not waste time by talking the security checks and all that and lets talk to the point.

called upon by interviewer:

I want inside that sound proof cabin:

me: good morning sir
vo: no reply
vo: asked for the pink token
me: gave it
vo: removed my papers, saw the I-20 and flipped the passport and gave me the I-20 back(By this time had almost got the visa without uttering a word).
me:took the I-20 and kept it aside and waited for him to ask something. He removed the other guys papers and started scribbling on it and tore some papers. I m silent still.
vo: why this uni
me:just said one line (he cut me)
vo:which all universities did u apply
me: started naming it just said three uni and again cut me off
vo: who is funding u
me:my parents
vo:whats ur father
me:business man and said whats his business
vo: where is the office
me: fort, mumbai
vo:how many employees are working for him.
me:7

vo: VISA BY COURIER

So all u guys dont worry and enjoy and keep cool and be confident.
They are there to give visas
BEST OF LUCK

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27088>

Hi guys ...

I m sriry I m late by almost a week to post me exp ...
My visa interview was in chennai ..

bret lee took my interview

questions were

- 1)how many univs
- 2)how many accepts /rejects
- 3)which ones
- 4) y this univ ??
- 5) give me ur gre/toefl and Degree cetificate
- 6) how long have u been working for infy
- 7) how much do they pay u

thats it done .. Smile
no financial docs at all
and i did see the lady with the scarf .. and one guy who looks like sadam hussain Smile

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27117>

ppl, got my visa rejected an hour back at Chennai consulate. i was standing in a queue for a counter manned by a cheerful lady who was giving visas 2 every1, but then i was told to move to an empty counter. this was manned by the dreaded muslim/jewish lady. got tensed immediately (BIG MISTAKE).

VO- can i have ur folder please.

ME- gave it 2 her.

VO-how many backlogs did u have?

ME(nervous like hell!!)- had in 3 subjects mam.

she looks at my marksheets.

then she scribbles something, doesnt look into my GRE/TOEFL scores or I 20.

VO- sorry sir, cant issue u a visa.

ME- May i know d reason mam,

VO- u told me u had 3 backlogs when infact u had 5.

ME-Mam, i said i had backlogs in 3 subjects.

VO-no sir, u said 3 backlogs.

ME- no mam, i didnt.

VO-Next.

I know i screwed up BIG time. but wat shud i do now..? earliest date is into December now..!! help guys...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27134>

Had my visa at 9 am in mum consulate for SUNY-Buffalo MS CS on 28th june.

REached at 8 and was ushered in at 8:05 am.

Had my coffee and sandwich and met a dude who was goin to the same coll.

REached the consulate after all those looooooong queues at 9:30 am.

Got my token no 936 and was waitin in the 4th row (centre).

There wer so many guju immi's that all the counters wer filled by them.

All the F1's were seated awaitin their turn an all the booths wer filled by oldies and families with wailin kids.

Then at 10:00 a dude at counter no 5 called around 20 F1 applicants to his counter.

there were 10 ppl ahead of me. 2 got rejected after 5 min long interviews and the other accepts didnt last more than 1 min max.

now the final VI

VO: (waves to come in)

ME: (Wait for other applicant to get out and then slide my token inside b4 he could ask)

VO: Which other uni's in the SUNY League did u app to?

Me: None except buffalo cuz it best matches my research interests.

VO: Which other uni's did u app to?

ME: Uni of massachussets amherst, virginia polytechnic college, Michigan state university, Rutgers- the state uni of new jersey.

VO: What does ur father do?

ME: Hes an AGM in SBI (loudly) State Bank of India.

VO: Passport by courier.

ME: Thanx and have a great day, sir.

VO: U 2.

No docs asked. Ma frnd who was standin behind me and goin to same uni was asked if he and i r frnds.

When he said yes, the VO told him that he wud ask him the same ques, and asked him the same 3 ques.

They r givin away visas like nethin. So for those who still hav their visa left. chillax. The inside of the consulate is like a virtual fish market with children playin around and immi's askin everyone if their no has been called or not.

ALL the best to everyone who still hav their VI's left.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27107>

Very Happy got my visa on 26th at chennai consulate

here is my interview:

- 1)when did u passout?
- 2)how long haqve u been working for XXX
- 3)why do u want to leave XXX and go for higher studies..
- 4)show me ur degree certs and GRE toefl mark sheets..

That's all no other docs asked..

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27323>

Date: 5th July
Consulte:Delhi
Course:EE

VO: Hi, How r u?
Me: fine,how r u?
VO: fine.show me ur DS froms & passport.

VO: NJIT,right.
Me: exactly.

VO: So why r u gng to NJIT?
Me: Sir, I am working and doing research in National Physical Laboratory for the past 2 years in the field of DSP and NJIT has a good DSP dept. My Graduate Advisor is doing research in the same field.

VO: So from where u did ur undergrad.
Me: From U.P Technical Univ.

VO: Can I see ur degree?
Me: Sure...

VO: First Division...
Me: Yes...

VO: What r u doing in NPL?
Me: I am working as a Research Intern in Computer Dept...We are working in DSP & Embedded Systems and making electronic Equipments.

VO: what r d applications?

Me: We make Medical equipments and work in Image Processing.

VO: Medical Equipments and Image Processing.

VO: So, how will u pay ur fees?

Me: Sir, my father is a businessman and I am working for the past 2 years so we have enough bank balance.

VO: sir, your visa is approved and have a nice stay at NJIT.

Me: Thank you...

VO: bbye...

Me: bye & have a nice day.

VO: thanks.

Note: No doc except for Degree was asked thats 'coz I m a 2004 passout.. Other students were asked for GRE & TOEFL score card + Marksheets...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27261>

First of all, very sorry for being late... actually, I came back to my home town only recently after my VI Wink

OK, here goes my experience....

My VI was scheduled on 27th June at 1:15PM. This day happened to be my birthday too (we go by birth star), so I decided to go to a temple nearby my aunt's house (luck is very important isn't it? Wink). Since the guidelines suggested us to be present at the consulate 15 minutes before the interview slot, I reached by 12:45.

To my shock, found a long queue standing in scorching sun. I went to the security near the gate, and told him that I have been given the 1:15 slot. He looks at me sarcastically and said "The 11:00AM batch is yet to go in.. you go and come after 2 hours"!

10 minutes went by.... 15 minutes went by... 30 minutes.... 1 hour... it was 1:45. I went to the security again, this time only to find that the 12:00 batch is yet to go in. I got one more

advice from him - to go and join the long queue. I decided to go by the advice (this was a bad decision).

Now there is something interesting about the queue - I really don't know the funda of this queue.. you can find people with 3:00PM timeslot standing at the front, and people with 1:00PM timeslot standing at the very back. I talked to the policeman controlling the queue, and went and stood at the middle where I found some people with slots nearby mine. This caused a lot of problems... one lady at the back started shouting at me, but I did not give her any notice. She complained to the policeman who started firing another person thinking that was me!

After so many such problems, I heard a security shouting "1:15 batch, please come forward". I looked at my watch - it was 3:30PM.

People who are having their interview in the future here is a piece of advice: There is no need to stand in the queue where you will be boiled to death. Just keep checking with the security every 30 minutes or so to know which batch is going in... when your turn comes, you will be allowed in no matter whether you stood in the queue or not.

There is one more danger in joining this queue - you will meet many people who have been rejected/had horrible experience. They will drain away your confidence. I met a guy who was rejected twice on the ground of potential immigrant eventhough he had 1 crore worth funds + property.

So finally I got to go in (again, after standing at the entrance for about 30 minutes in hot sun).

Inside, your bags will be checked for any materials like CD, floppy, sealed envelops etc. Then you will be asked to pass through a metal detector followed by a manual probing. Then you are asked to join a queue for pre-screening.

Again, this time luck played against me. I was allotted counter 1 where the lady was taking about 30-40 minutes per candidate! I was still standing at the queue for prescreening where people with 2:00PM slots were going to building 2 for their VI. I cursed my luck, and stood waiting for my turn.

At 4:30, I completed pre-screening, and was allowed to go to building 2. Here again, you are made to stand in a queue outside the building. You can go in only when they allow. After standing for 15 minutes, I was allowed in.

Building 2 is fully airconditioned. You can see many interview counters with lines in front of each.... VOs grilling people, people almost ready to cry, etc.

First of all, you are directed to go to the fingerprint session. After this, you are randomly allotted a counter.

I was allotted counter 7, where a beautiful lady VO with black hair was grilling guys and girls. She was taking atleast 5-10 minutes per person going through all docs, but was granting a few visas. All my hope vanished now.

Just as I was going to proceed towards the counter, luck appeared in the form of the lady directing you to the counters. She came to me and said "Could you please go to counter 4?". I thanked all gods, and proceeded to counter 4. Time was 5:30 then.

The VO at counter 4 was a gentleman with beard. Here's how the interview went:

VO: Good evening. Please pass the red folder.

Me: Good evening sir. [passed the folder]

VO: [Looks at my I20]. So which all univs did you apply to?

Me: 5. Got admitted to 3, and rejected from 2 [named them. This was not true, I had applied to 6.]

VO: [Looking at the DS forms]. I see that you were working for SAP Labs. Why did you leave your job?

Me: My work at SAP has actually invoked my interest to learn more. Hence I decided to do my masters. I actually wanted to take a sabbatical, but my company does not allow that. So, I had to resign. I would like to comeback to India after my graduation and join back. [This is pure lie.. he he]

VO: Pass me your GRE/TOELF scorecards and UG marklists.

Me: [Passed in]

VO: [gives them back without even looking]Okay Sir, your Visa has been approved. You will receive your passport in 3 days.

That's it... granted visa in less than 30 secs! I was not asked for any financial document. Not even the CA statement!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27289>

hi everybody...

this is basab.well i got my visa on 26th june from kolkata consulate..it was really a cakewalk..and the fact that i had a full scholarship +RA made my life easier..although i had

a US sponsor(my uncle)!!

the killer lady VO took my interview..i tell u what guys..she rejects 7 out of 10 applicants..and believe me..kolkata consulate is the toughest place to get visa..the condition is really horrible over there!but my interview lasted less than a minute and she asked me some regulation questions like will u come back,show me ur original markscards,tell me ur current job responsibilites..thats it!

now finally I am leaving by continental airlines from delhi(new delhi-new jersey-atlanta) on 26th july.Is there anybosity else in edulix going by the same flight??let me know.

enjoy ur last few days in india guys.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27269>

My appointment was at 10.45 but i had my interview at 3.30.

Interview Details:

VO: Give ur engg marksheets, toefl, gre scores

Me: Gave

VO: Whats ur aggregate %

Me : 81%

VO: Do you have any rank in the class?

Me: No. But I come in the top 15 ppl in class of 70.

VO: What will u do after MS?

Me : Will come back and join a place where high end research is happening in systems side particulary Distributed Systems.

VO: What is the good thing about Distributed Systems?

Me : Tasks can be excuted with many processors which is an efficient way to speed up the processing etc etc...

VO: What is the disadvantage of Distributed Systems?

Me: When the tasks really dont use all the processors processing power they will remain idle tats the disadv

VO: Then why we shud use Distributed Systems?

Me: Depending upon the application and the tasks involved we can sort out whether we need Distributed Systems or Standalone systems.

VO: What is the transmission/Network cost involved?

Me: I donno those details. And I toldI am right now working in Application Programming side and want to get into systems side thats why I am going for Masters.

VO: How long you have been working?

Me: 4 years

VO: What ur pay package now?

Me: X laks is my CTC

VO: How much do u save per month?

Me : y-k per month

VO: How much you have saved till now ?

Me : z laks.

VO: Give me your financial stmts?

Me: Passed the CA stmt (becz ppl who gave the interview b4 me also did the same)

VO: What your parents are doing?

Me : Father is doing agriculture and mother is house wife.

VO: Ok Mam. Your visa is granted and your pp will be couriered.

Me : Just ran after hearing tat....

Some important things I like to say....

1)Its very natural to be tensed till the date and also seeing whats happening there. When i was there one person (F1) was given permanent Rejection. But then every case is different so we shudnt get tensed.

2) Its good to see what ppl are asked b4 us becoz first few qns were same for me. Hearing what he was asking i prepared my answers.

3) We shud tell whatever positives we have ...Like if they ask aggregate % and if u have a good rank then tell that too.

4) If we donno the answer then better admit that.

5) Think this as a good but serious conversation and never be shaky in ur answers. B4 me 2 ppl who had backlogs also got the visa and one got rejection. Point is whoever got really spoke confidently and gave better answers.

6) One guy b4 me was asked " what will you do after completing MS?" He gave very lengthy answerSo VO interrupted and asked, ok tell me when excatly you are coming back. He said 2007. But then VO told u are completing only in 2008 why are u then coming in 2007. Such things can be avioded when we are lil cool.

7) Last thing preparation is very important by going thru college sites, forums but then we shud handle some qns which we have not come across(in the forums) also by thinking for a second.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27263>

Hi People,

I got my visa.

Me: Good morning ma'am.

VO: Hi, how are you doing.

Me: Good, thank you.

VO: So, where to?

Me: Johns Hopkins University, Dept. of Computer science.

VO: Why JHU?

Me: I have 5 years work ex in storags and JHU has good storage research. Also it's the only univ to have a dedicated storage research lab.

VO: What exactly is storage?

Me: Blah-blah

VO: That sounds interesting. You'll have loads of jobs after your MS.

Me: Yes, in fact I already have a job with my current company in Hyderabad.

VO: <know-all smile> Pause 1 minute. Typing something on computer.

VO: JHU is a very expensive school - don't you think so?

Me: It sure is, ma'am.

VO: Since you have been working for 5 years, I assume you'll have enough funds?

Me: Well, I and my wife have some funds and for the remaining my parents are sponsoring me.

VO: So what do your parents do?

Me: <blah-blah>

VO: So, are you leaving your wife behind?

Me: Yes, since she has a steady job she'll stay back. Also I'll be back in a year and a half - so that won't be a problem.

VO: <same know-all smile>

VO: Can I see your GRE and degree certificate?

Me: Sure. (Gave the documents)

VO: Thank you sir, your visa is issued. By the way, why did you do your undergraduate degree from Pune?

Me: (Thinking: What a weird question)

VO: (Laughs loudly). Never mind - that was just a catch question.

Me: Smile. (What else?)

No other documents asked for. The key is to be confident.

Thanks all edulixians.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27282>

Hi all

I am sorry for posting my visa experince so late ,but technical problems at my hometown Roorkee did not allow me to access Edulix.But finally I can share it with you.I am going for a Ph.d in Mathematics to KU.

HERE IT IS

I was scheduled for an 8:30 appointment at delhi consulate on 8th of June.

STEP I

I reached the embassy at 7:40 parked the car in the parking lot(walking distance form Emabssy gate) .I joined the queue outside the embassy premises.There were lot of people waiting in queue some even had an appointment of 9:15 and were still there.(SO no harm reaching a bit early,but mind U if U have an appointment in aftrenoon dont stand there at 8 in the morning)At around five minutes to 8 the guy sitting outside started checking the appointment letters one by one.I was asked to show my appointment letter.He noted down my name, passport number etc.Then my folder was checked and I was scanned by the metal detector.I was asked to go in the Non immigration queue.I was the only one in it .

STEP II

As I was waiting a security guard approached me and asked do U have UR SEVIS Fee receipt. I said yes I do.He checked it and said ok goto counter No 4.There are counters outside embassy they check UR DS forms and SEVIS etc to ensure that UR snaps and other

docs like I-20 are in order. There was an Indian guy who checked my docs and then started asking me questions like :Why this Univ. How will this degree help U? What are U doing right now. I was bit perplexed as I wasn't ready for this . Though I answered all the questions cheerfully and confidently but still I was wondering interview pe bhi interview. He stapled my I-20 on Passport took out one Bar code sticker from receipt and pasted on my passport. Anyway I was told to go inside and there was a heavy metallic door leading in the interior of the Delhi consulate which is operated by security people from inside. I tried my level best to open it and get in but then could not succeed, not realizing that its been deliberately closed from inside and they allow few persons at a time. I finally caught eye of one of the security guy and stopped behaving like an idiot. The door was unlatched and I entered in. Here we were scanned by metal detectors and so was our folder too. We were asked to hand over any electronic gadgets. Then finally I entered the main embassy area via another heavy gate ,thankfully it was open.

STEP III

I joined another queue for finger printing. A young american girl was handling the window. I saw her struggle with two elderly ladies to get their finger prints right as they were pressing too hard. When my turn came she asked my DS forms and then said I am sorry Ur snap hasn't been taken. Pls wait for sometime I was taken aback as thought that maybe my snap isn't proper or what (I wear specs and made great efforts to get it right). She called another guy from the reception area whomanges the queue and gives directions. He took my DS forms and came back in 3 minutes. Then I understood the problem ,the Indian guy who had started interviewing me on counter 4 had forgotten to click my snap on his comp. Finally I got my finger printing done. First the left and then the right hand finger.

STEP IV

Now I joined the queue for the non immigrant visa I was 16th in the line. There were no counters open. The immigration visa interview were going on.. Finally at 9 one counter opened and he started with priority appointments. Gradually other counters were opening too. There are around 6 counters for NIV manned by 4 males and two females.. The american chinese is the toughest in appearance and manner. Finally the interviews started. Few got few were rejected. There were very few students mostly were visitors. I was expecting my turn then suddenly I was called at counter 8 where an American Lady in her 30s was sitting. I wished her very good morning and placed my folder on the sill and got ready for her.

VO: May I have Ur forms and passport pls.

ME: Yes sure I passed the DS forms and pasprt with I-20 stapled on it to her.

SHE did not look at me at all and started punching on her comp.

then came the questions.

VO: Why this university?

ME: KU is ranked as one of 21 public research universities and I did some research of my own too. I found that the Numerical Analysis group in Maths Department is really doing some good work and I am also interested in this field.

She did not bother about what I was saying and looked bored.

VO: So U have full funding.

Me:Yes

Again punched something in her comp.

VO:Why do U want to get this degree?

ME:It will be boost my career and My father who is a prof in IIT guided me that a foreign degree on my resume will give me a good break in India.

VO:Oh UR father is in IIT good!.

VO show me UR Undergrad marksheets

I showed

VO:What was Ur percentage?

ME: (I inwardly cringed and replied) 54.5 and then hastily added that I have scored well in maths the field Iam interested in as I could not corelate myself with physics much which brought down my percentage.

VO:How much did U score in Maths?

ME:Mam we have a semester system Right now its difficult to recall marksfor all the maths courses but it was always above 70%.I have my PG marksheets also with me I can show U that.

VO:Ok(not very enthusiastically) if U want.

VO Do U have anyone in states?

ME Nooo....(I forgot) Yes I do have my brother is there in states.

VO:What is he doing?

ME:He is doing Ph.D from so and so Univ.

VO:ok

I waited

she punched some more in her comp.

And then finally said UR visa is approved and the passport will reach in 72 Hrs.I said thank U mam, thanks for making my day.She just smiled .Then I asked thatwill U be keeping my I-20 too she said yeah we have some processes so will be keeping it.I thanked her again and came out at 9:35,Waived at my dad that I have done it.

So guys this was it .It did not last more than 5 minutes.The VO officer was kinda decided after seeingthe fulfundingI feel as she never made an eye contact with me and was just asking routine questions.If anyone wants to ask me anything more U R pls welcome.I would love to be of any help.

The post got lengthy but then I wanted to include each and evry thing.Pls bear with me.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27265>

hi guys ,
I had my VISA INTERVIEW on 28th june at 10 amthis is how my interview went.
I reached the VFS office at around 9:15.....tried to bring my nervousness down by having

coffee at CCD .

At around 10 pm , i was asked to get in the bus , and by around 11 pm I had finished with the finger printing and was waiting for my token number to be called.

Finally my number was called at 11:20 pm ...was called on counter . 7.

my interview was taken by a white guy wid a french beard.

This is how it went.

VO: Good Day Sir

ME:Good day sir , How r u ?

VO:So why US sir?

ME:Sir , i am going to US for pursuing my MS in TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMNT. Also because US offers flexibility in the course of study . During my under grad studies , i was restricted to only a specific type of course and i could not get a chance to pick up subjects of my choice.

VO:So how did u learn about NORTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY.

ME : by browsing the net.

VO: so why NEU sir?

ME:Sir, thats bcoz NEU offers a good course in TSM which offers a good blend between technical as well as manegorial aspects of telecommunication , which will be very useful when I COME BACK TO INDIA and work for companies like RELIANCE ,BSNL, VSNL which r looking forward for ppl who have both technical as well as business knowldege in the telecom field.

VO: (luks at the DS form and says) U have mentioned tht u r wrking , hw long have u been working?

ME :8 months

VO : Where have u been wrking?

ME: NSDL(NATIONAL SECURITIES DEPOSITORY LIMITED)

VO: NSDL ????????? I have never heard about it....

ME :(here my heart started skipping beats) Well sir, NSDL is basically a depository which , governs all the depository participants, DEPOSTIORY PARTICIPANTS are basically ppl who faciliate investors in opening a demat accountand my profile involves software testing of modules developed by Tata Consultancy Services and its only after i give a goahead to the application developed by TCS , it is then promoted in the production environment. (at this point of time ,the VO was completely in what i was saying and he just kept my passport asidei knew tht i got my VISA)

VO: ALRIGHT.....

ME: THANKS A LOT SIR , U MADE MY DAY !!!!!!!

All throughout the inetrvievw , i was faking a BIG SMILE on my face so tht it appears to the VO , tht i am confident and not nervous , but wht was going inside me was exactly opposite to what it appeared to him.

I was saying such lengthy answeres jst for the reason tht it will divert the VO's attention from chking ne of my financial docs.

Thats it , no docs were chked and i was not even asked to open my harmonium flder.

for all those who r yet 2 gie the interview.....JST BE CONFIDENT AND PREPARE URSLF FOR THE WRST POSSIBLE QSTIONS THE VO MIGHT ASK U.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27236>

Hai all,

Had my VI last week at the chennai consulate...As many others pointed out, it was a really long wait in the hot sun and inside the consulate too..But in sharp contrast the VI was a short one lasting hardly one - two minutes..Within 3 days, I got my passport with the visa stamped for a duration of 5 years Smile Smile ..This is how the VI went

VO : Good afternoon.

Me : Good afternoon sir.(I handed over my folder containing the I20 and DS forms)

VO : So howmany colleges did you apply to??

Me : 12 sir.

VO : (with his eyebrows raised in disbelief) So you got into all 12..!!!???

Me : No sir, I got admits from 4 and rejects from the remainig 8.

VO : Where all did you get admits..?

Me : Answered...

VO : So, why UMCP??

Me : (was waiting for this question) reputation, good profs in my area of interest blah blah....

VO : Show me your degree certificates.

Me : (handed them over) here it is

VO : You have been working for the last two years. Which field ??

Me : Signal Processing..

VO : What is your current Salary??

Me : (Shocked Shocked) Told him....(But he was not interested in this answer and was busy typing something in his comp)

VO : You will get your visa in a couple of days..

Me : Thank you sir...

Looks like not many F1's are being rejected this time around..Most of the ppl who were being interviewed for a long time were ones planning to visit friends/relaties and some applicants for business visa...So don't be afraid of the VI..Be frank with your answers and sound confident all along..

Wish you all the best

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26777>

Hello All,

First of all I would like to thank You all,
Thankz for the help,the posts.Ots, Edulix is a realy bliss,
So here is how it goes, the way Rivers Visa flows,
Reached consulate at 7.30 and by 8 I was inside sipping coffee,
The checking was done and finally the game begun,
Due to all my friends repeated warnings I had mentally prepared for a VI at 10.30 timming,
But lo!! U never know within 5 mins I was in front of VO.
So here it is..Have a Dekho...

TIME:8.35

myself: Good Morning Sir,

VO: hello Good Morning Miss, So u wananna become an Aggie.
myself: Yes Sir

Vo: so why aggie?

me: Sir it is one of the reputed universities and the best school for my specialisation in cosnt engg & mgmt.

he was ready with next question

Vo: so why MS?

me: Sir I feel the need to improve my knowledge and gain proficiency in my field.

Vo: so which universities did u apply?

me: Sir I have applied to 8 universities of which 6 are admits and 2 are rejects.

vo: so ur admits are

myself: Vtech, oklahoma state, clemson..

*Damn, then i forgot my admits.. he waited for few seconds.. but i didnt remember them Sad
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vo: Oh its okay I can c u have applied to pretty good schools.

* phew i remembered the other two.. they were univ of kansas/ Iltc...but i better shut up*

vo: but why TAmu over vtech?

me: sir i have done a bit of research and found the courses like XXX matches my interest and it is taught by emminent professors like XX, XX..

vo: so do u have any siblings?

* now here my couni had told me to lie... even if u have a younger brother/sis say u have an elder one..as they think the money u are showing will be split for ur younger bro/sis's education...but then I couldnt lie*

me: Sir i have a younger brother

vo: oh younger..then there is competition..

now is the time to lie Wink

me: sir he is doing commerce.. * actually its BMS*

vo: oh commerce..then okay.

finally.....

vo: Okay Miss.. I grant u visa.. and btw Texas has a good football team

me: thank you Sir Smile

Just see how simple it is, when all u need is to be at ease.

Cheers and Goodluck!!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27239>

My interview was on the 12th of June at the Kolkata consulate.It went on like this. I went in for Utah state University.

VO-What does ur father do?

Me-Work as-- in --.

VO-What is his monthly income?

Me- Rs.xyz

VO-Ur I-20 shows that ur expenses are USD 58,000.So ur cost of education for two is goin to exceed USD 100,000.How will u manage??(I guess he was just checking my nerves.)

Me-Sir,u have seen the wrong figure.The actual expense is written on the left side.It is USD22,000.I have got scholarship of USD18,500.So i don't think there is going be any problem with the finances.

VO-Are u doin masters degree now?

Me-No,i graduated in july 2005 gave gre and toefl in nov 05.And was reviewing my concepts of the undergraduate subjects after that as they will help me in my masters degree.

VO-what does ur sis do?

Me-Married.

VO-have a nice stay in US.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26837>

Hey,

Had my VI today..

The time was 1145.. Like all who have gone earlier.. i was there over an hour early.. 10:30 i stood in the first line.. 1130 I was out..

The interview was a cakewalk with the same regular questions!

Here is how it went:

VO: Where will u be studying?

Me: Texas A&M

VO: I see ur going for IE, wat made u choose IE at TAMU?

Me: Same old crap abt department, concentration and research.

VO: Very good sir. (hehe.. i had to mention that.. the guy kept smiling and said very good after every answer..)

VO: Did u apply to anyother schools?

Me: Yes sir, 9 including texas A&M.

VO: what was ur second choice after tamu?

Me:PennState

VO: Very good (hehe). How will u fund ur education?

Me: My parents will.

VO: wat do they do?

Me: told him.

VO: Ne siblings?

Me: Told him.

VO: Sir, ur visa has bin approved. Have a nice stay in the United States.

He dint see a single paper.. Not my Ca statement, not my marksheets.. not even my GRE score report.. I had spent like a month on that bloody file! Hehe.. Neway, Im not complaining..

Btw guys, one's who havent got their Visa's yet.. watch out for that chinese-american lady.. 15-20 min interviews! Rest are all cool!

Party time! Smile

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26881>

Hi there buddies ... me got the F-1 stamped at Mumbai on 17th Jun 8:15 am IST appointment and it was a cakewalk with some cream (a la Croissants!) for me ... no documents asked!

So here goes the transcript of conversation chronologically:

5:30 am - I get up, its raining a bit and I can see the mist on my windows.

6:30 am - got ready with the harmonium folder with Tabla inside my stomach!

... took a cab to VFS office, Pedder Road
7:15 am - reached VFS

..Got the Stars and Stripes Lounge ticket, got my cell in a locker, had the customary refreshments at CCD which were nothing more than normal (and when I say normal, its a 4/10 from a critic like me)

8:15 am - got into the bus to US consulate

8:20 am - Reached the consulate and ushered inside ... got to see some awesome beauty there Wink Got my DS forms and the infamous pink-token.

The Q for finger-printing was a lil' longer one and went smoothly.

Got to sit and anticipate my number being called out ... 5 mins done ... my no. is not there ... started my fave habit ... biting nails and admiring the neighbouring beauties pass by. And then got a shrill from Counter No:3 and headed there. My initial reaction was as if the father/bro/bf of one of the cuties yelled at me albeit in a feminine voice. Anyways ...

This was an American woman in late 20s-early30s (no ... she was sweet 16 as American girls never age beyond 16!) She was kinda cute though anorexic.

ME: Good morning there

VO: Hi there.

VO: so you are going to Arizona State

ME: Yes ma'am

VO: Why ASU?

ME: blah blah!

VO: I see its for PhD ... do you have enough funds for financing your studies?

ME: I have proof of funds worth 2.5 times the figure on the I-20

VO: one large sneeze wroooooffffff

VO: regaining her posture ... sorry there

ME: (aargh!) Its ok.

VO: fine! what about funds for the rest of your studies?

ME: well! PhD is a significant investment I am attempting to make and I am confident of getting financial support soon.

VO: hmm

ME: I am in touch with a prof. there and had a couple of telephonic communication and he has assured me financial support in his research lab.

VO: Good ... do you have any proof of this.

ME: Yes ... I have a printout of our e-mail communication and here it is ...

... slided the printout to her ...

VO reads it from bottom-up approach and says excellent.

One more wrooooofff!! from her side that made me slide a lil' backwards.

VO (smiles wide): I am sorry

ME: its okay

VO: your pp would be couriered in the next 2-3 days

ME: thanks ... have a great day

VO: u2

RCA: she did not see a single document except the email printout, neither my undergrad marksheets, nor my GRE/TOEFL scores, nor my work exp, nor my financial documents, absolutely nothing.

I would be exaggerating if I say it took 60 secs for the whole thing.

Thanks to Madmax, AnbeSivam, Tanmay, the Editor (for his response to one of my posts earlier about the PhD committment thing) and all others here at Edulix for their continual support and patience they have demonstrated in painful times realizing I was late in joining Edulix.

To add more spice to the above, I have received a promotion in my company this morning as a Technical Leader aaargh! can't decide whether its my good -luck or bad that I am resigning a couple of days from now.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27111>

I had my VI yesterday at 12.15. Reached the consulate at 11.45....really long queue at the gate...the guys who had their slot at 10am were being called in....I thought it wud take a maximum of 3 hrs for me to be done with the interview....but HELL....I waited n waited n

waited...I cud see more than 500 people on the street...I was called inside at around 2.30....after the long queues yet again for doc verification, and finger scanning, my chance for the 1-1 interview came at around 4.15. I saw some rejects, and was really tensed...I had prepared well for my inteeview, with all docs in place and neatly arranged in the harmonium folder with post its for easy identification.

I had full funding from my university (UAB) for MS in Biomedical Engg. Was only asked: "which Univ" and "Why did u choose this univ". The VO (blonde) asked for my degree certificates, marks cards and GRE/TOEFL scores n then...."UR VISA HAS BEEN VISA APPROVED"!!! Very Happy

PS: Those headed to Chennai for Interview, do carry umbrella, N some refreshments (like chilled water/packed juice) if you have have ur interview in the afternoon.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27013>

Hi People...

My visa was issued yesterday (22 June) at Delhi Consulate..

Here is the detail of how my interview (@ 11:15) went:

Reached the embassy at 10:20 am..the security guard let me in at 10:35...after after the security check, I entered the counters where Indian people were checking the DS forms, HDFC reciept...passport etc..then I reached the finger printing queue which took a lot of time (nearly 20 minutes)..finally I entered the snake like queue and it was at this time I started feeling the jitters..however I felt relieved at the sight that the chinese women was not present..her counter was closed..and the other counters: 8,10,11,12 and 13 remained open...In counter 8 was a young guy, who was issueing visas very quickly...in 10 was the baldy old guy who spent most of the time typing on the comp...and the VI's he took were quite long...in 11 was the middle aged guy with small hair and specs..he was the one who took my interview...and in 12 was the young guy with curly hair and long face..he was the one everyone was telling to be the coolest...

finally my turn came at 12:20 pm...it was a hectic wait...I even read all the names of the FBI's most wanted list..and tried to match their faces with the people looking nearby..during my time there was a US marine also who was damn tall and carrying a huge gun..his was muscular and chewing gum..and he mostly stood near counter 11...

Here's how my Visa Interview Went:

VO: Good Afternoon

Me: Very Good Afternoon to you too..how do u do?

VO: Great!! So Penn State??

Me: Yes Sir (Smiling heavily)

VO: So.penn state is great for football..the beaver stadium having a capacity of more than 1 lakh seats is one of the biggest football stadiums in the nation..

Me: Yes Sir..I had read about it and even seen its pictures on the net...

VO: Smiling and chatting with the marine simultaneously..which course??

Me: Industrial Engg Sir

VO: (Smiling and chatting with marine): Oh!! Good Good..(then again chatting) then the marine told me: "Then u better start watching some American Football"...

Me: (Laughing..)Definitely I wil do that..

VO: Can I see your marksheet and Provisional?

Me: Sure sir..these are the Marksheets and our provisional will be issued in Aug end as I am a fresh graduate..may I show u the bonafide certificate??

VO: No need...(skimming through my marksheet)..You look like a distinction holder??

Me: Yes Sir..I am in the top 5% of my class...

VO: (looks impressed)..and chatting with marine...can I see your SEVIS reciept??

Me: Sure..removed the reciept from my harmonium folder and gave it..

VO: (Glancing through my Passport)...why Sri Lanka??

Me: My dad is a retired naval officer...

VO:..(he cut me short)..Navy...Oh..Good Good...

Me: Yes Sir..he was a pilot in the Indian Navy

VO: (looking impressed)..Which plane did he fly??

Me: Donier..

VO: Cool..then u must have spent most of the time in naval area??

Me: Yes Sir..I spent most of my child hood in Cochin..

VO: Cochin...Oh Good Good... (looking very impressed and smiling..)

Its a very beautiful place..??

Me: Yes Sir..I spent eight years there..

VO: (Smiling)..Your Visa has been issued..have a pleasant stay in Penn State and watch a lot of footballl...

Me: Sure sir..and thanks a lot..

That was how it went..just two minutes...and most of the time he was chatting with the marine...and one more thing..his was the only counter which was open by the time my turn came..so I was concerned whether he might want to get up and start rejecting people...also there was a frown on his face before he interviewed me..

So my advice: Just Smile a lot and speak confidently..and visa is yours!!!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27220>

My visa was rejected on 28th june, reason:inadequate resources.

the VI. VO is the middle aged man

VO: give CA stmt

me: dont have but have bank transaction stmt

VO: (after looking through passbook, FD) is this your money?

me: no, just passed out, father's money

VO: so what would father do if u take all his savings?

me:(blunder, forgot everything) father will get 24L after retd

VO: (still going through fin docs) what is your sister doing in pune?

me: studying at...

VO:so why are u going to usa, why not do this course in india

me:am mainly interested in wireless propagation modelling and the iits or iisc not doing any research in this field, also usa best in technological education.

VO:(doing calculations) but sir u have 15L(actually 6.47L in sb+3L fD+6.75L bank loan) but ur expenses for 2yrs is 16L

me: (try to explain total amt is >16L) and add (2nd blunder)

father has annual income of more than 5L

VO: what is mother?

me: homemaker

VO:(typing in computer and gives me back docs and scribbles something on a paper and hands that over to me. its rejection letter stating: insufficient resources)

VO: u must show u hav strong ties with home, u must not spend every penny u have, borrow ortretch ur finances to the limit

me: thank u sir, have a good day

Now I hav booked date for 11th july. I have 20L cash extra this time. problem is that money had just been obtained by liquidating FDs as my father was to invest it in my uncle's business. now if I shld deposit it in sb, VO may get suspicious. so I am thinking of showing it as FDs with 7L in my name and rest as joint name of my father and me. but the FDs then would be of very recent date(ie after 28th june). so Vo may still get suspicious. also in CA stmt shoing total assets of my father(fixed and lquid) as 70L.

now if any one has any suggestion as to how to present the situation such that VO would be convinced, it would really help me. also VO this time would be the lady and man is she mean!! she rejctd 2 H1bs , 2 F1s within 7mins.

so this time I need all the help I can get!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27359>

hi

this just to inform all others who are having a USA sponser that u need not worry too much

there is no problem unless u mess it up in the interview.i had my UNCLE as the sole sponser for 2 years of my education for MS IN TELECOM at GMU.
here is my visa interview at mumbai consulate.

VO:which university?

ME:george mason univ

VO:which course?

ME:MS In telecom

VO:wat was ur undergrad in?

ME:electronics engineering

VO:wat does ur mom do?

ME:helps my sister in fashiion designing

VO:how many siblings do u have?

ME:only one elder sister.

VO:wat is ur fathers annual income?

ME:told him

VO:ok,how r u r mom and dad going to sponser your education?

ME:madam ,my uncle who is in the US is going to sponser my education.

VO:wat does he do?

ME:told him

VO:when was he sworn in as the US citizen?

ME:i dunno.

VO:wat is he ur mom's borther ?

ME:yes

VO:hasnt he filed a green card for ur mother?

ME:no

VO:how many children does he have?

ME:2

VO:wat r thier ages?

ME:4 years and 6 years

VO:ok do u have any of his supporting docs?

ME:ya i do(and showed her)

VO:smiled at me and gave me the I-20 back and saidok sir ur visa is approved!

ME:have a great day madam.

so guys ,plz be confident and plz plz do not lie about anything !!the minute you try to sugar coat anything it spells for trouble so watevr the situation face it confidently!!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27162>

Hey everybody..

Never realised when the 'd-day' came and went! I had my Visa interview this morning at 9 am @ Mumbai. And i got my visa !! Smile I have an admit from UCSC.. MS in Computer Engineering...

I reached the consulate at around 830.. and i was sent in almost immediately.. By the time i finished all the formalities (fingerprinting... document collection.. etc) and got my pink token ..it was 855am.

Finally i was called to counter number 3 at around 920 am (along with 10 others) and when i was called into the booth it was 945

The interview fairly long (around 6 minutes) and detailed.. but it involved no cross questioning of any sort.. The lady who interviewed me was very very friendly and she asked me a lot of (straightforward) questions..

1. Why this university..
2. What course are you most excited about..
3. What exactly is that course about...
4. Who will sponsor you
(I have a good support package along with a fellowship from UCSC.. and she was happy with the figure)
5. Has the university promised you aid for the second year?
(I replied in the negative)
6. How will you manage your funds for the second year?

And thats all!

It was very easy to talk to her and I guess your confidence is all they are looking for!

For all those guys who still have their VI left.. JUST RELAX... and be confident.. Good luck!

My VI in Detail :

VO: Hey There! Good morning... How Are you?

Me: (I gave her my nicest smile Smile) Im great! How are you Mam?

VO : Not bad at all.. (Gives me a BIG smile...) Could you hand over the pink token?

At this point she glanced at my passport and my I20...

VO: So why are you headed to the US?

Me: I want to pursue a masters degree in computer engineering at the university of california at santa cruz.

VO: Why this university?

Me: Apart from the research, I am really happy with the courses that are being offered at this university.. and plus with the financial aid that they have offered.. I get a very positive vibe from this university...

VO: Oh i see.. (looks at my I20) So you have a fellowship... a TA Ship... thats great..they have covered most of ur expenses... Hmm...

VO: So what course are you most excited about??

Me: [Blah Blah....]

VO: And what exactly is that??

Me: [A little more Blah...]

VO: Wow that does sound interesting...

Pauses for a few seconds...

VO: So have they promised you all this money for the second year too?

Me: No mam.. But they did tell me.. that historically people who continued to excel had the

same kind of financial support..

VO: And you're going to excel.. aren't you? (Smiles)

Me: Definitely Mam!

VO: Okay suppose... Something goes wrong.. and they are not able to fund you.. what's your backup plan.. your plan B?

Me: Well mam.. I don't think that should be a problem.. My father has sufficient funds.. almost XXX\$ in savings alone..which should be enough in case of any emergency...

[the amount was more than enough for my second year fees...and she didn't probe further]

VO: Okay.. So I guess you are all set to go to the United States then! Good Luck to you!

Me: Thank you Mam! Have a great day!

I didn't know that the Visa Issuance fee was not needed... so before I left the counter..I asked her where I had to submit it..

VO: [a little confused] Well..I thought you already submitted that earlier... Well..let me go and check

She went inside to check... and found out that I need not submit this \$50

VO: Well today is your lucky day.. you get your Visa and you save \$50! (gives a big smile)

Me: It sure is! Smile Thanks once again. Bye.

This is as much as I can remember.. Smile the interview took around 6 minutes.. mostly because the time she went in to check about the visa issuance fee...and because I made it a point to speak clearly and slowly..

Cheers!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27327>

hey guys!
today I got visa from delhi consulate.yippie!

it was a 2.5 hr wait n 1 min VI..

my experience:

Me: Hello, how r u doing sir?

Vo: great, how r u?

Me: doing good sir.

VO: how many universities did u apply to? and how many were ur admits?

Me:5 and got accepted in 4.

VO: which r the other 4 univs apart from wayne?

Me: blah blah blah..

VO: Why r u going to wayne state university?

Me: Because the research going on there completely matched with my interest. Research in MEMS is on full swing there with a new MEMS lab being opened in collaboration with DELphi n General Motors. Also a prf has agreed to take me in his research group.

VO:hmm..I am impressed..

Me: smiling..

VO: show me ur standardized test reports.

Me: showed..

VO: who is paying for ur studies?

Me: My Family Sir. (guys actually my parents+my paternal uncle, but i dunno family came out of my mouth.)

VO: what does ur family do?

Me: Father is XXX n mother is XXX.

VO: Fine, I am approving ur visa. all the best.

Me: Thank u Sir.

thats it ppl!

thanx to all edulixians, especially:Game, AnbeSivam,Ankurkool,PPBn Madmax.

so that was my acceptance with not a top notch univ+an external sponsor. confidence is what helped me lot!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27137>

Hi ppl,

I got admit frm univ at buffalo for MS in EE (without aid).

i was showing my father and uncle as joint sponsors for my MS...

But my application was rejected... Sad

dunno wat 2 do now...will apply again for 2nd time but ppl plz suggest wat changes i shud bring in my case..here's my VI experience on 28th jun at kolkata counsulate...

Me: Good Morning Sir

VO: A very good morning to u too...May i plz hav ur finger prints..

(instructs me pointing at the device)..left hand first n then the right...thank u..

(Then the gentleman goes somewhere inside n comes back in 3-4 mins..

VO: Sorry for the delay sir..had a call frmblah blah

Me:Its OK

VO: The course u hav applied for is also available in india..then y US?

Me: Ya it is available in india too ...but the standard of infrastructure n facilities n faculty n the level of investment in research there is much higher than it is here...

VO: (Nodding his head n cutting in) So u need 44K dollars for ur MS... how do you plan to fund ur studies?

Me: My father n uncle are sponsoring me (Handed him the consolidated financial statement showing all the savings of my father n uncle)..here's my consolidated financial statement..n i hav the relevant bank passbooks as well as pay slips n IT returns as proof..

VO: (initially confused as to which ones were my father's savings n which my uncle's..then finally nodding his head)...uhh..ok...got it.. What does ur father do?

Me: He's a professor in the deptt of ...blah blah

VO: What does ur uncle do?

Me: He used to work in the..blah blah...and is now retired

VO: But if ur uncle were to spend his life's savings on u how is he supposed to lead his retired life?

Me: But he's ready to do so (thought of showing him the "affidavit of support"..but didnt as he hadnt asked for it)..He gets a regular pension...besides that, he has to part with only part of his savings..not the whole of it...

VO: (still not convinced)

Me: Both his daughters are married and settled..he has already constructed his own house...

VO: (interrupting) arent u applying for a loan?

Me: Initially we (me n my father) were planning to do so but as my uncle came ahead to sponsor me...we didnt need to do it.. (had to say so coz my i20 mentions "Source of funding: Family/Loan")

VO: How many more years has ur father got before he retires?

Me: 6 yrs

VO: (looking at my DS-forms) ur sister works in hyderabad...

Me: Ya..she works at satyam computers... (didnt mention that she's married)

VO: (typing vigorously into his PC n then finally stopping)

I am sorry Mr... but at this moment we cant offer u a US visa...

If ur father has to part with all his life's savings n ur uncle with half of his..then u r a very likely case of one who would stay back to work in the US..blah blah..(gave me the regret letter siting "insufficient funds" as the reason..n immediately left the table as if he was expecting an argument..)

Thats it..i was dazed...collected all my docs n left the place quitely.. Sad

Plz note that the order of questions might be slightly different...this is as far as i can recollect..PLZZ suggest wats the best i can do right now...

Thanking you..

A sad n hapless fellow..

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27116>

hi Guys ,

I know its too late to post my interview but still i'll do it.

Appointment : Mumbai . 20 th June . 9:00 AM

Univ : Univ. of Florida,Gainesville (CS)

Entered the main office @ 9.35 even after having the lounge facility.

After security check & all i was called for the interview @ counter no. 7

4 applicants in front of me. 2 were F-1 .

Both got rejected. (One for Univ. of Bridgeport . Other I dont know.)

I was last in the line. Bit tensed.

Interviewer was a man abt 30

Here goes the interview.

Me : Good Morning , Sir.

VO : Good Morning. Pass me the pink coupon.

I did so. Then he started typing something on the comp.
For 2 mins this continues. I kept looking at him. No conversation.

VO (Finally taking my DS forms and looking at them) : So, what's
so special abt univ. of florida ??

Me : Sir, my specialization in Networking and(you know some
r esearch & lab & stuff.. Smile)

VO (interrupting me) : OK , where are you working currently ?

Me : At xxx company.

VO : What's you sister doing in US ? (I had mentioned this on DS)

Me : She is persuing her PhD in xxx at xxx univ.

VO (putting my passport in the rack): Your visa is done.

Me (Shocked) : What ?

VO : Its done.

Me : OK , Thank You. Smile Smile

That guy laughed a bit only at the end. Otherwise it was pretty serious environment.

Thank you all edulixians for helping me a lot.

It was not possible without you guys...

Regards,
Shreyas

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27292>

Yea these r the first wrds tht com 2 my mind wen i recollect my VI experience on Jul 5 "LOL" Smile

I thgt VIs wer supposed 2 b formal interviews...wel it ws mor of a casual converstaion fr me...an innocent bystander wud hav thgt 2 old frends wr ctchin up on stuff!! Very Happy

Craptalk n mor craptalk...tht ws the gist of the VI...i thgt nobody cud talk claptrap as well as i do, bt the VO sure gav me sum competition Evil or Very Mad

VO ws an indian emigrant lady n ws conductin VIs at counter no.2 Mumbai Consulate

VO: Hi, How r u?

Me: Im fine Mam, How r u doing?

VO: Whts ur name?

Me: Blah Blah Blah

VO: Damn anothr fella bound fr USC(the guy whu interviewd jus bfor me ws also goin 2 USC)...Why do so many plpl go2 USC newy??(lukin at me n expectin an answer)

Me: Mam bcos its a reputed university with excellent infrasturcture n blah blah blah

VO: Do u no how many indian students apply fr F1 visas??

Me: Mam i hav an inkling of the approx figure..mayb arnd 80000

VO: N mayb 30000 of em r in USC ..eh (n thn breaks out in racuous laughter) Laughing

Me: (Chal woh hasi to main bhi hasa..laughs allround) Laughing

VO: (luks at my toefl , GRE marx n asks) Wy so lo in TOEFL?

ME :(Pleasantly Surprised) Ma'm aint 280 gud enuff?

VO : Well ur english is very gud u shud hav gotten 300

Me: Thank u Mam, I mad sum mistakes in the grammatical section n tht is whr i blv i lost marx

VO: Wy r ur quants marx low..i thgt indians wer very gud at quants...thy wy havnt u scored 800 on 800??(i hd 770)

Me: (Gav sam answer as abov abt havin mad sum mistaks initially)

Now heres the crappiest part...the name of the building whr i stay is Princeton n she mustve noticed tht nam in the home address section on the DS forms..the next qstn gos lik this

VO: U liv in a building named Princeton?

Me: Yes Mam

VO: Seriously

Me: YES!

VO : Wy havnt u applied 2 Princeton University...Dnt u think u shudve aplied thr!!!
Surprised

Me : (flabbergasted) Surprised (i waitd fr her 2 mov on 2 the next crappy qstn)

VO: Well.....(she ws actually expectin an answer) Surprised

Me : Well...I dnt think i wud hav mad it in2 Princeton Mam (wht i really wnted 2 say ws " Do u wnt 2 mak a laughing stock of me at princeton???" Evil or Very Mad)

VO: OK

Mor crap 2 follow

VO : Whus goin 2 sponsor ur education?

Me: My parents

VO: Wht dos ur father do?

Me: Mam hes wrkin as a blah blah blah in J&J.

VO: hmmm... J&J is it?? u must b gettin plenty of free stuff Evil or Very Mad

Me: Yes Mam..stuff tht i cannot mak use of Smile

She laughs raucously again n i join her Smile

VO: Wht is ur fathers annual income?

Me: BLAH BLAH BLAH

VO: Alrite, do u hav ne siblings?

Me: Yes mam, i hav a younger bro

VO: Wht dos he do?

Me: He's jus finishd his schooling mam

VO: Is he smarter thn u in studies?? Confused

Me: NO(a blatant lie Smile)

VO : (waiting waiting waiting)

Me: Well i guess hes jus as gud as i ws at tht stage.

Again tht laughter(she reminded me of Janice frm Friends) Evil or Very Mad

VO: Alrite, ur pp wil b couriered 2 u within the next couple of days

Me: Thank u Mam, Hav a nice day!

Dont read this VI Smile ...it wont help u in anyway...all the questions wer irrelevant...if uve alredy red this VI thn uve wasted ur tim Smile ...now dont waste tim hurling abuses at me fr nt typing this sentence at the top! Smile

Thanx 2 edulix fr the plethora of resources available here n thanx 2 all the contributin edulixians ensurin the continuin success of edu!

Edulix rox!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27348>

Hi all

I got my Visa from Chennai Cons. on July 6th. I had a 11.45am appointment, but I was interviewd only by 4.20pm. The interview lasted for 30-35 seconds ... 8) It was a nice experience ... I finished my pre screening by 11 am and i stood in the cue for 1.5 hrs before going to the Visa Lobby (pls do eat in the morning .. u may feel enervated otherwise)... Out of the 10 counters only 4 had the VO's taking interview ... and most of us started getting restlesss ... then came the surprise .. A.R Rahman had come and our indian officers in the Lobby cleared a counter for Mr.Rahman and he had his interview for 10 -15secs. it seems he n his crew were going to USA. After he left , his crew (10-12 ppl) came to the same counter to get their visa clearance.. the VO there asked four of his crew members to sing ... that was hilarious ... and the VO there spoke 2 - 3 words in Tamil to one of the Tamilians in the crew... Rolling Eyes

i wanted my interview to get over quickly Mad ... around 4.20 the VO called me and she looked like a mexican , with a Tatoo in her right arm Very Happy .. she rejected many students who came before me ... she was asking the same Q's to everybody there ... what is ur percentage? ur GRE score? why this unv. ? why are u leaving ur job? and Q's that was more acads oriented ... the same Q's to almost every one there ... she rejected those who

could not give a coherent answer ... so guys, who are yet to take up ur visa, pls feel confident ... the rest will go on smoothly ... one more thing i noticed in Chennai consulate, there is a Lady (Islamic i suppose) who scrutinizes the applicants by cross-verifying the financial documents ... so pls be prepared to face any kind of Q's related to Financial Docs. if she rejects ppl saying that the docs are not proper, then it is very difficult to get the visa again ... Also, pls pls pls for Q's like why XYZ university? or Why this specialization? pls do not give the normal answers like fits my profile, very good faculty, good research, good programme kinda funda .. instead go in for answers like i want to specialize in "so n so" field and i believe that of the univs that i have applied, this particular univ. provides electives of my interest ... pls add more technical terms and for sure pls visit the web site of ur university and know more abt the course details ... there is a possibility that the VO might visit the univ. web site or the VO may know more abt the univ and the course details ... 3 to 4 students were rejected because they were unable to explain abt the courses ...

in short know more abt the college (which is a must anyways) and pls be prepared for Qs on financial docs. and the transaction details

wishing everybody all the very best

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27326>

Hi, i had my VI on July 5th. Got a rejection by a rude Indian (Bengali) gal (aged around 20-22) at Kolkata consulate. Itz really hard 2 get visa frm Kolkata n especially frm dat gal. My interview was like dis:

Me: gud morning mam

VO: morning, Y dis university

Me: Prof. Jayant Herath is doing research on d subject of my interest

VO: Hve u interacted wid him

Me: Yes

VO: In which subject he is doin research

Me: Computer Networks

VO: Hmm.. Den y dis university n d subject

Me: Derez a comp. network research center in which student-faculty collaborative research is going on n m interested 2 be a part of dat. N comp. network subject vl help me to get into networking companies like CISCO, Lucent, Reliance in India wid (she cut me short)

VO: Who vl sponsor u

Me: Parents

VO: who is dis Samir ku Mohanty

Me: My father

VO:wat he doing

Me:working as deputy manager in state bank of india

Vo:His salary per month

Me:Told

VO:How vl u fund urself den ?

Me:My parents hve 13 lakh rs. in deir savings bank account n 9.5 lakh rs. as FDs.

VO:Show me proof

Me:Showed d bank statement of 1 bank in which 11lakh 33 thousand rs. was deposited.

VO:wat r dese ammounts apart frm ur Savings

ME:FDs wid accrued interest value.

Vo:Show pass buk

VO:Oh watz dis amount of 8lakh 50 thousand,how it came

Me:Mother drew frm her PF n deposited 2 deir joint bank account

VO:wat ur mom doin

Me:Lecturer in State Govt. college of Orissa

VO:so,u r using ur mom's savings for ur 1st yr expenses.

Me:Yes n dis amount is more dan my 1st yr expenses.

VO:So, ur dad supporting u partially.

Me:Yes

VO:when de vl retire

Me:in 2015

VO:y ur test scores r low

Me:well mam Initially i gave some wrong answers n later i managed 2 give rite answers but cud nt manage 2 increase my score dat i had desired

VO:Ok,u had a 1st class or 2nd class in ur undergrad

Me:1st class

VO:show d mark sheets

Vo:Ok,den wat u were doing being passed out in 2005 July.

Me:I gave ma gre/toefl in nov. 2005 n thereafter,was reviewing my undergraduate subjects which r required for ma master's study

VO:y did nt u give ur grte/toefl in 2004 n y in 2005 n y didnt u go in 2005 FALL,y in 2006 FALL ?

Me:My university issues PDC lately n i got in aug.2005.So,without PDC i cant apply 2 US university,so i opt for 2006 FALL.

VO:So,u were nt doin ne job n even did nt try for ne job

Me:No

VO:Y

Me:Coz my soul aim is to do my master's study n then job(At this time i was feeling really nervous coz of such long interview)

Vo:how many brothers n sisters u hve

Me:I dont hve ne brother n sister

VO:Oh,sir den u dont hve ne brother n sister 2 look after ,srry sir at dis point i cant issue u

visa coz it seems 2 me dat u r going 2 stay in the US.U may convince ne other VO but nt me.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27560>

My interview was at 3:45. My VO was a bearded who was pretty cool (but apparently rejected the guy after me). My interview went something like this after exchanging pleasantries:

VO: Show me your marks cards and degree certificate.
 ME: <handed over marks cards> I'm just completed my engineering course last month and the university hasn't issued degree certiicates yet.
 VO: What is your overall percentage?
 ME: 66%
 VO: Any backlogs?
 ME: I had three which i have cleared.
 VO: How will you pay for your edcation?
 ME: My mother is sponsoring me. We have 19 lackhs in liquid to cover the first years expenses and have access to futher funds to cover the second year expenses.
 VO: Ok, I can't issue your visa right now as i need your pdc...
 ME: <by this time i knew i'll be getting the blue form> that's not a problem, sir.
 VO: <hands over blue form> Take this form and send it with your passport and pdc when you receive it using the drop box facility.
 ME: What other documents am i supposed to send along with my pdc?
 VO: Your DS forms
 ME: So no financial documents?
 VO: No, just your pdc... NEXT
 ME: Thank you.

On my blue form the VO had written "degree certificate needs to be shown", and on my way out i badgered 2 other indian staff members about the documents to send. Same answer. I don't know why I'm still confused about this form but I am!

So, that was my interview. Quite a few people got rejected. In fact, there was a guy who was caught for fake docs and the VO was uncharacteristically blasting him, and the guy was on the verge of tears saying 'please, sir, why you have to give so much punishment'. Spotted the notorious scarf lady walking around amongst us. She drew considerable ooohs and ahhs from the F-1 applicants. She's pretty fat was was wearing massive clogs and kept stumbling around. True to form she found something to blast some poor guy about. I was out by 5. It

wasn't crowded at all. I think afternoon appointments are best because everybody's is relaxed.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27534>

Hi ppl...i had my visa rejected for UIC (I20=36k) on june 16 citing lack of funds for the 3rd year..

<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26846>

I reapplied after changing my college to IUB(I20==27k after aid of 2k) on july 6th n gt it...m sorry 2 b postin dis late..cud b of help 2 ppl who didnt get d first time..

I m writing this mainly for ppl who hv been rejected n r considering a change of college...IT IS NOT A CRIME 2 CHANGE UR COLLEGE....tho most seniors strictly advised against it...i know 4 ppl personally who changed der college on second attempt n gt it..(2 to IUB) dis year..wat i feel after d VI is dat as long as u r nt changing frm stanford to Ucinn...an apparent change of class...changing college shud nt b a prob...jus b ready 2 justify it very nicely..
this is how i did it..

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VO: so u goin 2 IUB..wat happ 2 UIC?

ME: explained wat went wrng d last time...(finances n all)

VO: bt den y did u select uic in d first place n IUB now? wont u b missing something n b unhappy?

ME: the only reason i went 2 uic over iub in d first place was so n so project by so n so prof which i was highly interested..

VO: asked me abt wat was it

ME: explained in semi-technical n semi-layman's lingo...

VO: very interesting!(seemed very very satisfied)

ME: bt now at iub also..i hv found so n so prof who is wrkin on so n so project..which is very similar..n i wud b happy 2 wrk wid him as well..

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Thos she asked me a few other normal Qs....no documents were asked 4 even tho i was rejected initialy on financial grnds...

So ppl who hvnt gt it..plz dun lose heart...i kno...i went thru hell in those 20 days...bt if changing d colege can solve ur prob...plz consider it..

- PS:1) IUB...almost as good as UIC or mebbe better..
- 2) IUB=highly reputed
- 3) i had a 2k merit scholarship n mentioned it twice intentionally..
- 4_UIC: 36k*3 yrs=108k and IUB: 27k*21mnths=50k

all these factors wrked in my favour...tho wat i can assure u frm my VI exp was dat she was convinced by d project ans n put my passport aside n put fwd d I20. d VI lasted for another 3-4 mins after dat bt dey were routine Qs on GRE scores,wat after MS, wat parents do,how will u pay n d ilk..bt d visa was virtually given b4 dat ..(i cud actually find 2 such projects..n used dem 2 my adv..)

so if u hv a relatively equal n reputed college which can solve ur financial prob...do consider it..it is nt a rule dat u shud nt change ur coll...

she even offered me a UIC visa..bt i stuck wid IUB...cuz i had decided abt it b4hand so as nt 2 give a wavering impression..n i still feel it wud hv been a trap 2 c if i were genuinely interested in IUB or not..

if ppl r in similar situation....dun lose heart...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27529>

Interview at 8.30 am. Mumbai Counsulate.

Firstly advice for all going for interviews they are not allowing mobiles n other electronic items

inside.

Had to go inside and take another photograph (god knows why? if my face had changed or

what??) after that messed up in listening the token no. and ended up in the wrong queue n

entered the wrong cubicle. Hats off to the VI (looks like Jason Dacey from Sportscenter) he

very politely asked me to go n wait for my turn at aother window.

Soon after got my call. the Interview follows.

Me : Good Morning Sir.
 VI : Good Morning . How r u doing ?
 Me : Very fine Sir. (ya right after all this waitin n messing up)
 VI : Which Uni?
 Me : Sir, Indiana Bloomington for MS in CS
 VI : Why IUB?
 Me : gr8 research opportunity..... \$2000 waiver..... n best of my admits.
 VI : Which other uni did u apply to.
 Me : Jus finished saying 5 of 7 interrupted
 VI : Who is going to sponsor ur studies?
 Me : My father.
 VI : What does he do?
 Me : Sir, job
 VI : [laughs] of course he does a job. What job?
 Me : Sir, He is a senior Manager at ...
 VI : OK ur Passport will be couriered to you[couldnt hear n dint care to listen further]

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27547>

I had a 7:45 appointment in the chennai consulate.I entered the visa interview office by 8:30.I was asked to wait as none of the counters were open.Then came my bad luck,counter number 7 opened and the scarf lady came.She rejected 3 f1 and approved 1.Then came my turn

VO:good morning.

me:good morning.

vo:Can i have your folder

Me:yes and i passed the red folder.

Started typing something and after sometime told

VO:Sir there seems to be some system problem please wait.

Me:Ok

Then i waited for 1.5 hours.Then she called me again and asked for the folder.

I gave it and waited patiently.She was typing for some time.

Vo:Can i have your degree certificate and gre toefl scores.

Me:yes mam.(passed them on)

Vo:How many backlogs did u have?

Me:5 but i cleared them before 6th sem.

Vo:ok

looks at my gre score(1110)

VO:Im sorry but i cannot issue a visa at this time.

me:what is the reason behind your descision.

Vo:Bad academic track record.

The whole interview took about 2 min.

The funny thing is she did not even see my marsheet.Never asked me about the university(clemson university,south carolina) never asked about my financial status etc.After my interview she just left.

Now what am i supposed to do.I am planning to reapply for vi.Can i book another emergency appointment because this interview was on emergency appointment.Also should i pay the sevi fees again.Can i be interviewed by the same scarf lady next time.What is the probability of getting a visa a second time.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27516>

Quote:

Your passport can be collected in person at US visa application centre in New Delhi between 1400-1600 hours.

Kindly produce your HDFC fee receipt and interview appointment letter at the time of

collecting your passport.

If your passport is not collected by 1600 hrs, it will be automatically dispatched to you by courier.

guys this is what the passport tracking portal shows regarding my VISA status. if you all remeber i was stuck in 221g. Any idea what this means. Has my visa been stamped?? Can i go and collect it today?? Please reply ASAP

thankx a ton in advance

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27494>

First of all I would like to express my vote of thanks to the entire EDULIX COMMUNITY!!! EDULIX after all made it possible.

CONSULATE : MUMBAI

DATE : 10TH JULY

UNIVERSITY : UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,LA

TIME : 8.30 AM

Getting to the interview straightaway ,

VI was an excellent lady, (gori chikni mem Wink) , was giving visas to everyone .COUNTER NO 3 ROCKSS

MY INTERVIEW

VO : GOOD MORNIN SIR,
HOW R U??

ME : GOOD MORNIN MA'AM, I AM FINE.

VO : OK SIR , TELL ME WHY R U GOIN TO US?

ME : RESEARCH FACILITIES, GREAT LABS , PRACYTICAL ORIENTD STUDIES ..

VO : OK SO WHY USC?

ME: HIGHLY RANKEDS , EXCELLENT REPUTATION, GR8 PROFS.....

VO: OK , NAME A FEW OF THEM...

ME : I NAMED A FEW(3)

VO : WHO WILL FUND FOR UR EDUCATION ?

ME: MY FATHER, HE HAS SAVED ENOUGH FOR MY HIGHER STUDIES>

VO: TOTAL ASSETS HE HAS?

ME: XXXX LACS

VO: HAVE U EVER BEEN TO THE US?

ME: NO

VO: ANY RELATIVES THERE?

ME: NO

VO: THANK U SIR , U HAVE GOT UR VISA. UR PASSPORT WILL BE SENT WITHIN 3 DAYS...

ME : THANK U VERY MUCH MA;AM,

THATS IT GUYS , ALL THIS HARDLY LASTED FOR 60 SECONDS, NO DOCS ASKED, NOTHIN .

ALL THE BEST FOR THOSE WHO R STILL WAITIN FOR THEIR VISAS...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27504>

Hi Friends!!!!!!!

My name is Bhushan Pachpande (BP) . I am Passive user of this site ... this site helps me a lot ..

First of all I would like to thanks to Eudulix Site , All communities from Orkut and to all my friends in Yahoo Groups who helped me a lot in gaining CONFIDENCE and getting VISA.

My VISA scheduled on 10th Of July Mumbai Consulate, Time slot 10:00 AM.

College : NJIT

Major : Computer science

I reached to Mumbai consulate (Tirupati Apartment) at 7:30 only since rumor of Bombay band . Actually I had taken bus service of Mumbai consulate. We reached to main consulate at around 11 o clock .Most of the 8 o clock appointment people were there standing in queue at that time. Then after all security check I went to main hall. There were arnd 250 people waiting and only 4 counters were open. Then 1 lady called me for Finger print recognition.

Convo like this ...

Lady : Hi Sir How r u

BP : Fine Mam.

Lady : Do u play Skateboard ??

BP : ?? .. Pardon mam.

Lady : U have Skateboard on u r T-Shirt Do u play Skateboard

Bp : ahhh ... no mam I just watch Skateboard . I love to watch it .. but I dint get to play it . hopefully ill try it in US . Football and cricket is my fav.

Lady : Cool Means u r sporty guy.. k keep u r left finger in machine.

BP : Ok mam.

Lady : Do U have cut on u r index Finger . then other lady look at it .. yeah small cut.

BP : ohh no ...

Lady : hmm .. Put u r right finger .

BP : k mam .

Lady : here also cut ?? .. I am not getting it properly ... other lady looked at it .. he hav some knuckles on it . (I donno what that means dint get that .. but I have small spots on my index finger slightly visible ..)

BP : I asked .. should need to do it again ?

Lady : its no need .. u r good guy go ahead

BP : (yey bach gaye bhai) thank u Very much mam .. have a good day .

Lady : u too ..

Like this I gave Interview before my VISA interview only Razz ... neways this Convo given me lot of confidence .

There were arnd 250 ppl waiting for VISA interview many ppl having appoint of 8:30 also .. (as I said only 4 counters were open)

I thought now it will take arnd 5 to 6 hours to me .

After 5 mins 1 more window got opened ... he call my number first ... I was surprised (wow sexy)

Vo was the guy in his late 20s with specs (if u get this guy for VI .. u got VISA for sure)

There were 2 ppl before me in queue for J1 VISA since they rush before me in queue.

Both of them got their VISA .

Then my turn Came.

MY VI went like this ...

BP : Good Morning Sir.

VO : (Busy in typing something) then he looked up.

BP: How r u sir .

VO : me fine u ?

BP : fine sir. and kept my folder aside

VO : ohh k can u gimme that Pink token.

BP : here it is sir.

VO : (take out my form) Ohh NJIT .. Y NJIT.

BP : NJIT is one of the better college I have applied to. Also it provide most number of electives in Computer networking which I am interested in. This college provides Electives such as Client/ Server Communication , open system networking , Cryptography and internet security. Also it provides me electives which are combination of Networking and web designing such as Web Authoring and Development , Multimedia Info system network which none other university gives other than NJIT which I am applied to.

VO : he looked at me. According to his xpression I thout he want more ..

Bp : (I started again) Also this university has research project like Wireless networking and parallel processing under professor (I forgot name .. instantly I utter name of the professors which came in my mind from college) Dr. J geller , Dr. Perl .

VO : K good I think u have done lot of research on College .

Bp : Just gave smile

VO : whos Gonna Sponsor u ?

BP : sir my Fa... Sir my parents gonna sponsor me.

VO : what is u r father ?

BP : Told

VO : What is his designation ?

BP : Told

Vo : Wow great

BP : smile (at this moment I ensured that I got my VISA no need to worry now)

Vo : do u have any brother or sister.

BP : yes I have elder sister . she is already married

VO : cool , what is u r brother in law Do?

BP : he is Marketing Manager

Vo : Company ?

BP : (I forgot company name) Sir sir Telecommunication generation system
(actually he is marketing manager in medicine Razz)

Vo : (looked at me) ..

BP : sir it one of the leading company in telecommunication.

Vo : smiled and said u r VISA will bi currier in 3 days .

BP : thank u sir .. and ran away from there as soon as poss before he changes his mind Razz

So I gave 2 interview infact Razz

Just wanna tell u be confident nothing else .. he don't even ask me about my financial

Neways Best of luck for those whos VISA remaining ...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27424>

Hi guys,

I got my Visa for University of Utah on 6th june.

My VI was like this..

VO: Hi...

Me...Good afternoon mam

VO: GA..How r u?

Me: I am fine. Thanku.What aout u?

VO:I am fine too.

VO: R U from Chhattisgarh?(pata nahin chhattisgarh ko kya boli ..samajh me hi nahin aaya...)

Me: (cud not get her) I am sorry mam

VO: R U from Chhattisgarh?

ME: (Blank) I am not getting u mam...(aab to gaya)

ME? Suddenly I realized.....Oh..yes mam Iam from from Chhattisgarh...

VO: Oh I am sorry...Its Chhotisgarh..right..chhotisgarh..(bas fir kya tha 32 dant dikhne kage)

Me..Its OK mam..Its my mistake..I am sorry..(socha sorry bol ke gala na kat de)

VO: What is ur fathers name:

Me:; told

VO whats ur mothers name?

Me: Told

VO:Ur birth place?

Me : Told

VO: last time u came for TTU...and now UoU. Tell me y r u changing ur univ?

Me: Actually mam...they did not allow me to defer my admit...rejected me

VO: (Surprised)...Oh I am sorry...did u tell them about ur visa prob?

ME: Yes mam

VO: even then they rejected u?????????shocked

ME: yes mam

VO: I just can believe this...I am eally very sorry for this....

Me: Its OK mam...no problem...

VO: Yeh....UoU sounds better to me

ME: Yes mam...I know UoU is much better then TTU....iam very lucky

VO: SO...U have got full funding

ME: Yes....I will be funded by my department..

VO: Show me the scholarshp letter..

Me:...I dont have mam...ACTUALLY i WAS GETTING LATE FOR MY VISA INTERVIEW...thats y I requested them to send my I20 first...

VO: Its OK...

VO : How much u r getting?

Me around \$27000

VO: any other doc from UoU?
 Me: showed her some letters (Useless)
 VO: Do u have any other passport?
 Me: NO (ye kya puch rahi thi)
 VO: ...misplaced.....stolen.....at home (I cud hear only these words)
 Me: NO
 VO: Have u been to USA?
 Me: NO..I have never...

yaha laga visa milne wala hai...tabhi....

VO: (Looks at my I20)..U r going for mining and mineral engg
 Me: Yes mam..
 VO: but last time u r going for (computer me pata nahin kya karne lagi)
 ME : (Phati)last time I came for IE
 VO: U r changing ur branch...but y? (I cud see so many expressions on her face.....I never prepared for this Q)
 Me: (Ab gaya....potential immigrant bana)..actually mam...only the department is different...but my specialization is same....that is oprations research...(saf jhuth)...fir mining ke bare me lamba speech.....

VO..OK...
 Me: ...(wanted to say say th) but she stoped me)
 VO: U have ur visa...have a nice day..
 ME thank you very much much...u too
 VO: I am really very sorry for the delay...
 Me: Its OK...I understand.
 Vo: Enjoy ur trip....

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27490>

My interview appointment was a Chennai Consulate at 11 a.m. on the 11th of July. I got to the consulate at 10.30 and was allowed in by the gaurd. I finished prescreeing by eleven thirty and was then sent to the visa lobby for fingerprinting. After this I sat fro almost an hour since all counters were closed for the VO's to have lunch. One very good-looking lady came back at 1.10 and I was asked to join the queue . There were 5 people before me, 2 of whom were for F1 visas. I got cold feet because this lady was scrutinising everyone's certificates.(She doubted the credibility of someone's docs and called some others to check them out)

Finally my turn came. I was nervous about my financial docs since my uncle was my sole sponsor and my dad's business isn't doing to well

Here's how it went

Me: Good morning mam

VO: Good morning how are you?

Me: I'm fine thank you mam how are you?

VO: I'm good

VO: Why do you want to go to UIC?

Me: stuff about research.....

VO: What is your undergraduate percentage?

ME: 65%

VO: Show me your GRE and Degree Certificate

ME: here mam

Vo: Do you have any backlogs?

Me: yes mam 2.

Vo: Show me your individual marks cards

Me: showed them

VO: what do your parents do?

Me: My mums a housewife and dad has his own tile business

Vo: What did you say? tiles?

ME: Yes mam they are called Mangalore tiles?

Vo: Mangalore tiles? What are those?

ME: They are a kind of roofing tiles

Vo: Have you ever been outside India?

Me: no mam

Vo: How many people does your father employ?

Me: (stumped here... have absolutely no idea) 50 mam

Vo: I am issuing your visa . Your passport will be couriered to you in a few days time.

ME: Thank you so much mam. Have a good day.
 Vo: you have a good day too.

That was it.... NO financial documents. The documents like degree certificate and marks cards that she asked for she hardly looked at.

So this is my story.

Thanks to all Edulixians safe_player, Maharaja, Anbe and all the rest who have helped me and guided me throughout. I am eternally grateful to you all.

Won't give any advice since I was a nervous wreck throughout the process so any other information that you would like please let me know.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27497>

hi frnds

got visa power on july 7th for university of cincinnati....the intrw was at 8:45. i went there at 8am. i was immediately sent to intrw lobby...no waiting at any place...i had to sit in the lobby for 1 hr approx..then i was made to stand in a queue for finger printing ...and then the final intrw line.....i saw the VOs in all the counters and came to know that much feared "saddam hussain and scarf lady were not taking intrws". Mark told that some of the VOs were on vacation....that was a good news for many there .

i was interviewed by a good looking young lady 22-25 years ...she granted visa to 3 F1 applicants bfore me...then my turn came

Me: good morning mam.

VO: good morning..give me the folder.

VO: why this univ?

Me: told abt the course work...how it wud prepare me for future job etc etc

VO: wat is this UGS?

Me: university graduate scholarship...it covers all my tuition expenses.

VO: Wat r ur parents?

ME : told

VO show mw ur CA stament

ME:showed

VO: Ok everything seems to be fine...

i didnt listen to anything els after that...said thank u.

i got my passport on tuesday. thats it frnds...i thank Amer ahmed, Adithya , Hitch_Hiker(khader abbeb), Hitenmehta and all other frnds at edulix for their support and timely suggestions...

srinivas.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27430>

Hi all,

My dad and mom have a joint savings account ...in which the balance will come to around 30lacs.

now my expenses as mentioned in i-20 are 21,310 \$ for first year..

Now the money in the acc is enuf for both the years..

I have heard tht he may ask how my father has deposited tht much money in the account recently?

To this i thought of stating tht my father has been saving money since my schooling days and even my sisters(working) have contributed etc.

what are your thoughts regarding this?

is this reason good enough? any better replies are welcome..

thnks guys, edulix has really helped a lot!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27448>

Howdy friends!!

I finally got over with my visa interview at the Mumbai Consulate on the 6th July.

It had been raining very heavily for the past 2 days in Mumbai. With the rains playing havoc, I was worried about the documents I would be carrying in such rains. Surprisingly, on the day of my interview, the rains subsided, revealing just a partly cloudy day!

My appointment was at 8:15 AM and having opted for the VFS Lounge service, I reached the lounge at around 7:15 AM. They allowed us (the 8:15 ones) to go in at exactly 7:30 and made us sit in the A/C lounge. We were served sandwiches and coffee, both of which I didn't like at all, with all the butterflies in my stomach!! Evil or Very Mad

At 8:00 we were asked to board the bus to the consulate and at 8:10 I was there in the line outside the consulate entrance, with about 4 ppl ahead of me. I was then frisked into a kind of ante-chamber and had to stand in another queue for security checks. When my turn came, the security person asked me to empty my pockets and checked each and every belonging. He opened all my files and envelopes, but then put them back as they were. I was asked to pass through the metal detector and was given all my stuff along with a wooden piece which I was asked to preserve with the utmost care.

Once inside the main chamber of the consulate, I was supposed to handover my I20, visa appointment letter and passport to a counter. They then fished out my DS forms etc (the docs which one has to submit at least 5 days prior to the VI) and arranged everything and handed it to me along with a pink token bearing a number. I then went to counter 1 for fingerprinting. There they took fingerprints and the DS forms, passport, I20 etc and asked me to be seated till my token number was called out.

Eventually, I was called to counter 4 for the interview. The VO was a young lady officer who was looking quite bored.. The counters are like phone booths (posh looking) with a pair of speakers and a microphone in between. Between the VO and me was a bulletproof glass with space to slide docs from beneath.

Me: Good Morning Madam! How do you do?

VO: Good and you?

Me: Good.

VO: Where are you headed to sir?

Me: Arizona State University, Tempe

VO: What is the name of your course?

Me: Master of Science in Computer Science and Engg.

VO: What is your undergraduate degree?

Me: Bachelor of Engg in Computer Engg.

VO: From?

Me: <Told the name of my college>

VO: Where do you work?

Me: I used to work for Tata Consultancy Services. I resigned in June.

VO: For how long were you with TCS?

Me: 22 months.

VO: What do your parents do?

Me: My mother is a home-maker and my father is a retired bank executive. <Told the exact position of my father at retirement and name of bank>.

VO: How many siblings do you have?

Me: 2.

VO: In which cities do they stay?

Me: Mumbai.

VO: Can you show me how u r gonna pay for ur education at ASU?

Me: <Passed her the Funds Flow statement I had prepared and the CA statement>

VO: <didnt look at the CA statement, but was scrutinizing the FF statement> Can you show me PPF and Post Office passbooks? [I had showed these two instruments, among others, as sources of funds]

Me: Sure. <Showed her the passbooks>

VO: You have taken a loan of 15 lakhs. How do u propose to pay it off??

Me: Ma'm even though the loan if of 15, I propose to use only X lakhs as you can see in my FF statement and therefore the EMI would come to approx Rs. xxxxx. While I was in TCS, my monthly salary was Rs. xxxxx and after MS I hope to get atleast Rs. xxxxx per month. With that paying off the loan wouldn't be a problem.

VO: Please take all your documents. Your visa is approved.

Me: Thank you very much. Have a good day!

Some points:

1. I had been working in Bangalore upto June this year. I had taken the appointment at Mumbai consulate after confirming with the consulate if it would be possible to do so. No questions were raised on that!
2. The duration of the course on the I20 was 3 years and accordingly I had mentioned in my DS forms that I would be staying there for 3 years. Again, no question on that!
3. There was some apprehension floating around about showing PPF as source of funds. I showed and they accepted it without any concerns. But my PPF accounts had matured quite some time back. Most of my funds were in FDs and PPFs and loan and less in SB.

So all in all, a rather uneventful VI!! I went to the lounge in the evening and collected my passport! That it! Smile

Good luck to all who are awating their VIs! Smile

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27441>

Hi guys.....VISA approved for MS EE at University of New Mexico...here goes my experience:

The VO wa a smart young American with decent slow english accent at counter no. 5

Me: Hello Sir, Good Morning

VO: Hi! So....What universities did u apply to?

Me: Listed all seven slowly n clearly

VO: Ok....and got admits frm how many?

Me: Jus told 5 Universities Sir

VO: Ok why UNM among all these

Me: Becase, At UNM the couses are well suited to my interest and told abt the research going on and the profs....

VO: Ok....What is Microelectronics?

Me: told him two lines

VO: Good....then if u r not doing ur MS now what job would u like to work for?

Me: Spontaneously answered something like Design n manufacturing engineer in an electronics engg. company

VO: ok...so after u do ur MS, what kinda job u will be looking for?

Me: Ill be better qualified then, so will look for an higher position in the same industry

VO: What ur dream Job?

Me: Not decided abt that now sir, Will finish my MS and look into jobs.

VO: Ok....so can I see ur Marksheets, GRE n TOEFL

Me: Sure sir....passed on....

VO: Great!....Have a nice time at UNM...U'll get ur passport couriered by three days....

Me: Thank You Sir, U Made my day!!

What I learnt was: Jus be honest from your heart... Be spontaneous in your answers and Dont prepare too much...Know a lot about your course...As always...Be Confident...VISA is urs.....Good Luck

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27443>

hello everyone... it is my pleasure to announce that i have got the VISA.... to ASU in masters-comp sci..!!!

My interview....

ME: hi, how u doing

VO: hi, so which univ r u goin to?

ME: goin as a student in ASU to do MCS...

VO: (sees my passport, chks out my previous visitor's visa to US) I am sorry, r u already a student @ ASU?

ME: No i was doin my BS here, now goin to ASU for MCS strting fall'06

VO: so uve been to US b4?

ME: yes, april 2000

VO:where had u gone?

ME: to boston, was vacationing at my sister's place post 10th grade...

VO:did u go with ur parents?

ME: Yes, i did.

VO: how many siblings do u have?

ME: i have 2 sisters...

VO: where is ur other sister?

ME: in Minnesota

VO: so u have both the sisters in US?

ME:yes mam..

VO: what do they do?

Me: homemakers.
 VO: so what does ur bro in law do?
 ME: told
 VO: ohk...
 so what does ur father do?
 ME: He used to work for BARC, now retired.
 VO: so r u plannin to follow ur father's footsteps into atomic research?
 ME: no, i am interested in CS...
 VO: hmmm.. show me ur financial summary stmnt.
 ME: shown.. now totally bored...
 VO: visa's approved sir, have a pleasent stay in US!!!
 ME: thanx a lot mam...

Destination: Arizona State University.
 Course: Masters in Computer Science.
 Visa Status: F1

i got the visa exactly one yr i joined EDULIX ie on 10th july!!!

thank you to all members of edulix esp harsh and shishore...

GAMER...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27780>

hey got the visa lasted only thirty seconds!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 SJSU

interview was scheduled for 10.15 july 19.
 went in at 9. was made to sit in the row of seats with the sun directly beating on my back.(sticky chennai) Embarassed Embarassed Embarassed
 had checked out the rejection rate at each counter while waiting to be fingerprinted. they sent me directly to the lady with the 75% rejection.
 The girl in front in me was caught with false bank docs and was taken in for further questioning bcoz she protested... they closed down the counter had to wait 15 mins bfore some male came to the window.

then my int

me: hello
 vo: hello, can i have ur degree and marks card.
 vo: any backlogs!!
 me: 12
 vo:12 Surprised Shocked Surprised Shocked
 vo:give me ur GRE/TOEFL marks
 vo:shakes his head in confusion
 vo:u seem to be a brilliant guy, whats wrong!!
 me: yes sir,initially i did not apply myself.....10 secs
 vo:ok sir, stop fooling around and get serious ur visa will reach u in 2 days
 me: thank u

imagine after going through all that rigmarole for those financial papers and rest of the papers!!!!!!
 i special thanks to safe, madmax and rest at sjsu forum for their valuable suggestions and feedback

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27724>

Hi guys,

this is for a friend, please do reply back.

His VIsa got rejected and dattes are not available for this fall , so he is planning to reapply for visa for next spring. Meanwhile he has to inform the univs in us, so he is like confused as to tell them what!!,

should he ask for deferment bcos his visa is rejected or cook up some story.

please reply back asap.

joshua

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27747>

I have been a regular reader of all the posts in edulix and I have read all the visa exps more than once. Smile . I am a memeber of this community for more than a year and all those things I've gathered from this community has helped me get throught the vi. Had a 2.45 pm appt at the che consulate on 19th july. went through all the formalities and was waiting, I guess i was assigned counter 5 (not sure though) forgot it in the excitement and fear.

Someone was sitting in the counter and he/she left and an american lady(dark brown hair), who took my finger prints ,occupied the place. couldn't find the scarf lady ..couldn't see her. my vi

me(in a low voice): hello mam

vo(left): will be back

me: Embarassed

vo: pass me the folder

me: here mam

vo(goes through it):

me: pardon me

vo: which univ

me: suny@sb

vo: what is materials science?

me(OMG, never expected this, all the while I was repeating this in my mind "to pursue grad studies ib mat.sci and engg. at suny@sb"after a pause). gave a satisfactory defn.

vo: what are u gonna work on

me: want to specialize in materials processing

vo: what materials

me (omg): metals

vo: what metals

me: (omg): said some metals

vo: where are they used

me: (omg, guess she doubted i am gonna work on some nuclear matls.): told her some engg. applications

vo: why do u wanna do graduation

me: want to acquire some technical skills that will help me achieve good carreer growth in India (don remember exactly what I said, but i completed the sentence with "India")

vo: show me ur deg and sem

me: here

vo: show me ur gre card

me: here

vo: what r u doing at xx comp

me: am working as a sw engg.

vo: what are u wotking on

me: am sw for banking application
vo: who's ur client
me(thinking...we have only internal clients..should i say this..no) ANZ
vo: oh
vo how do u plan to finance ur edu
me: my father is sponsoring my edu
vo: what is he doing
me; he's a lawyer, has a law firm
vo: what is his income?
me: x.x lakhs (not a very big amt i quoted)
vo: can i have a look at ur ca stmt
me (had quite a good amt on the ca): yeah sure
vo: are u taking a loan
me : no we have enough funds to finance my education for 2 yrs
vo: what are ur plans after grad
me: to work as a research engg. in a r&d division of a good manufacturing company like caterpillar, ge.
Writes somwthng on the ds-form, thought she was writing on my I-20
vo(slides back all the docs): your pp will be couriered within a week
me (didn't hear it properly); took all the docs back was wondering if the pp was given back to me
then left the counter without realizing anything and a few secs later, the words "ur pp will be couriered" registered in my mind turned back and said "thank you", she was still looking at me and nodded...
so that was the end of my vi.
Thanks to everyone around and specially to those who offered me help with my application and vi preparation.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27687>

Hi everyone,

I have not been a frequent poster on edulix but I have considered edulix as guide to my entire application process. With all the experiences and advice I have prepared myself for it.

And here is my expeience of Visa interview:

I had my interview at Mumbai Consulate at 10.30 a.m on 18th July. I started my day by getting up early and leaving for Visa Consulate on time at 8 in morning. But here I made a

blunder I drove my car from Malad (a suburb in Mumbai) to Mahalaxmi which is a near about 1hr 15 mins drive.

But since it being tuesday there was huge traffic at Dadar (Siddhivinayak Temple) and I just made it to the VFS officie on time at 10 from where the bus service begins.

After reaching at Visa consulate and waiting in the bus for 15 mins (and listening to all the instructions given there) I got inside the consulate. After all the prechecks, giving the fingerprints and getting the pink token I was made to wait in the sitting area until my number was being called. In between my observation about the place was that all the instructions were written in english and gujarati(surprised) and majority of the names being called were something like this-bhai Patel & Family..that-bhai Shah Family(not surprised). So that itself says that how many Gujaratis are flying to US (no hard feeling to all the gujjus)

Then came that call for my Token number at counter no.2 alongwith a group of other 4 numbers. It was an open counter and I was in line with 3 ppl ahead of me (noting that all 3 of them got a reject I was really scared when my turn came).

And then the questions were fired as follows:

VO: Hey Good Morning..

Me: Good Morning Maam (and she was the same Lady who had spoken about VI at USEFI Mumbai)

VO: So why are you going to US?

Me: To pursue my Masters in Computer Science

VO: Which University?

Me: University of Massachusetts Lowell

VO: And who is funding you?

Me: I have three sponsors Father, Brother and Brother in Law (BIL)

VO: Do they love you so much that they will spend all their savings on you?

Me: Yes they will and also financially its manageable.

Vo: Where does your father works and what is his salary?

Me: He works at so and so.. and his salary is RS.xx lacs p.a (that i guess seem to be low for her looking at my I20 cost)

VO: Why you didnt opt for a cheaper University?

Me: This University is good for its course and I have Bro and BIL also sponsoring me.

VO: Dont they have children?

Me: My brother has but BIL doesnt have.

VO: Doesnt your brother have any financial planning for his children?

Me: No he doesnt have (in a very blunt way I said it)

VO: No, what do you mean by that(by now reallly pissed on me)?

Me: No means not exactly a no but right now they are too young to think about that. And also he is financially well off.

VO: So what is his salary (my bro if youll have forgotten)?

Me: His salary is Rs. XX Lacs.

VO: And how come in India does he have such a salary. What is he doing?

Me: He is Solicitor working for xx firm in Mumbai.

VO: Thats good..(and then came the Golden words) You can collect your passport from VFS today or it will be couriered to you.

Me: Thank you very much Maam. (and again)..Thank you very much.

And I will like to say this again to all edulixians THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Smile Smile

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27614>

Hi all,

Got my visa to State University of Newyork at Buffalo. Leaving on Aug 10.

My VI is as follows..

VO: Why Buffalo

Me: I am interested in Networking. Buffalo provides good program in this field. The researches currently going interested me. So I would like to pursue my master's degree in Buffalo.

VO: Degree Certificate please

Me: [gave]

VO: [Just saw my degree certificate, didnt even see my mark sheets]

Your visa is approved.

Me: Thankyou. Smile

Visa, my birthday gift Wink

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27588>

Hey, got my VISA on june 14 Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy

sorry for late post !! Sad

thanks to everyone for posting thier visa exper.

My interview was scheduled on 14:30 pm at Chennai consulate. I reached the counslate just 5 min back say 14.25, i thought my visa was at 14.45 but when i cheked it says 14.30 was little shocked Shocked Shocked Shocked Shocked Evil or Very Mad Evil or Very Mad ..but anyway i was in the que for the passport check .. then i made to stand in the other que it lead the way to another block, which is the visa block US block . i made to sit there for while ..then another que for the finger prints ..then agn i was little relaxed and suddenly a man came with a french beard,he is giving ssome tips, but he was not audible to me since i was sitting at the last, i think he is giving some tips how to speak and how to come the same old methods ..so dont worry abt tat !!

here is my scanning starts ..looking who are all giving thier visa very easily there is one fat guy in the counter 2, he is issuing the visa within no time ..so i planned to go to him..i dint do anyting ..got up and straight away i joined that counter without asking anyone ..thats it ..there were 4 of them before me ..all of them got thier visa !! so i was little relaxed !!!!! suddenly wen my turn comes he closed the shutter ..was little tensed ..there were some meeting went on inside ..i thought some other will come to this counter(esp that muslim lady) so little scared .. Evil or Very Mad Evil or Very Mad Evil or Very Mad but it was my luck day that muslim lady was not there then oh god that same fat guy ...and here is the interview ..

i think this interview doesnt help anyone ..ok ok anyway here is it

VO: give me ur PC and mark sheet

VO: Do u have any backlogs?

ME: Yes sir. 3

VO: How will ur parents are going to sustain?

ME: since my brother is working in satyam computers. so he will take care of my parents.
Idea Idea Idea

thats it then the golden words, ur visa is approved and it will be courierd in 4 days .. Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy i said thank you and ran away the counslate.. the interview takes only 10 seconds ..

my best advice is to be honest in all the matter.dont worry visa is urs.there is no one to stop urs.all the best. sorry for the long post

and some of my preparations

here is some of my preparations !!

1. Why US?

* acadamic world in US is more diverse in terms of people, idea,resourses and vast number of curriculum options.

* US has dynamic and flexible graduate study structure

*Thebest research oriented courses with good practical exposures is available in US

2.Why SJSU?

SJSU is one of the best university for CS department and its an exceptional place for hands on learning and personal growth. As my area of int. is Computer networks and this univ. offers me most number of electives in this field such as 1. information security ..name some Also i impressed by many research project were in progress and " Mobile and Wireless Network" which is an active research going on under the guidance of Dr.melody and that is exactly wat i want to spec. in.

3. Why not India?

Indian Univ dont have enough research facilities to support thier students in their studies. There are IIT, IIITS which do offer better courses but there are limited number of seats.

4. wat is ur plan after MS?

Networking market is currently booming in Inidia. Various international companies like Nortel Networks, Tejas networks, HCL CISCO, verizon and so on are investing huge amnts on research and dev. and further planning to launch advance wireless networking tech.

methods in India. So i would like to do my masters in this field and strengthen my knowledge and rasp the opportunities.

many of these companies are lacking in skilled manpower and expecting the graduate with an international degree.

5. Why MS?

teeming with a rising passion to delve in to world of computer networks. So i plan to pursue my further studies by completing the Master pgm in Computer Science with spec. in Computer networks and my eventual goal is to pursue a research oriented course i this field. Currently in global economy, many multinational companies are offering hi-tech jobs with international degrees. Such an international degree gives a better place and a better standard in today's competitive world.

Very Happy

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27576>

Hi

My visa was refused the last month. My second date is on the 18th (just a couple of days away). As a review this was how my interview went. I have a very important question at the end of this interview. I'll appreciate any help.

Me: Good Morning ma'am, how are you doing today ?

VO: (No response) Please pass on your degree certificate, mark sheets, GRE, TOEFL

Me: sure (pass them on)

VO: Do you have any backlogs

Me: I've written only one supplementery and that was because I was sick for an exam. So, I've never failed an exam.

VO: Who's going to sponsor you?

Me: My parents

VO:How will they sponsor you?

VO: IS this his only account?

Me: Yes

VO: (starts typing on the comp, then stamps my passport) I'm sorry according to the US Immigration laws, I cannot issue you a visa because I do not think that your parents can support both you and your brother. Maybe you should apply after your brother comes back.

Now, the most probable question will be "what changes have you made/ why do you think you were refused the visa", and this is what I want to say. Please let me know what you think :

" The last time I came , the officer probably wanted to see more liquid funds and also suggested that I liquify the F.D's. My father also decided to liquify the F.D's because its time to transfer the money for my education. Also, the officer asked about my brother and I now have a copy of his I-20. He has an assistantship and now begins his final semester with assistantship. He has a full tuition waiver and a stipend and therefore does not require my parents support anymore."

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27657>

My VI was on 10th July @ Mumbai.

Was a bit tensed abt da rain situation but i landed in dry.
A grp of 6-7 token nos were called & da last 1 was mine...i hurried up to da counter n saw dat da other 6 were kinda reluctant abt who goes in 1st.
I didn't care...just walked in..

I was @ Counter no: 3 & VI was an American Lady n this is how it went:

VI : Hello!
Me : Hello!
Me: Gud Morning (smiles)
VI : (Smiles) Good Morning!
I was relaxed by then cuz she seemed friendly.

VI : Y USC ?
Me: Comparing the coursework & Curriculum of diff univs i got admits frm...i find USC to

b most apt for da specialization I'm lookin for.

VI : Which Course r u goin 4 ?

Me: MS CS (Gen) but wanna do specialization in Networks

VI : Y not MS in India ?

Me : India offers M.E. & comparin da coursework i dont c much practical knowledge being imparted + MS has a higher value dan da M.E. degree.

+ sum more crap.

VI : How many colleges did u apply to ?

Me: 12

VI : TWELVEEEE!!!

Me : I like variations when i choose.

VI: How many admits did u get ?

Me: 4...UIC, ASU,NJIT & USC

VI : Who's gonna sponsor ur Education ?

Me: Dad,mom & Myself

VI: How much do u hav in ur Account ?

Me : XX lacs

VI : Parents ?

ME : Dad has XX lacs & Mom has XX in their savings account...

VI : (Puzzled) U hav more money dan ur parents ?

Me: Yea...their contribution frm Business towards my education.

VI : okay!

(lookin at my I-20) & suddenly looks up

VI : Do u hav a GF ?

Me : yea

VI :wat does she do ? Is she in USC ?

VI : wher does she live ?

VI : How many times do u meet ?

VI : How much time do u give her ?

VI : Does ur dad know ?

VI : Does her dad know ?

I answer all of these patiently

(she kept smiling)

Suddenly asks

VI : I dont think ur funds r enuf lookin at da expenses of USC

Me :(cautiously) Maam ! those were only Liquid funds i spoke of b4...I got shares, fds, policies...blah blah which amt to much more dan 2 yrs combined fee.

(*smiles*)

VI : Okay!. I won't tell ur dad abt ur GF...Ur Visa is issued ..u'll get it in 2 days.

Me: Thanx a lot!

i step back to exit but feel like lookin back at her

Me: Thanx again!

she smiles sweetly. i walk off thinkin of party plans.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27492>

Time and visa interviews wait for no one. And I am no exception. Had my visa interview on the 10th of July @ Chennai.

I was informed by the guys going to Chennai counsulate that they wud be given some advice/tips/warning by a french-bearded guy called Marc. While I was waiting in the visa lobby he started giving the same information again.

Neway, when I was entered the visa lobby there was jus one lady VO and a male VO taking care of student and business visas. The former took some longish interviews and even saw her reject a guy coz he had too many back logs. But this lady did not wear any scarf. The second VO was pretty cool liberal in issuing visas.

I was then asked join counter 7 for my visa. The queue for this counter was completely empty, jus one guy standing in the counter but none in the queue. It was then I realised that this is the queue of the infamous scarf lady. But jumping queues was out of the question as I was the first guy in it and it wud be all too obvious. What the heck... I shud be able to handle her. But I was a bit nervous, nevertheless

To be fair the scarf lady was very objective during my visa interview. She examined my case on the criteria for issuing visa

- 1) Is he a genuine student.
- 2) Does he have enough finances to fund himself.
- 3) Ties to home country

She did not go too deeply into the 3rd one though.

This is how it all went...

Me: Good morning ma'am.

VO: Smiles and wishes back

VO: What is the purpose of your trip?

Me: (Fumbled my start and said) F-1 student visa (oops... but corrected my mistake and said) To pursue my Master's at UPenn ma'm.

VO: Show me your GRE and derg. cert.

Me: Sure ma'am. Here are my GRE, TOEFL and Deg. cert. I have my individual mark sheets, if you need them.

[My acads, GRE and Toefl were pretty good, so she was convinced on the "Genuine student" part. But posed a trick question nevertheless]

VO: (returns my certs and asks) Is this first class or second class?

Me: Ma'am, its first class with distinction (tried to emphasize more on the word "distinction" only to mess it a lil)

[Now on to the second criteria]

VO: Show me your financial documents?

Me: Sure ma'am.

[Passed my CA statement, my bank statement with XX lacs, a bank certificate (not statement) of my mom and dad with YY lacs and a FD worth Z lacs.

I did not give the pass book of my parent a/c as the YY lacs was put only a few days before the VI and there were too many recent high value deposits & withdrawal that it will become a negative factor for my visa. In my bank a/c the XX lacs was deposited only 2 weeks back, before which it had anywhere between a few thousands to a few hundreds - my salary a/c. The FD was less than 3 months old

The VO took my bank statement and turned just one page back only to find just a few thousands in the a/c. I immediately interrupted and said]

Me: Ma'am, that's my account.

[She tossed it aside, she then looked at the bank certificate of my parents]

Me: That's a joint account of my mother and father.

[Read the bank certificate and glanced the FD cert. and returned it to me.

I think she wasn't totally convinced. So continued...]

VO: What is your Father

Me: My father, my mother and I are partners in a three star hotel.

[Now she was fully convinced and almost immediately after I finished my sentence, said...]

VO: You visa has been approved.

[My last statement also established my ties to India, I suppose]

Neway, though this post is a bit long the entire interview lasted almost no time. About a minute to a minute and a half at the max.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27631>

Heres my exp. All the best for those who are yet to get their visa.

I reached the embassy at 6.45am. Asked the security when ppl with 7.45am appt will be let in. He asked me to wait near the tree (nearby) and told me that he would call us at around 7.15am. As time passed, lot of ppl gathered and it looked like a crowd. The temperature started to increase. and by 7.30 we were asked to make a line. we were let in. At the prescreening area, an Indian asked 5 of us to make a seperate Q and told us to go into the lobby and told us that the prescreening will be done there. We entered the lobby to all counters except counter 2 closed. in counter 2 an indian guy was collecting our docs and asked us to wait. As we waited, ppl from the prescreening area started coming with their folders in hand. I was waiting anxiously for my folder. The finger printing started. Then came my folder and I stood in the finger printing Q. There was slightly fat american guy who was taking the prints. Then, a telgu lady (mostly a security officer) made us sit in order.

Then came the shock. One counter opened and there she was... the dreaded Scarf lady. Counter 9(not sure abt the number) opened. There was a shouting american lady in that. Scarf lady had a stern face and she was rejecting and issuing visa in a 50:50 ratio. The shouting lady was shouting at applicants and she was grilling everyone. So, I was cursing my fate. The telgu lady was sending applicants to these two counters and when I was the 3rd person to be sent, counter 5 opened. I was sent to this counter along with 5 other ppl. This was the same guy who took our finger prints.

I was the 2nd in the Q. The first guy was some1 who had put up a very artificial, made-up american accent. The VO spoke very coolly. Then came my turn.

(Time 8.25)

Me: (Smiling) Good morning officer

VO: Good morning

I pushed my folder below the window but the guy didnt take it. he was typing something.

Me: Heres my folder.

Then he takes it and gives me back my sevis reciept and appointment letter. Then he keeps typing something.

Me: (Smiling) How was your weekend?

VO: (Smiling) It was fine.

VO: Pls give me your markscards and degree cert

Me: Sure officer

I took my GRE&TOEFL score cards, deg cert and gave it to him. He glances thru them and then

VO: Give me ur markscards

I then realize he is asking for semester markscards. SO, I give him all 8 sem markscards. He keeps typing something. Then he counts the markscards (8 in number) and goes thru my passport. He sees the Schengen visa and pauses a little, goes thru it

/***EDITED: Forgot to add this***/

VO: Who is going to sponsor you?

Me: I've been working for the past two years. SO i've saved some amount. The rest of the amount is sponsored by my parents who are working in Bangalore.

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He didnt look at me when i was answering. Finally starts giving me back all the stuff.

VO: You can go home sir. Ur passport will reach u in a few days.

Me: Thankyou officer. Have a great week ahead.

VO: Thankyou.

(Time 8.27 i think).

Thats it. no docs asked. No CA statement, no bank statement, NO "Why maryland", no "which prof" etc

I came out happily thinking that I had a close shave with the scarf lady. I came out only to

be pampered by the autodrivers waiting outside the embassy and asking me to give Rs.200 to go to Mylapore from AnnaSalai (around 4-5 kms i think) bcoz i got my visa
Twisted Evil Twisted Evil

Thanks to edulix, all edulixians and my friends for helping me get my visa.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27624>

Scene 1

enter chennai cons at 10:45 ---> Appt at 11:00

Scene 2

Submit the req forms in the last of the 5 counters at 11:15

Scene 3

Walk into the main buiding... WOW!!! i found abt 12 visa counters.. and I scan one by one to find the infamous scraf lady...

12..11..10...9.. so far so good..8..7..6..5..4..3...2 Alas.. there she is.. short, (structure and temper).. Phew!! sat right before her waitin for folder and finger printing!!! Waited for an hour now!! Laughing Laughing Laughing The lady with the scraf disappeared

Scene 4

Recd my folder... go for finger printing.. Good.. job well done.. Enter Marc with his frech beard and starts to crap.. assumin he's relaxing ppl.. but non e of us had the patience to listen to him... settled down on the Q which led to male VI... really relaxed.. as men understand men (Razz)....

WTF!!! WTF!!! Leave me alone!!! Gimme my friend.. I scream with my mouth shut....

Scene 4.5 - Flash Back

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27548>

hi all

got my visa for cmu for mism

interview details

vo-hi

me-good morning

vo-so where are u wanting to go

me-cmu

vo-why cmu

me-great reputation of university,great course and high degree of flexibility in course which suits my needs

vo-who is sponsoring your education

me-parents

vo-what does yr father do

me=business

vo-what business

me-.....

vo-whats his company turnover

me-.....

vo-do u have realtives in us

me-no

vo--any frinds there

me- yes

vo-where

me--usc,cmu,in universities in and around new york

vo-whats the name of yr frind in cmu
me-

vo-how is he in studies
me--he is doing well

vo--alright ...yr visa would be sent across by tommorrow

the whole incident lasted jsut abt 45 secs

no documents were asked

regards
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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27603>

Transcript (13th July, 2006) :

I reached the Consulate at about 7:45 for my 8:15 interview and was waiting by the cars instead of in the queue expecting someone to call out all 8:15 appointment walas to come forward. To my shock I realized that the second queue of applicants being formed was infact for the 8:15 ka appointment so i joined in. Then came the routine Metal detectors..the useless wooden slab...the arranging of documents and the fingerprinting. By this time it was around 8:10 and went and sat down on the second set of seats right below the speaker. They started playing some useless video about how to travel in the plane and stuff with uncessant announcements in Gujarati....Patel Bhai apne parivar saathi counter number bharah par avi ja....Anyways....The second set of numbers to be called included mine and we headed to counter number 6 where i was second in queue. The female in front of me got her visa and i went in and heres how it went...

VO : Good Morning

ME : Hi, Good Morning

VO : How're you doing ?

ME : Im fine , Thank you.

VO : Ok so which course you headed for ?

ME : Im going to be doing a Masters of Science in Information Networking at Carnegie Mellon.

VO : And which year did you graduate in ?

ME : I just completed by bachealors this year and gave my exams in May 2006.

VO: So do you have any work experience ?

ME : Nope none whatsoever.

VO : Ok so which universities have you applied to ?

ME : I Applied to X ,Y ,Z ,..... & University of Washinton

VO : Ohhh...Why didnt you go there...you should have gone there. You know I stay just next to the University.

ME : I would have had they accepted me Smile

VO : (Shocked Look) You did'nt get in ?

ME : No...Infact i dont think anyone in my college nor my univeristy got accepted there

VO : Which course had you applied for (As if we were at a dinner party having a casual conversation)

ME : MS in ECE

VO : Ohh i see i see..My brother had done his MS from University of Washinton....In fact i dont think it was engineering..i think it was just known as a Masters in Computer Science.

ME : Yes, thats a really great degree as well.

VO : Yeah Yeah....(Then she's looking at My I-20 Looking for things to ask)...Ah you've got a \$20,000 scholarship..(Then she looks at total cost)...Oh My...These Carnegie People are trying to scam you guys...They make it appear as if they are giving you a scholarship and then charge you \$65,000...Its obscene (All in a jocular manner)....Some one should take them to court and sue them Smile

ME : Yeah Yeah

VO : Ok so how do you plan to pay for you education

ME : My dad will be sponsoring my education...Would you like to have a look at my assets statement ?

VO : (Waves her hand) I see I see....So what does you dad do ?

ME : He's a doctor

VO : What Kind ?

ME : An Orthoepadic surgeon.

VO : Mine too.

ME : Oh wow....quite a coincidence (Smiling)

VO : Ok so what is your dad's annual income ?

ME : XYZ \$

VO : He should come to the US.....He'd earn a lot more out there than doctors do in India (Smiles)

ME : Smile

VO : Ok so what do you plan to do after this is done ?

ME : Well i guess ill come back and work with a wireless communications company like

Bharti Televentures or Reliance before i have my own startup. So lets see how that works out.

VO : I see I see...Ok im issuing you your visa...it will be couriered to you within 2-3 days

ME : Thats great...Thanks a lot...Bye

VO : Bye Bye

90% Of the 4-5 minute conversation was with direct eye contact and in a very casual manner with hardly any computer work involved except for the very beginning and the very end. Be cool...Lean forwards and be open instead of standing erect at attention. If you appear cool..they will talk with you openly and itll all work out. In any case...with CMU written on your I-20...Getting rejected is difficult...Unless you ask the Vo for his/her telephone number
Razz

Cheers

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27558>

There were 3 rejects in front of me. I was really nervous when my turn came. But all is well that ends well and i got my visa in the end.

I have observed that the scarf lady always asks the same set of question to every student.

They are as follows:

1.Give your degree and marksheet?

2.If you have any backlogs she will ask you how many?

This is her first checkpost. If you have backlogs she wont issue you your visa.

If you dont have backlogs then you have cleared the first checkpost.

3.She will then ask for your financials?

Give original documents. If she is not satisfied you are straight away rejected.

IF you pass both these checkposts you get the visa from the b lady.

The minutes of my interview are as follows:

VO: Show me you degree certificate, marksheets,gre score

ME: Gave my degree certificate ,marksheets and gre score

VO:How are you going to finance your studies at Columbia?

ME: I have x amount in the savings account

VO:Show me bank transactions

ME:Gave the passbooks

VO:Congratualtions your visa has been approved

ME:Thank you

cheers!

Aniruddha

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27555>

I have admit for NJIT for MS in Electrical Engineering, which is a two years course.

I had planned to show my grandfather as my main sponsor (he has a good bank balance and also fixed assets like

property, jewellery) and my father as the second sponsor. My grandfather had 14.64 lacs in his account. This is about

Rs. 80000/- more than my first year fees.

My visa interview was on the 29th June at 11 am. At the consulate general I had to wait till 2 pm till my turn finally came.

The visa officer was a middle aged American. The Interview of the guy before me lasted for a good ten minutes. During

his interview, the Visa officer left the counter a few times. The long interview had left him a bit frustrated. I confidently

walked in

Me : Good afternoon Sir.

VO : Good afternoon

(Looks at my DS156 form and I-20 one by one)

VO : So, you are going to NJIT ?

Me : Yes, Sir.
(Thinks for a few seconds)

VO : What program is this ?

Me : Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

VO : Your first year expenses are \$29,130. How do you plan to pay for them ?

Me : My family is sponsoring me. My grandfather is my main sponsor and my parents are my sponsor too.

VO : This program seems to be quite expensive. Do you have any passbooks to show ?

Me : Showed him the two bank passbooks of grandfather having total balance of 14.64 lacs

VO : It seems to me that your first year fees will wipe out the entire bank balance ? How are you going to pay for the second year fees ?

Me : My grandfather and my parents are also sponsoring my education for the second year. We have semi-liquid assets. (At this point of time I tried to pull out the Summary Statement of all liquid and fixed assets)

VO : (He shot out the next question looking at my DS form) Why are you leaving a company like Siemens ?

Me : Because, I want to study the latest technology in the field of electrical engineering.

VO : But Siemens has the latest technology, isn't it ?

Me : Yes,Sir. But the division where I am working does not implement this latest technology. (should have had a better answer for this one)

VO : What is your salary ?

Me : My annual salary is Rs.2.2 lacs per annum

VO : Who are your family members ?

Me : Father, Mother and my brother

VO : What do they do ?

Me : Father is working in XYZ, mother is a housewife, brother is studying in Junior college.

VO : How many universities did you apply to ? Name them

Me : I applied to five universities and I got admit from NJIT. Others which I applied were SUNY-Buffalo, UFL, Iowa State, Univ of Illinois at Chicago.

VO : The expenses are quite high ? How are going to manage theM ? You will use up entire father's and grandfather's savings.

Me : I plan to stay Off campus. The expenses are lesser than staying On campus.

VO : But I think staying off campus in NJ will cost you more than On-campus ?

Me : (Confused..) Sir, from what I found out, the accomodation is available on sharing basis and much lesser than staying on campus.

VO : (Starts typing something on his computer) Ok.... It seems that you have a lack of socio-economic ties with your country. I am very sorry ... but I cannot grant you the Visa
(stamps my passport)

Me : Sir, I can show you how I can fund the expenses for first as well as second year sufficiently. (I wanted to show him the Summary Statement which showed the semi-liquid assets. Though they were not really enough to cover the entire second years expenses).

VO : I am sorry... I cannot change the decision now....If there is a considerable change in your current status, you may apply again

Me : What would be the weakness in my application

VO : I cannot specify a single thing....It is the financial status

Me : Thank you Sir.

I am planning to show my father as my main sponsor for my next Visa interview and Grandfather as co-sponsor. I will

show enough balance in my father's account. Also, I am planning to show the justification for the large entries in my

father's account like ... sale of land which my father owned.... or dissolution of FDs of father....

My next interview is on 2nd August.... I need to put some money in my father's account for a few days. I am collecting

from my relatives and some friends. Do you know any people who give money to us for a few days for a certain charge ?

How many should I show in FDs ?

How many in Bank balance ?

What are the ways of justifying or proving large entries in your bank accounts ?

Your opinion will definitely help me...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27374>

Hi guys n gals,

Sorry for posting this VI experience a lil late....

I had my VI on 6 July 2006 @ 9:15 AM at Mumbai Consulate. The whole exercise took around 3 hrs but the VI itself was less than 3 minutes. Here is the whole story.

Since it was raining heavily for the previous two days, I decided to leave home a little earlier. I had availed of the VFS lounge facility and reached there at around 7:45 AM. I had thought that I will be allowed into the lounge directly but it turns out that they allow you into the lounge as per your appointment timings. So had to stand in the queue just for getting into the lounge. Mad Evil or Very Mad I was allowed in at around 8:45 AM. Got a nice seat inside the lounge. Decided not to have anything before the VI. Watched the news of France beating Portugal (Hurray..), Leyton Hewitt being beaten at Wimbeldon (another hurray..). Had a look at my documents. Finally the bus arrived at around 9:30 AM and reached the consulate at arnd 9:454 AM.

Outside the consulate, there was another queue. After spending about half an hour standing in the queue I finally entered the consulate. Went through the security check and got the wooden stick. The security check is pretty strict. No electronic items allowed. A guy in front of me had his car keys(ones with the locking system) with him. He had to go back, get rid of them and stand in the line again. Another one had his handsfree in his pocket. He was asked to do the same. So take care not to bring anything additional.

Inside the consulate, I joined another queue. This time to pick up my DS forms and other materials(submitted to VFS five days before the VI). Got the pink token(No. 420 Wink) . Got my finger prints taken and waited for my turn.

Got a seat in the middle waiting area. The consulate was not that much crowded and pretty quiet. But the announcement system was horrible. So listen very carefully to them. Finally my number was called after about 20 minutes. It was at counter 3.

The counter 2 has a open structure i.e. no cabin. The VO there was a lady around 25 yrs of age. She looked Indian by origin. She was asking a lot of questions especially the financial part but she was giving Visa to everybody.

The VO at counter 3 was a sweet American lady. Very enthu. Greeting everybody with “Hi there. How are you?”. She was giving Visa to all of them. Hope she gives Visa to me also.....
Wink

Finally the moment of truth arrived. And here it how it goes.

VO : Hi there. How are you.

Me : Fine. Thank you. How abt you?

VO : #\$\$%\$\$%%##

Me : Sorry Mam, I did not get you.

VO : Could you pass me the pink token?

Me : Oh sure. Here you go.

(She started having a look at my I20 and DS forms. This took about a minute. I did not know what to do. Was just standing there. After this long silence)

VO : So why US?

Me : To pursue Masters in Information Security at Georgia Institute of Technology.

VO : Why this course?

Me : Always had interest in information security. Did one or two projects at the undergraduate level. (She cut me short here)

VO : Tell me something about this course

Me : Blah blah (I vaguely remember telling her about the course contents, about how the course is flexible etc.)

VO : So what are the recent security threats?

Me : blah blah (I think I blabbered about viruses, hacking etc.)

VO : So what are he security people doing about it?

Me : Duh.....(Blank ... Rolling Eyes) finally blah blah

VO : Who is going to sponsor you?

Me : My parents.

VO : What does your father do?

Me : Business. Dealer for the Tata's.

VO : What is his annual income?
Me : Told.

VO : What are your savings?
Me : XX lacs in Savings bank account, XX lacs in FD's.

VO : I am issuing you the VISA. Your passport will be couriered to you in two days.
Me : Thank you Mam.

VO : Have a nice day.
Me : Have a great day Mam.

That's it. No financial documents asked. No GRE or TOEFL scores. Nothing. I did not even open my folder.

I had major doubts about my Visa since this is an information security course and I have heard experience about ppl getting 221(g) even at the slight mention of security. But none of this happened. So guys just relax.

Thanks to all edulixians and all the best to people still waiting for the VI.

Take Care

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=28187>

My interviewer was Mr.Saad Bokhari... a cool possibly American-indian bloke... My apponitment was supposed to be for 14:00 hrs but turned out to be quite an experience....

Reached the embassy by around 13:30... After i got thro the security check, went to the pre-screening after waiting for 15 minutes... But then, I had stuck our (Indian Standards) normal passport size photo and I was given an hour's time to get it changed to a 50mm*50mm sized photograph with white background. Everyone seemed to know about that rule but me. So had to run all the way from the consultate to the Kodak Photo Studio at the end of the road in a hurry. Jus when i came outside the consulate building, there were anxious some parents outside asking me if I got my visa and it was really embarassing to answer to each one of them... Luckily though, the Kodak studio wasnt quite busy and got my photo done in fifteen minutes and then went back to the embassy in an auto jus to save time. Then went in by 2:30 and got my prescreening done. Now was the tough part. Had to wait for about an hour and a half. Then finally they called out for any 2:00 to 2:15 candidates to go to the finger scanning

section. A white American guy with a french beard look my finger prints and then I had to sit in a huge hall. There, we could observe all the interviews. There was also a television that was running NDTV.

the interview lasted all of only 15-20 seconds...

Me: Good Afternoon sir

VO: Hey!! How are u doing!!!

Me: I am fine. U seem to be quite busy(he was still busy with some papers of the previous person)

VO: Yeah man!! This is quite a job, u see!! Okay!! Which universities did ya apply to??

Me: Ohio State, Univ of Mi...(cut me short here)..

VO: Why do u want to do ur MS in Electrical here at Univsersity of Minnesota Twin Cities???

Me: Sir, I would like to concentrate on digital VLSI specifically on Fault Tolerant Systems for which Univ of Minn offers me most options in terms of number of electives... (all this bulls**t from my dept reasearch area)

VO: Okay!! Can i see ur Engg marks semesterwise and ur GRE n TOEFL scoresheets please!!

Me: Sure (and opened my harmonium folder and gave him the documents)...

He looked at only the provisonal degree and then at the ceiling.... Finally,

VO: Ur application for visa has been accepted. ur passport will be couriered to you withing 3 days. Best of luck for ur studies and your future.

ME: Thank you sir. Have a nice day.

VO:Sure. Bye.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=28134>

Hi people, my VI was at Mumbai consulate,2nd august,8.15 slot and I was out by 9.10 Here is how it goes:

(VO stubborn young blonde lady, pale face, expression less!)

VO: red token plz.

ME: good morning mam.

VO: ok,red token plz sir.
 ME: (smiling) here mam.
 VO: seems u hav defered ur admision.
 ME: Smile yes mam, by the time i gt my admit i had already begun wok and I was understanding the financial markets at tht time.
 VO: so wat u doing these dayz?
 ME: I left my job (kya bol raha hun..\$@#\$\$^%)
 VO: (starring at me..)
 ME: I just left my job on 30th june.. I was woking as capital markets executive for the past 1 year.
 VO: Ok, ur univ is giving u a GA of 4100\$ which is very less, didnt u ask fr any explanation?
 ME: (thanks fr caring so much sweetheart, Smile) No mam, i didnt.
 VO: which all countries u travelled to?
 ME: (said..)
 VO: How many times did u go for Haj.
 ME: 2 times, and tht was for Umrah and not Haj.
 VO: OK,u went wid ur family??
 ME: yes mam, entire family
 VO: how many siblings do u have?
 ME: 2 brothers.
 VO: can i see the proof that ur parents can fund ur education.
 ME: sure mam (passed financial statement)
 VO: can i see ur FDs
 ME: (passed them.. and she superarrogantly ignored them)
 VO: alite, ur visa is approved, u`ll get by courier..
 ME: (did u say nething) excuse me..
 VO: ABHE TEREKO VISA DE DIYA.. ABHI PHUT YAHASE.. Wink (she said in english.. Smile)
 ME: Thank you mam!

Bottomline.. Smile) .. smile! though this time around, there arnt many rejects but in any case wat matters is ur confidence level nd eye to eye contact.. al da best to future aspirants!

Remember, If its meant to happen,it will happen anyways!

I had posted some weirdest questions on ths forum w.r.t. Younger siblings, work exp. , etc etc.. Thanks to all who took the time to reply.. I guess the best advice was to speak the truth and then defend it.. cheers!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27889>

Hi guys

My VI was on 26th July and I started off from my hometown A'bad to Mumbai on 25th...in all the mish-mash and rush I missed my flight..(was thinking, Chintan way to go..)..fortunately got another flight after couple of hours..got mumbai and settled there....!

Got to the consulate...everything done n then comes fingerprint saga..

Me:Hi

Off:Hi

Off: Sir can you put ur right index finger on the screen?

Off: Sir now the left index finger..!

Off: Show me ur left index finger...u hav a got a rash on it!

Me: Yea mam.

She givs me the token n asks me to wait for the Int.

Meanwhile I noticed the sucess rate of Student Visa was around 85-90%...heaved a sigh of relief...after reading all kolkatta interviews..

Then my number got called out first but didnt go first n I let a grl (also for F1) go ahead of me..

This is how it went...

VO:Hiiiiii

Me:Hello..gudafternun..

VO: So when do u hav to leave for USA?

Me:Rolling Eyes (duh...after preparing for all the WHY US n crap..i was nt expecting this)blah..blah

VO: Why SUNY, Buffalo?

Me: blah...blah

VO:Who is sponsring u?

Me: My parents are the main sponsors n I hav my aunt n cousin as back up!

VO: (Smiles) Why wud ur aunt n cousin sponsor u?

Me: (Simle)blah blah...

VO:Show me ur finger... hav u got a rash on it?

Me: yea mam

VO: Does it get better...or it is like this..r u getting treated for it?

Me: Mam its a seasonal rash n will get better!!

VO:Sir you hav to cum back n giv ur fingerprints once ur finger gets healed...YOUR VISA IS NOT REFUSED..but kept pending...wen u cum u bring this 221(g) along...u dnt need to take another VA...just cum anyday between 9:30 to 2:00pm and giv ur fingerprints n submit ur passport..

Me:Ok mam...thnkx for ur time....

Couple of queries...

She gav me back my Passport n I20....so will these guys take my interview again...wen I go to giv fingerprints or only take my fingerprints and keep the I20 n Passport...?

Do i meet the VO again wen I go to the consulate..?

Plz guys help!!

Cheers
Chintan

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=28065>

hey all...

like the subject says - my visa's been rejected - weirdest of reasons... read on...

vo - some blonde dame... rejected one guy before me, approved 2 gals, all F1...

me - good afternoon maam

vo - mmmhmmm... gimme ur folder

*-handed it over

vo-why usc?

me-blah blah...

vo-show me ur degree cert n marklists

*-handed them over

vo-how many backlogs?

me-7

vo-why so many?

me-blah blah

vo-ok, show me ur gre/toefl scorecards

*-handed them over - note: i had laminated them a month ago cos they were beginning to tear at the folds (gre-1410, toefl-293)

*-so the vo sees the laminated scorecards, holds them up to the light, scratches them a bit, looks at them from different angles n then says "hang on" and goes to the back office... i'm like "wtf" and wait there..

after around 4-5 mins the vo comes back n says

vo-sir after seeing ur undergraduate performance i dont think u'll succeed in a school like usc, i hope u have a good future in india

me-ma'am if u check out the gre/toefl scores u can see i've done exceedingly well

vo-that's a problem here - i can't seem to find the usual security features in the scorecards, they seem fraudulent

me-izzit cos of the lamination?

vo-it's not the lamination - even a lamination cannot fade out the embedded security features.

me-well u can remove the lamination and see for urself

vo-well i cld do tht but i wldnt want to report you for handing in fraudulent scorecards...

me-*was goin to tell her to check it nonetheless and i'll face the consequences if they were fake when she cuts in and says :

vo-sir, i dont have time to argue with u all day, thank you for applying and all the best...

sooo ppl... was laminating the darned things such a big problem? wot should be my plan of action now???

a) if i need to request for duplicate scorecards, tht's gonna take around 2-3 wks...

b) usc's last date for reporting is aug14th, there's no way in hell the dups are gonna reach here by then

c)i've got another i20 from RIT - i cld join roit and then transfer but then tht's a major hassle...

worst case scenario - defer the admission to srping...

ppl please chip in with ur ideas and try n find out where i went wrong or what i did wrong and moreover how to overcome this the next time..!

thnx,
-arjraj

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=28026>

Since many of them ve given info abt initial steps n stuff i ll skip right to the actual interview..

went to consulate at 10 45..had appointment at 11 30..had my interview at 2:30 from a blonde lady..

Met 2 guys frm bangalore n a girl from hyderabad..all students..we were just chillin n chattin away while the others were sitting quietly Very Happy ..

The 3 of them got visa before me from different VO's n i was up next wit the blonde lady..no scarf lady present Wink

This is how VI went

ME:(a broad smile) good afternoon ma'am

VO: (Smiling) good afteroon,pls pass me your folder

Me: gave

VO: Which university?

Me: State uni of NY at buffalo Maam

VO: Pass me your degree certificate

Me:gave

VO: Which course?

Me: told

VO: why this particular course?

Me: Gave a lengthy ans..don remember wat i told her exactly,just told her watever came to my mind fully knowin she wont understand a word i am sayin Wink

VO: How will u fund your education?

Me: told the savings bank balance n abt FDs n stuff,she dint ask me to show any financial docs.

VO: All your docs look fine and your visa has been approved.

Me: THANK YOU MA'AM

thats it n i walk out to meet the other 3 n exchange the happy news tat all 4 of us got visa..

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=28018>

I thank everyone @ edulix as I started my quest to go to uncle sam right from here and end right here. the feedback that I got from all of you helped me a lot.

I had my visa on 31st july @ chennai consulate @ 9.00am.

Here is my interview

VO:- Hello sir. how do u do?

Me:- (simultaneously) Hello ma'am. How do u do?

Then we smiled.

Me:- I am fine, ma'am

VO:- Which university, sir?

ME:- The Ohio state university.

VO:- Columbus?

Me:- Yeah.

Vo:- So you mean that you are not going to Ohio university(some other campus) where I studied. Rather, you are going to a different campus.

Me:- My research area has excellent scope at OSU, columbus campus.

VO:- Whats your research area?

Me:- Analog VLSI. Design of ADC and DAC, infomation processing ICs

VO:- Can I see your degree certificate, Marksheets and test reports?

Me:- (I gave her all and deliberately added) DO you want my consolidated marksheet as it will have my percentage ?

VO:- Whats your percentage?

Me:- 86%

VO:- You mean 86%?

ME:- yes ma'am

VO:- WOWWWWWWWWWWWw! You must be a rank holder!(she didnt see any document and gave everything back)

Me:- Am the topper in my branch at college and the recipient of best outgoing student from my department.

VO:- Great! So you got funding? (checked my I20)

Me:- No ma'am! As the university grants fellowship only if one has 88 on the scale of 100.

VO:- (frowned) Oh! thats sad! So you expect funding next year?

ME:- If I get it will be great. But I have enough resources to take care of myself for two years!

Vo:- I am granting you visa sir. You will get your passport after 3 days. Work hard to get funding.

ME:- Thank you ma'am! You made my day!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=28037>

Folks,

Am headed to UCSB for MS/PhD.

The most painful thing was the wait...

I had a 1.30 pm appointment, but the interview was at 4.50 pm.

Could not see the scarf lady around... I was put in the queue of a guy with french beard (counter no 2 i think). I had a severe headache... and to top it, the guy before me was rejected an F1 (had a lot of backlogs i think).

Two guys were caught for fake finances and improper funding sources - they were publicly bashed by an American LadyVO Sad...

All these going on around, the french beard guy called me...

VO: Give me your degree certificates and mark sheets (NO Pleasantries)
(The previous guy had not even gathered his documents from the counter!...)

ME: Passed him the folder (tried to remove the passport - he wanted the folder in full - gave him that).

I then took out my marksheets and degree certificate and kept them in the counter.

VO: (Saw my passport with a B1/B2) You already have a B1/B2

ME: Yes Sir. I work for XXX (A reputed company Smile)

VO: Oh Really!...

Then, only the VO spoke Smile

VO: You have an assistantship! Al right!... Al right!...

VO: You are going for a PhD, you got assistantship... (To himself: This is right,... that is right...) Hmm... Sir, you will get your passsport in two days!

ME: Thank you Sir!

Well, i spoke about 5 words! Smile It was over in 20 seconds - after good preparation... Smile

I happily walked out to the phone booth and collected the visa the next day from VFS counter...

My takeaway: If we have funding, they generally are not bothered about finances - they ask about area of which - which they did not ask me - i got lucky... Smile

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27924>

I got admission from LA Tech Univ with 100% Aid.

My VI is on July 26th at 11.45.I reached the consulate by 10.It was a rainy day so we were allowed in soon.They made me to wait till 11.15 before the prescreening.After finishing my prescreening another 30 mins waiting Embarrassed ,Then at 11.45 we entered the other building(Visa Lobby).Immediately they took finger print scanning.Then again waiting for 2 hours Evil or Very Mad Evil or Very MadFinallyy at 2'O clock they started calling 11.45 appointments 2 members at a time.I saw a counter just opened.TO MY SHOCK I SAW THE SCARF LADY.Am so scared and almost lost all my confidence.Cos next is my chance to go to that counter.Luckily she closed the counter and went some where.And am alloted to a Fairy Wink angel.I was observing that she was giving 90% visas when compared to others.

Before am interviewed she gave two H1 B's granted
Here comes mine....

ME : Hello officer...

VO : No response...(checking something in the system)

VO : Folder Please

ME:(Gave Folder with smile)

VO: Why US?

ME: Want to perceive my MS in Computer sciences...

VO: Why MS?

ME: I have done my BE in Information technology.It dint deal with complete knowledge about Computer science subjects.....blah blah (i don remember exactly)

VO:GRE TOEFL Score?

ME:(I dint hear it properly)

i asked her "pardon?"

VO:GRE TOEFL score reports

ME:Gave her

"She dint even see them....."

VO:Whats Your Dad?

Me:he is Business man

VO:What business?

Me:He owns a construction company....

VO:Mam Your Visa is approved....You will get your passport by courier....

With Lots of smiles on my face i said Thank you.....

That's it...was so happy....she dint even ask about any other documents....
but i observed there in many counters people are sued like anything about
documentation...especially financila Transaction documents should not be fake and they are
must.I observed a girl been rejected cos of her transcations staments are not genuine.
One girl was interviewed for 45 mins....only cos of documents...
so please be confident about documentation before u go for VI....

ALL THE BEST for the coming people

Thanks a lot for Edulixians for helping me a lot with their precious replies....
thanks a lot....
Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27994>

Hello everybody,

Firstly,I would like to thank all the edulix members for being of great help throughout the
visa process.

I had been rejected twice,the last time in July-03 under "Business Visa" category & before
that in "Sept-02" under "Visitors" category.

This is astonishing considering I had visited US in May'01!!!

I was interviewed today - July 31 under "F-1" category & got through.

My Interview details :

VO:How are you?

Me:Fine,Thank You.

VO:Why Univ of Cincinnati?

Me:Blah Blah

VO:From where you did your graduation?

Me:Mumbai Univ

I guess he intended to ask me about my M.Com & not B.Com.

VO:Where you did your PG?

Me:Mumbai Univ

VO:Whats your degree?

Me:M.Com...Master of Commerce

VO:Why you want to do MBA,if you have already done your M.Com?

Now this was really a stunner..I had not expected & I seriously don't remember what I said...I told him something like M.Com can't be compared with MBA & MBA is more practical in its approach & provides better career opportunities.

VO:What your father's ann.income?

Me: ---Lacs PA

VO:How do you think you will fund your education with so less income?

Me:My father is a practicing cardiologist & has been practicing since last 30 years.We have sold property recently & there is good invt in Shares.

VO:Bit loudly,again repeating the same question as above

Me:We have got ---dollars in Savings & FDs & another---dollars in other liquid assets like bonds,MFs,Shares,PO schemes

VO:Show me proof

Me:I showed him all the savings PBooks,FDs,PO savings,Shares Demat statt...

VO:have you been to any country outside India?

Me:Yeas,US

VO:Show your previous Passport

Me:Sure

VO:Why you went?

Me:Holiday

In between he also asked me for my M.Com Cert...I guess he was'nt sure I am M.Com.

Then he started typing...& just said I am issuing you visa.

I said "Thank you,sir".

Thats it....one hour & 2 cigarettes later...I started for home.

Thank you.

Siddhartha

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27528>

Heres my visa experience... though long...its a must read..its a unique case i'm sure !

Mumbai Consulate...

12th july, 2006 , 8.15am

This is almost as it happened...might have skipped a few questions that i dont remember.
Called in at 8.50 am

ME : Good morning ma'am

VO : yeah, good morning

VO : Wats ur last name

Me : FNU (as in the I-20 and ds forms)

VO : Wat is that ?

ME : It means Family name Unknown

VO : So, ur name is just

ME : yeah

VO: (raising one eyebrow)...okay

VO : so, why are you going to the US ?

ME : blah..blah.

VO : What are u planning to study there ?

ME : blah...blah..

VO : which university ?

ME : Univ of Texas at dallas

VO : ok, why UT Dallas

ME : blah..blah.

Vo : OK...

VO : Have u ever been to US ?

ME : No

Vo : To any other country ?

ME : yeah, to the U.A.E

Vo : Why ?

Me Sad("To smuggle oil & gold") To Visit my uncle & aunt

VO : oh, where are they now

ME : They've moved back to India

VO : Wat do they do ?

ME : Blah...blah

Vo : Hmmm..okay

VO : Who is funding your education ?

ME : My family Ma'am,

VO : What does ur dad do ?

ME : (Told her)

VO : Who else is there in ur family ?

ME : Mother & sister

VO : What does ur mother do ?

ME : blah ..blah

VO : How old is ur sister ?

ME : (Told her)

VO : Wat does she do ?

ME : (Told her)

Vo : Is she going to pay for ur education ?

ME : yes

VO : ok

VO : How are u planning ur expenses for college ?

ME : My family has investements & bank deposits of \$ and Investments in property of....
(Actually I had less investments and bank deposits than the whole two years fees which was 41000 \$)

VO : (cutting me in between) All in ur familys name ?!!

ME : yes.

VO : Ur fees is 41000 but u have \$, how r u gonna pay ?

ME : I also have an educational loan

VO : Oh , u do ?..can I see it

Me: sure. (Gave it to her)

She inspects it a lot ...

VO : Sir, this letter is not in ur name !

ME : (" WTF ") Here it is Ma'am... theyve just put my first name followed by son of Mr...

Vo : okay...wait

she then checked the letter ..checked my dads name on the letter and the passport and my name also...after some 1 min of checking

VO : Okay...here..take it back

At this time ...look like shes satisfied with everything .. this questioning took atleast 10 -12 mins

I am thinking okay its all done..shes gonna give me the visa now...

Then shes typing something in her computer....constantly checking something in my passport...dont know what and dint want to ask her either.

This goes on for another 5 mins..i'm getting worried now...she went inside also leaving the counter for some time.

Then again she does something on the computer... then...a shocker !

VO : Okay, heres wat we are going to do

ME : ("Wat...dont tell me...wat have I done to deserve this")...okay

VO : Im going to put ur Visa as pending...

Me : ("WTF") Okay

She takes out form 221(g) and checks the fingerprint thing and gives it over to me and explains

VO : Okay.. u have to take fingerprints of all ur ten fingers ...get a DD of 85\$ made and u can come to the consulate at any working day at 2.00p ..then

after u submit ur fingerprints we'll review ur case and call you on any working day at 10.00am.

ME : (Shocked)... Okay...can I get the fingerprints done today itself ?

VO : yeah

I just didnt know what to ask..I didnt even ask her whether my visa has been issued or no

atleast...i was so shocked.

ME : Okay , thank you ma'am...have a nice day (tho she delayed my case...she was super hot and i had to say it).

VO : U too

OKay so after a lot of running around..I get a draft made ..came at 1.30p to get the fingerprints done... some other dudes had also been called to get their fingerprints done... we discussed abt the possible reasons... it seems that we all had stamps of gulf countries in our passports..i dont know...maybe tat was a possible reason... meanwhile before coming to get the fingerprinting done... i had gathered information that these fingerprints would be sent to FBI and checked against 'THE LIST'...i thought..WTF..what if my name actually remotely matches with any of these people...and it takes almost 2- 4 weeks to process it.

OK ..so i went in ..ready with my draft and my passport and evrything...they took the passport..the 221(g) form.. etc...

Then they had us fingerprinting 'possible terrorists' wait another 15 mins...

Then they called me in...'Fingerprinting Counter no. 14'.... first terrorist to go in...

There was this Indian guy... Lets call him Fingerprinting Officer (FO)

FO : Mr. Karthik, I'm Returning this draft of yours, we dont need to get the fingerpting done.

ME : (" WTF ") Okay, so wat now ?

He cancelled the fingerprinting requirement from the 221(g) form...so basically nothing was left on the form ...to require further documentation or processing ..so why my visa is still pending...i didnt get it.

FO : U take all this, come tommorow morning at 9.30 for a re-interview.

ME : ("Why is this happening to me.. wat have i done ")..okay, do i have to stand in the queue again ?

FO : No no... u`ll come straight in ...and go to the interview.

ME : (wat can i do)..okay, i'll be there

FO : Okay, have a nice day.

Me : ("Yeah Watever") ..U too, Sir.

I went home thinking wat did i do ...wat was so diffrent in my case that i had to waste my time and money (making and cancelling the draft, travelling extra by taxi...no trains for me after the blasts..at least not the next day).

13th july, 9.00am

Next morning I reach there thinking I wont have to stand in a queue or something...my case was special...but i was so wrong... there were so many pending cases called in that morning...i stood in the queue neways...didnt matter a lot... then after we went in... i thought at least here there might be some different counter for pending cases...but no ...we were mixed with tat days public...

I waited for 3 hrs (yes...3hrs...when i was told i would not have to wait in a queue for a pending case...I made it quicker in the general case).

Finally my pink token No. 100 was called out...guess wat... the same super-hot chick..

ME : Hello again ,Ma'am

VO ; Hi, how are you today ?

Me : I'm Fine , how are U?

VO : Great....Okay...so where were we last time ?

ME : Ma'am, u had told me to get the fingerprinting done..but..

VO : Yeah..Yeah..We came to a conclusion that you wont be requiring it.

ME : Okay, great !

VO : So, I am issuing your visa now.

ME : ("Thank u god....Finally...I love you super hot chick")...Thank you Ma'am

VO : Okay , so have a Nice day !

ME : (Couldnt stop smiling)... u too Ma'am !...and Thank you again !

So , I guess... though a lot tougher than other F1s i'd heard of, though i had so much tension, frustration, tiredness... I had fun and got my visa at the end somehow...

and I had the longest time to look at the Super Hot chick Wink

Cheers,

Karthik

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27827>

guys got my visa finally..!! thanks 2 everyone...!!
 after being rejected by tat notorious lady on 28th June..! Phew!! had my appointment at 7 45
 am today, went there at 7 itself. the security guards themselves werent there! was really
 tensed, so went n had a sutta! Razz

after takin my fingerprints, i was asked 2 go 2 a counter manned by a pleasant middle aged
 American guy.

ME- good morning sir!
 VO-Hello!

VO- can i see ur marksheets please.
 ME-(searching for them, forgot where i kept them!! Embarassed then finally gave it 2 him)

VO- u were already here?
 ME-(tensed) yes sir.

VO- how many backlogs?
 ME- took 5 attempts in total to clear 3 papers sir. this was the problem last time.(shouldnt
 have said it, wasnt necessary at all!)

VO- ur mother is sponsoring u? (keeps both his hands on d counter n leans in front,his nose
 is almost touching the glass n he's looking directly into my eyes..!)
 ME-(tensed) yes sir... dad was a business man n he passed away 6 yrs back.. mom takin care
 of finances aft tat.. she has Xlakhs in SB n FDs; Xlakhs in shares n mutual funds.

ME- would u like 2 see the CA statement..?
 VO- no.. i dont want 2 see any documents..

VO- wat does she do?
 ME-manages the assests and takes care of family investment portfolio?

VO- wat was ur dad's business..?
 ME- brass fabrication n making of grills.

VO- wat do u mean by tat?

ME- v have a lot of properties, she takes care of em n takes care of the investments in shares n mutual funds.

VO-(starts typing something..)

ME-(tensed) sir, she has annual income of 10lakhs.

VO-how? oh.. u mean investment returns?

ME- yes sir n rental income also.

VO- wat does ur bro do?

ME- he's in tenth grade sir.

VO- thank u.. @\$@%courier@\$@%@%..!(keeps my passport aside)

ME-Thank you sir! u made my day!

walked out shaking... n then headed 2 the nearest shop for a sutta! Razz

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27899>

hi this is my profile

gre 990 toefl 230 acads 59.76 & some good paper works and min proj

applied :nyit,bridgeport admits:both

my interview took placeyesterday at chennai n here it goes

the vo was giving visa so i thought i would get it(spiderman hero)

vo: hi give me the folder

me: i gave the folder

vo:wat are the univ u applied

me:told

vo:why did u appled only for 2 univ

me:sir am confident of getting the admits 4rm those 2 univ and am interested in their course cirriclum

vo:show me ur gre and acads

me:showed

vo:sorry i cant issue the visa
me: !#\$%^*()_++)*^

and along wit the passport he gave me a form in that he ticked
"he was not convinced that i would return to india"

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27848>

Hello guys,
This is Indrapramit, i had applied twice and got rejected twice at
kolkata consulate. I have lost all hope for going this Fall. These
guys just don't wanna give visas to kolkata guys. They are even
rejecting IIT and ISI guys!!! On the first try, i showed a foreign
sponsor and got rejected, second time i showed a bank loan and
family funds and they rejected me again. I really donno what to do!!

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Hello everyone,

This is how my VI went across:

Appointment Time: 10:30 am
Place: US Consulate, Mumbai

10.30-11:30 : Waiting in a queue outside the consulate.

11.30-2.30 : Waiting in the waiting area inside the consulate.

2.30-2.34: Interview with the VO at window 4.

Me: Hello, How r u?

VO: Hello.

VO: Why have you chosen Indana Univ over the others you've applied to?

Me: Since a friend's bro studies out there and has good things to say abt

the university.

VO: Where all did you apply?

ME: CMU, TAMU, Univ of Cinn, Indiana.

VO: Where were you born?

Me: Bahrain.

VO: Are your parents arabs?

me: No.

VO: When did you come back to India?

ME: XX.

Then the VO frantically types something in his computer, and ultimately says, 'Your visa is granted.' But your name seems to be a "common" name and hence it has to undergo name verification. Your appln will be sent to Washington, D.C. You will get a call from us in a month's time.

He returned me back my passport and I-20.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=28137>

Hi guys,

Got a visa reject on July 26 @ 0925 am after interview scheduled at 0745.

To cut the getting into the consulate part short, lemme go to the losing battle.

I was to go to the "Black robe dorned Scarf Lady"; she was taking 30 min on an average as she was interviewing the immigrants also I think.. I mean I saw toddlers also standing in the Q and yelling! This was on counter 2.

Since there was a lot of delay (it was 0910 already), one smart looking Tamil Lady advised me to got to Counter 7 - my Witch with a red T-shirt, plump and I think blonde hair that too

on the darker side. I could not read her name, as I could only read her I.D which said US Dept of State..her foto and name hung below the ledge of the counter.

This counter was next to a cute lady, very polite and suave; she got me fingerprinted!

I sat on the seat as it was again a Q!

3 ppl went before me; all got rejected. So I was expecting a tuff battle any way.

One girl (I think she was from Bangalore) was of a Commerce bkgrnd; she wanted to do a CS course; Witch rejected her saying u r not Fit to do this course.

The next tall guy looked smart! But he too was rejected as she said there is some credit point shortage in ur present credentials; also u could not survive the course load in USA.

Now was my turn! I was praying to all the Hindu Gods... I stood up boldly waiting for my turn. She did not even call me to come to her.. then I summoned up courage and went ahead.

Me: Good Morning Madam! How are u doing today?

VO:Good Morning with a good smile. Can I have your passport folder plz?

Me: Sure Mam.. out to her in a sec.

VO:Y r u going to the US?

Me: Pursue my Masters in Mech Engg!

VO: Which University?

Me: Univ of Illinois, Chicago

VO: Which area of specialization?

Me: Control Systems.

VO: Why in this area?

Me: Told abt facilities in my college, and my interest in subject. I told her that a GE guy was my prof.. so he inspired all of us, and hence my interest!

VO: Y UIC?

Me:

a) Federal recognition for nnovative teaching methods.

b) 2 profs whose work I like...One guy is a Thermal Stalwart! Grr.. Interruption!

c) State of the art Acoustics Lab

d) Industry funded projects in Controls.

VO: Thermal? Y?

Me: I told what Control Engg means...Interdisciplinary..System Engg involves tackling real world phenemena.. so all these are interrelated...

VO: Okk.. show me ur Degree Certificate! and Mark sheets!

Me: Yes Mam!.. out in a jiffy...

VO: GRE and TOEFL?

Me: Sure Mam! One white GRE and green TOEFL sheet!

VO: Hey.. wait a sec! When did u graduate?

Me: 2003 Mam!

VO: After that, wht did u do?

Me: I was in Infosys for 1 year 1 month till 2004.

VO: Then?

Me: I was prep for some exams, and taking under graduate tuitions fo rmy juniors till date!
(I did not mention that i was in ISRO as a Scientist/Engineer in the DS Forms!)

VO: Show me ur training certificates please!

Me: I reassured her that I did not attend any training, but conducted some tuitions!

VO: Oh u mean tutoring!?

Me: I said Yes Mam!

VO: How do u think this will help u in the Graduate Studies in the USA?

Me: My concepts will get reinforced, and fundamentals will be tested during my lectures.

VO: I am sorry, I am denying u the Visa!

Me: Mam, I have 100% aid from this XX Univ, yet.....

VO:This is not a question abt Aid, when u cannot undertake the Graduate Studies in the US
after a gap of 3 years, where is Aid coming into picture?

I am confident u cannot study any further!

Me: Silent...

VO: I am denying u the Visa as u r UNFIT to pursue the Graduate studies in the United
States.

Me: staring at her in horror!

She returns the passport and motions for the next after returning all the originals back.

I am shocked... i totter back to the door and come weeping out into my Dad's arms...I told
him.. Its all over, Pop!

Any suggestions?

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=27890>

Hey guys,

I got the VISA bug too Very Happy

well we all know what happens before the interview so i am gonna cut in straight to the
interview:

Counter No 3: A sweet Blonde Lady

VI: Good Morning, How are you today?

me: I am fine ma'am how about you ?

VI: well i am fine too, why do you want your VISA?
me:I want to do my MS in CS from U Mass, Lowell.

VI:Why did you choose this univ?
me:I want to specialize in HCI and web development. And i can specilize on both these fields only in this univ.

VI:What is HCI?
me:its all about understanding, implementing and designing interfaces between human and computers. so that humans have a better experience using machines or computers.

VI:That sounds interesting. Can you ginve me an example where you have implneted this ?
me:(didnt expect this and was a bit zapped..but i bluffed..) yes ma'am , i used to work for a company where we design websites. It was a website for buying computers and so i designed an application where by people can come and check get easy option to choose their computer. (i stuttered quite a bit and in bad english. I was not even sure if the answer i gave was an example of HCI but she wasnt really listening, just going through some papers)

VI:Okie, so how are you gonna finance your studies?
me:My father will be sponsoring me. I have __ Lkhs in my bank account and __ Lkhs in Fixed Deposits (more % of money in FD). So that will cover my first year expenses (now she is looking at me intensely). And i plan to take loan for my second year. My dad has a annual salary of _____. SO i can repay the loan easily.

VI:SO how much loan are you goint to take?
me:(oh never thought of this...) Well ma'am i cant really say tht now . only after going there will i be able to tell.

VI:Okie you mean you will try for assistantship and then decide how much you need..
me:Yes ma'am thats right.

VI:Okie, you can colect your visa.....
me: Laughing Laughing Laughing

No other student was asked for any documents.

A Big thank you to all Edulixians. Your help has been invaluable. I pormise to continue helping Edulix from UML and try my best to provide as much info as possible

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=28230>

My visa interview took place today. My visa was rejected on the 14th of July by the scarf lady due to poor academic track record (5 back logs). Well i wanted to give it another try. So i went today without any expectations. I was totally cool. I was thinking that my visa will be rejected for sure since i was rejected the first time. So i went into the hall and was sitting observing the interviews taking place. At first the scarf lady was not present she was in another counter taking care of some other visa. In counter 5 there was this redhead lady. She seemed quite cool but was taking very long time for each person nearly 15 min asking many questions. But she was issuing visas for everyone she interviewed and rejected only very few. Then counter 4 opened and another sweet looking (chinese or mexican i dont know for sure) came. She was very sweet to everyone smiling all the time and asking questions about the univ the course etc. She too was issuing visa for almost everyone. My turn came and i was asked to go to counter 5. Then one of the coordinators came and shifted me to counter 7 where an asian guy (indian or maybe from middle east). This is where my interview finally took place. He rejected 3 fls. Then he called me. I went there and standing next to him was another very handsome looking guy maybe some higher officer or something. He was meticulously checking all the passports marksheets gre scoresheets.

Me: Good morning sir.

Vo: Hello how are you.

ME: Im fine thank you for asking sir.

Vo: Can i have your degree certificate?

Me: Yes sir.

Vo: Can i see your individual marksheets?

Me: Yes sir.

Vo: What were you doing for the past one year?

Me: I was doing some courses like autocadd, ansys, pro e, Catia, Msc Nastran. I also did a course in C, C++ and linux for basic computing knowledge.

Vo: Ok sir your visa has been approved it will reach you in 3 days by courier.

Me:Thanks a lot sir have a nice day.

So people who got rejected the first time please give it another try becoz getting a visa depends upon the mood of the VO.So please dont loose hope.All the best.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26947>

hey ppl...i got my visa todae...

Consulate: Mumbai

Time: 8:30

Counter No:7

Vo: Male

u all kno by now the procedure of finger scanin n stuff...so movin on frm thr...

My token no was called...though he called my no third but since i was near to tht counter... i went in first...den the interview...

VO:give me ur pink token

Me: (gave token) Goodmornin sir...

No replies frm VO

VO: So why US?

ME: Ms in CS

VO: But Y ?

Me: higher studies will help me grow in industry when i came back

VO: Why ASU?

ME: Coz it has good range of subjects and some v good research currently going on thr...(Dis was Yo shit frm me)

VO:Wat research?

ME: Comp Networks

VO: Wich othr admits?

ME: 7, Udel, UIC, NEU(stops me)

VO: who will sponsor u?

ME: Family

VO: wat does ur father do?

ME: has business of industrial machines

VO: Passport will be sent in 2 days

ME: Thank You

I dint kno wat i was sayin when i was in...i mean i wasnt thinkin much tht time...i wasnt too nervous or confident...i was lucky coz no docs were asked or no issues were raised regardin 3 yrs mentioned on I 20...Though i had taken loan sanction letter as back up...

PS: The moment i entered counter no 7...VO gave me my I 20 before askin nythin....I guess he had made up his mind of givin visa...N i guess they all r there to give visa...Infact i feel our good answers do not fetch us visa...but our bad/wrong answers can result in visa rejection....so dont speak unnecessary crap up thr....just normal answers to normal questions...

GOODLUCK to those who still wait for V I S A...

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=30878>

Hi all,

I would like to thank edulix for the amazing amount of info and support they provide to all of us.Cant imagine how I would have gotten through the visa procedure without going through all the details posted in the forums.

Here is my visa interview (Chennai Consulate)

Me:Hello Sir.How are you doing.

VO:Hello , I am doing good.

(Has a look at the sevis receipt and passes it back , then he looks at the I-20)

VO:Wow ! Duke University . Good for you.

Me:Thank you sir

VO:Can I have a look at your GRE and TOEFL score cards.

Me:Sure sir and i pass it on to him.

VO:Looks at it and asks who is going to sponsor your education ?

Me:Bank loan and my parents.

VO:Great , your passport will be delivered through courier.

Me:Thanks sir , thank you so much.

So after all the tension , the interview lasted for about 20 seconds.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26930>

Hi

Today i got the official stamp(visa) to enter legally US. Laughing So posting my experience for the future delhi consulate visa aspirants:-

Today only 4 counters were there (Counters no 10-13) and also no Mongolian lady Smile Counterno 10-11-13 American Gentelmanns (10-11 issuing visa easily 13 was for hindi/panjabi speaking people) and counter 12 another lady(my visa issued here)

So going direct to the exp:-

Plus points:- UK TRIP and SCHOLARSHIP of 40% from the syracuse university

Negative points:- 2005 pass out without any courses done to show

VO: You going for syracuse university.

Me: Yes Man (with a smile)

VO:Why Syracuse.

Me: Courses work faculty research in area of interest.

VO: what field of interest.

Me: Wireless Communication.(Actually its VLSI but dint want to say that as not much Indian industries in this sector)

VO: Have you travelled Abroad.

Me: yes

VO: where (Meanwhile aslo looking at the fees column and Scholarship Column)

Me: UK in march 2006

VO: For what

Me: For vacations.

Thats all and she said your visa is granted and you will get the passport in 2 days.

NO DOCUMENS ASKED Not even the SEVIS fee paid Shocked print out

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26047>

Keep things short and sweet:

Lasted hardly 2 minutes and not a single document was touched. Here is the transcript:

Myself: Hi, Good Morning (big broad smile)
 VO (a very grumpy lady)Sad no reaction) give me the yellow slip.
 I hand it over
 VO : So which university?
 M: *swells chest in pride* Rutgers State University New Brunswick
 VO: Oh! So tell me, why did you select a party university
 Stunned and grinning unconsciously
 VO: So you knew about this when you applied (not a question, more like an observation)
 M: *coming out of my reverie* Uhh....No! I honestly had no idea about this, but im really glad
 VO: *smirks*
 VO: Which field did you applying for?
 M: Computer Science
 VO: How much are the fees?
 then herself checks the amount on the i20 and remarks Oh! This is expensive, how are you going to manage
 M: Explains
 VO: *grills a little bit more*
 M: Explains
 VO: *Cuts me short* You can leave
 M: *stunned* Huh?!
 VO: You have your VISA sir. NEXT!

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=33735>

Hi,

I have attended my visa interview on 11th December at Chennai consulate 1 p.m.

- Positive points :
- 1.One among the university top-rankers.
 - 2.Work-ex with ADP Private Limited (One of highly recognized companies at USA..)

3.Business class visa - UK.

4.Admits- Suny Stony Brook -CS, Iowa State University - CS..

I was very tensed and was feeling weak too..

..Had a bit of fever too..

This was all that happened :

Had my index finger scanning and stood in the line..

This guy was shouting and yelling at good number of people.

Before me,I saw two rejects- 1 for fake documents and another for not convincing him dat he being from mech-why does he want to go for CS..

So,finally meraaa number aaya.

The interview went something like this ..

vo : Good afternoon gentleman,How are you doing ?

me : Good afternoon sir,Am doing good.

vo : When did you graduate ?

me : 2005.

vo : What were you doing till now ?

me : Software developer with ADP Private Limited..

vo : Hmm..ADP ...I mean what kind of work you do ?

me : I am into development and support of product called tarot which is used by London stock exchange stock brokers..Tarot constitutes 27% of the market share at LSE nn blah blah..

(He stops me)

vo : Can I have your transcripts please ?

me : Yeah sure sir..

vo : (Impressed)..Hmm..So u are one among the University Top-rankers..

Good..U r a bonafide student..

vo : How much do u get paid ?

me : told him my pay..

vo : So,why do u want to go for MS even after u at ADP getting paid really well ?

me : I wanted to have prior industry ex before joining academia,So ADP was a kind of break for me..

vo : Ok..What are you plans back in India ?

me : I told after Undergraduation itself,I had offers from around 6 compaines like SAP Labs,Virtusa Limited,APPLabs,CMC Limited ,ADP private limited etc etc which were paying me around 5 lpa..So,definitely after my MS will be paid still heavy.

And at ADP ,we have welcome back policy too...

vo : Ok(was impressed)..I understand that you are a very bonafide student..So,just convince

me how are you going to pay for your education ?

me : Tried to show all CA docs n stuff..

(He stopped me and asked me to tell without seeing)

me : (I told all the assets I had..)

vo : Show me da passbook.

me : (Shown him)..

vo : all the transactions happened in a week.

me : No sir,they are spread over 3 weeks..

vo : I am not fool to take this bank statement..This is fake..

me : No sir,its genuine..U can crossverify if you wish..

And we had some property which we sold..And I have sales dd for the same.

vo : I dont believe this sir,this can be easily made..

me : Sir,pardon me...For that matter any document can be made,,The only difference lies whether they are genuine or not..

vo : Sir please,tell me the genuine ways to pay your fee ?

me : (I think he was pointing to loan ,but I didnt take any).

I was confident and a bit more loud than normal saying that these documents are genuine ..

vo : What does your dad do ?

me : Business man- a top class contractor n blah blah..

vo : I dont believe..

me : (Showed him certificate) .

(.he looked it up and down..)

I was getting a bit tensed..

I saw behind..All da ppl were watching us..

vo : Do u have any personal acct ? And how much u saved ?

me : I said I have 4 lakhs in my acct..

vo : Then why didnt u include ?

me : It wont be sufficient for my education..

vo : It could have been a part of it...

me : Hmmm..

(He was silent now entering some details into the computer).

me :

(I was also silent..I didnt plead him..I thought if he considers me genuine,he will issue me the visa .I was just standing ..)

vo : Ok Gentleman,your visa is issued..

Take all your documents..

Your passport will be reaching to you back home in a week..

me : Thank you Sir,Have a nice day!!

On the whole,the interview lasted for 25 minutes..

But,he didnt cross verify even a single document..

Keys to success : Confidence,Preparation,Be present in the moment.

But ,I didnt get my passport yet,Did any edulixians have came across a similiar situation ??

Does name lead to further security check that the passport gets delayed ?

When I tried to track the same,it says "Your passport has not been handed over to VFS".

Please kindly advice,if anybody else went through a similiar situation ?

Thanks edulix for such a great database of interviews we have!!!

Regards,
Jahangir Mohammed.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=33100>

I had my Visa appointment at the Mumbai Consulate on Dec 4 at 8.15 am. I'll narrate you my experience.

I went there at 7.30 am and was called in around 8. First, through security check. They asked us to remove our belts and watches (later allowed to put them on). After entering, t here was a queue for getting your token (a pink square shaped ticket). They also give you the forms you couriered them (DS-157, 58, 159 etc.) in a yellow envelope. Then I was asked to go to counter #1. I went there and submitted the envelope and the lady there asked me to put my index fingers on a machine one after another.

Now, for the first timers, the place looks a bank (a posh one at that). There are 15 windows and a reasonably large sitting area. You have to sit there waiting for your turn and cannot (should not) talk with your neighbors. There are also 2 TVs: one showing CNN and another showing what to do at the interview. Intermittently, there are announcements made (e.g. token numbers a, b, c, d go to counter #x). Announcements are a bit hard to catch and are never repeated, so its necessary to listen attentively.

Around 8.30 there was a similar announcement mentioning my token number. I stood in a line in front of my counter.

Something about the counters. They look somewhat like phone booths. On one side, there is

a glass window where the officials sit. There is space below it to pass on papers (again similar to a bank window). There is a mic to speak into and a speakers. You can listen to everything behind the glass (including some noise). There is a chair but people normally stand. Also there is some space to keep your folders. From the outside you can see whats going on but can't hear a thing.

Now coming down to specifics. I was feeling a bit nervous waiting for my turn. There was a girl in front of me who was being interviewed. She was taking up a lot of time and constantly taking out papers from her folder. When she came out, she wasn't visibly too happy. I assumed a reject and it added to my nervousness.

Now came my turn. As I said, I was feeling a bit nervous. Also, I'm not a very fluent and tend to mumble if I'm under pressure.

The VO was an oldish lady wearing specks.

VO: Good morning, how are you doing?

Me: Thanks, I'm fine. (forgot to say good morning).

VO: (Saw my I-20) So, you are going to University of Texas, Arlington?

Me: No, I'm going to Austin

VO: Oh, Yes. What are you going for?

Me: Master of Science in Computer Science (said this a bit quick)

VO: (She didn't get it). Masters in what?

Me: Computer Science

VO: Thats good (I felt somewhat relaxed)

VO: Who's going to sponsor you?

Me: My parents (I was reaching for my folder to get the docs)

VO: What do your parents do?

Me: (Told it confidently)

VO: Well if your parents are sponsoring you, there is no problem

VO: Take your I-20. I'm granting you the Visa. Do well at the university.

Me: Thank you ma'am! (Big grin).

I rushed out of the place. Checked the watch, it was 8.45 am. Met my parents outside and

we went to the Mahalaxmi temple just next doors.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=33466>

Hi folks...

after goin through so many Visa experiences, i always used to think..."i hope i will b writing my experience once its all done onthe 6th..."...n here im after everything set n done...finally getting ready for my Masters in USA...

This is how my exp goes...

my date was on the 6th dec, 9am..at mumbai counsulate
i was there around 8:15...

they took me in around 9...

i went through all the usual procedures..which im sure everyone knows...so wont get into all tat...but the only thing i wouldlike to say is tat those guys are very cooperative...there will be ppl there to guide u wot to do in case u r confused about something...so nothing to worry about all tat n better concentrate on the interview..

after finishng all those things i took a seat n guess wot...i had ot wait for 45 mins or so....ppl who came around 9:30 got their call before me...i was like..."i think i missed my number"...n was waiting it to be called again..

but well i dint missed it...my number was called at counter no 4...a lady officearound 25-26...

there were 3 students ahead of me...

the first one a guy(in tie n all) got the visa in jus 30-45 secs...no docs nothing...(Afte this i thought.." this lady is givin visas easily..."...was kinda happy...but was not gettin complacent...)

then the next girl came out with a smile n a minute or so...no docs asked...

then there was a guy...i wassurpriused tat she asked her docs...he was asked 3-4 papers...seeing this i said to myself.."boss, she is not tat good either"...dont know wot tat guy answered, th Officer rejected his visa...

then i went in....

ME: Good Morning Ma'am.

VO: Good Morning.

Me: How r u?
Couldnt hear wot she siad.

VO: seeing my I-20, seh asked where are u goin.

ME Ma'am, to Florida Atlantic university.

VO: For Wat

ME: For my masters in Computer sci with Specialization in Software engg.

VO: after 2-3 secs...there are soo many unis providing Software engg, then y FAU...

ME: MA'am, FAU provides me 2 ADDITIONAL(with some stress on additional) subjects related to S/w Engg, they are Software reliability engg and Software reengineering...

VO: (she gave me a big nod...showing tat she was convienced with my answer)...

VO: (seeing my I-20 again)..who is goin to sponser u.

ME: My parents.

VO: what does ur father do.

ME: He is a businessman.

VO: What kind of business:

ME: He designs and manufactiurers XXX for various industries..n his annual income is YYY...

VO: Does ur father have a MAufacturing Unit.

ME: No MA'am, he gets it manufactured by other ppl who does it only for him.

VO: (gaveme a nod again)...how many ppl work under ur father..??

ME: 15.(only lie..but confident one...heheh)

and then the golden words

VO: UR VISA HAS BEEN GRANTED, WILL B COURIED TO U IN 2 DAYS...

ME: Thank u ma'am. collected my I-20 n rushed outside.

Within 30 sec i was outside...felt tat i had jus touched the sky...

ok ok....

my observation from the interview....

Be damn confident....they jus want a prompt answer...(right or wrong)...so prepare urself like tat...

they give time to convince them...so dont think tat once they r not agreeing with u they will reject u...

so u r given good amount of time to prove ur point..

the interivew may go on for jus 2-3 mins max....but in tat much time u r given enough time...

presence of mind...dont mug up answers...its good if u say them properly., tat will give a good impression....but in case u fumble..then God help u... so make points of ur answers...if tat helps...but avoid mugging..

most imp...observe the officer who is goin to take ur interview...if u see her taking 1 or 2 interview then u will come to know wot to expect from the VO....so for this u need to stand 2nd or 3rd in the line...

before i end my msg here.....I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE EDULIX GROUP N ITS MEMBERS FOR GIVIN REALLY KOOL ADVICE...I DONT THINK THIS GROUP MISSES ANY ASPECT TO HELP ONE GET TO USA....

THAKS ONCE AGAIN..

ALL THE BEST

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=33134>

Hi,

Sorry for the late posting guys, but i was really caught up with work!! Wink
And I'm going to cut short the formalities at the consulate b4 the interview, as u guys wud be knowing it thouroughly! Wink

Chennai consulate, appointed time Dec 27th, 8:30, actual interview around 1:45 hrs later...
VO was a middle aged guy.. kinda serious.. Here is how it went..

Me: GM Sir
VO: GM, how r u
Me: I'm good
VO: Could you pass me the folder?
Me: sure.. (passed them)
VO: Which visa is it?
Me: F1 Sir
VO: Which univ?
Me: Arizona State Univ

VO: Going for which course?

Me: I'm going for Masters.

VO: Do you @#@\$ Bachelors @\$@\$

Me: I'm going for my Masters sir.

VO: Do you have any bachelors degree or something ...?

Me: Yes, i have a bachelors degree.

VO: In what?

Me: Electrical engg.

VO: When did you pass out of college?

Me: In 2005. And I'm working in Texas Instruments right now.

VO: Ok, so what is your current salary?

Me: My gross salary comes to XXX lacs per annum

VO: Oh, and TI is funding for you education?

Me: No, TI is not sponsoring. Myself and my family is sponsoring

VO: Do you have your Toefl score reports with you?

Me: Yes sir.. GRE and TOEFL...(passed him both GRE and TOEFL)

VO: What are your plans after you complete your MS?

Me: We have a scheme called the 'Leave of Absence' in TI. I wud be taking that, and after 2 years, return here after MS. (As I was saying this, he was giving me a screwed up look, as if Iam a criminal or something!!)

VO: Ok. So, the Arizona State university is located in which city in the united states?

Me: Sorry?

VO: Repeated the qn.

Me: Its in a city called tempe. (I think he asked this because i was a lil too tensed all the while!)

VO: Alright, I'm issuing you the VISA.

Me: Thank you sir.

VO: Your pp wil be couriered to you.. blah blah.. (My ears literally refused to listen to this in the excitement of having got the visa!! Very Happy)

Me: Have a nice day! Smile

VO: Nice meeting you.

Me: nice meeting you too sir...

The whole thign lasted for about 5 mins.. And he was typing somethign in his comp for most of the time!!

Thanks a lot guys... I've been reading the VIs which was posted by many ppl here, and i must say that this forum has given me a lot of valuable info which helped me in preparing for my VI.. Thanks again! Smile

-Roshith.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=33024>

WOOOOOHOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!....Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy
Very Happy

kyun aajkal neend kam khwaab jyada hai, lagta khuda ka koi nek iraada hain
kal ka fakir aaj dil shehzada hain, lagta khuda ka koi nek iraada hain!! Wink

wow guys I feel soooo Happy and relieved today!....have been smiling laughing dancing and
jumping around like crazy....becoz...it all Over atleast!....no more hassels...pack the suitcases
and kickstart a new life!!!!... 8)

well this is how the VI went!,

Time:9 15
called inside : 9 45
VI: 10 45

Intw:

VO: Hi
Me: Good Morning sir
VO: hi, good morning

VO: ok so you are going to utd, why did you choose utd?
Me: It has a gr8 research faculty, good course, high;y ranked, I am extremely pleased to get
my graduate training under such a gr8 faculty

VO: What will you do at UTD?
Me: pursue Ms in MIS at SOM, UTD

VO: whats full form of MIS?
ME:MGNT info sys

VO: (looks at my ppt pages, had stamps of visas for thailand and singapore) Have you been
to US bfore?
Me: no sir, I have been to thai... and singapore

VO: for vacations?

ME: yes sir

VO:(impressed) so your parents will be sponsoring you for higher studies as well?

ME: definately yes sir, my Mother is XYZ manager at.... and Father is ABC officer

VO: Lucky you (gave my I20)

Me Thank you sir (visa hogaya mammu ...hehehe)

VO: show me your marksheets. what did your UG in?

Me BE CS (gave marksheets)

VO: which courses you liked the most?

ME: all the MIS relevant courses, I have good marks in those (LOL!!!)

VO: ok ok which courses you didnt like? (smiling)

Me: in 1st yr, I had mechanical engg courses, which i didnt like (hehehe)

VO: (puzzled with what the heck look) mechanical courses for CS students...

Me: yes sir, MUM univ has diverse curriculum (LOLZ) Very Happy

(all this time he was actually busy on comp...and was just passing time asking this questions)

VO: ok sir, every thing looks good, I issue you the VISA

Me: thank you sir, thank you very much (kisses and hugsss too hehehe)

VO: PPT will reach you within 3 days

Me: ok sir, have a nice day

VO: yeah, (with a big grin, a lil shy too...hahaha...my VO was handsome somewhr in 25-27's)

.....the end.....

Me came out as if I just hrd some good joke....hehehehe

my MOM was waiting outside anxiously, I showed thumbs upp...she hugged me and kissed me like a lil baby...hehehe...later called dad and then sis in US

well guys I want to tell this, you should be damn confident when you speak....I was pretty loud and clear ...and alert too (vv imp)

when I was waiting in queue to collect submitted docs after entering the consulate, thr was a

guy in front of me, holding F1 appt letter...I casually asked him 'which univ'LOL, he cudnt open his mouth...was shivering...and eyes wr filled with fear... (i said to myself...geez if he cant speak out his univ name to me...what will he ans in front of VO???)

aah, another thing...dont think m rich with singapore and thai on my ppts...LOL, after graduating in july 06, i was into business with my cousin brother who is a frequent traveller to this countries for business deals and meetings....hehehe...I just accompanied him...lil did I know...it will have a positive effect on my VI)

All the best to all edulixians...It is bcoz of you that I was able complete this journey!...God Bless All of You

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=33034>

Hi,

I got my VISA for ASU. Interview was at Chennai...1:15 PM

May be except for the waiting time (I waited in the queue outside consulate for 1 1/4 hours)...questions were same as in

<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=32547>..yess really ditto..

So I will paste it wit few modifications in my ans

vo: Hello, How are you?(bit serious)

me: Gud afternoon sir, how u doing today?

Vo: do u hold a bachelor's degree

me: yes

vo: pass ur marks cards

me: sure, Sir I have a distinc...(was cut down by VO)

vo: ur degree certificate

me:gave it

vo: wat wil u do after completing the degree

me: Sir, I would like to join my existing company in India since we have a welcome back policy...(again was cut down by VO)

VO: What is ur long term goal?

Me: Sir, my interest is Embedded sys & I would like to become a technical architect in that.

vo: then came the golden words from his mouth (go home, ur visa wil reach u in a week)

me: thank u sir, have a good evening (since it was 4:15 PM)

(the whold interview lasted only for 30 sec)

I don't know but another guy that day was asked similar questions...Just one word ans...dont have to tell everything in detail as I did Smile
So don't have to worry much abt Visa, I suppose, just be confident, Smile & Greet , that's it !!

All the best

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Dear reader,
Have posted my visa experience for the benefit of all on this forum, in detail and in humour....

Firstly, i do understand your plight as i myself was in a while ago.logging on to edulix, and adorning the role of a browsing rat, wherein your sole purpose in life becomes to burough and burough deeper into sites such as these, you can feel your heart pound against your ribs and feel it falling each time you see a visa experience posted. you talk, sleep and drink pretensiously, but inside only you know how you feel, that nausea of the question..." what will happen to me??" I know it all cos i felt the same, and have walked the same road.

But let me tell you and before i do, i would request you to cut off and turn off all possible distractions around you and concentrate only on this read.

Ok!, so now here goes...

Date - 1 dec 2006

Time of appointment - 1230

Consulate - Chennai

Mission - get in side hold visa officer at gunpoint and ask him to give me visa. (ok this is what i really felt..and so will most of you when you reach there) - but honestly to secure a F1 Visa.

I reached chennai after a 9 hour flight delay on 1st dec 3.00 am. thanks to our faithful dakkan airways, but they gave me and my dad (my cheer leader for the visa) a free open ticket so i got no qualms..

Reached hotel (nirmala dakshin) on anna salai, checked in and tried to sleep. Woke up by 10 in the morning and started adorning the best shirt and pant i own. Now the most important event of the day, to me atleast- At around 11.00 , my girlfriend (who is also at chennai on an official cum personal tour) calls and my excitement knows no bounds, was

really wishing i could meet her once before i go. However she is at one end of the city but still lands up at the hotel by 11.45, we talk for a while and then she hugged me, this one hug probably changed all that i felt inside to a feeling of confidence and an over whelming feeling of grit. I knew at that moment that i had to get the damn visa if not for me, for her. we saw each other off with a solemn look at each other.

Reached the visa office by 12. now when you approach the visa office you will see a huge congregation of people near the checkpoint .it is a throughfare so you can walk along the boundary wall. one thing i observed is that everyone looks the same, one feeling describing their mood - Anxious.

Me and my dad saw two lines, one slightly longer along the boundary wall leading to the black hole (will tell you more of black hole as we go on). and another slightly away which is smaller. Now i thought seeing the line that this must be mine. so i jump the railing and dad to jumps with me. we are now inbetween the two lines. just then a dude cop in plain clothes comes and politely asks for the time of our appointment, then his face turns to slyly and asks why we jumped the line when you are supposed to stand in the second line only 15 mins before the scheduled time.

" golden rule, no point hurrying up and getting there earlier cos they will allow to stand in line only 15 mins prior. if you do land up early prepare to bear the anxious look with the anxious people on anxious island. did you know?, this place is the only place in india where as indians we break our almost constitutional habit of arriving late. people arrive at 10 for a 4.pm interview. amazing isnt it - anxious island.

So at 12.15 i walk with dad to stand in line. he looks at me one last time and wishes me luck and walks back to anxious island. i stand in line and am asked by the guards to keep my appointment letter and passport ready, after about 15 mins i approach black hole. Black hole is basically the seat where an illiterate security guard sits in an A/C room bearing envious looks from his peers who are cooking the infamous chennai sun. his only fuction is to look, looks at you, looks at your passport, looks at appointment sheet, looks at road, looks at peers and if good chick passes,, looks at her..thats all, he only looks.

Now you enter the black door. its like entering a club only here people are residents of anxious island so no one is in mood to party. as you enter there will be a metal detector through which you pass and a lady gaurd repeats incessantly flipping your file open asking if you are carrying floppys, cds, metallic objects, sealed anvelopes, or confidential papers. - hold it !, confidential papers - Lady!, every one here carries only confidential papers cos by law of india passports / bank statements / fin docs are all confidential..move on..

you open a big door and now you will see 5 counters like the raliway reservation counters. and queues from them.. felt nostalgic since i know the time it takes in such kind of counters

at the raliway, but this one beats it.

You will be asked to sit and sit you will for a long time. some visa off dudes will ask you about the time of appointment and if yours is when they asked, you go and stand in the line. this place is funny and you play a sort of musical chairs but with no music. - on mute mode, every 20 mins you get up and walk a little further and then sudenly the queue begins to sit and you have to find your seat. i scored 3 /5 in this game. lost my seat twice. however families / senior citizens and single ladies are called on priority by these guys if they are in your time slot. stags are called late. heck what the hell.!!

Next you will have to keep you Ds forms, sevis fee reciept, passport, i20 ready in your hand. and give them to indian lady in counter. she will take a picure of your DS form., pull an orange sheet, circle F1 on it, enter something on comp. put rubberband on your roll of docs you handed her and say next....

As you leave this building, you will see a flight of stairs and on the left a group of people standing there, dont go left but straight up...As you enter this building VO people will silently point you the direction, just do so.

This is the all firangs sections. same setting as prevous but only firangs behind the glass. stand in line, get your fingerprinting done and then dont just go and sit in the seats behind.. ASK. ask any of the officials there, i asked and was immediately put onto a counter...Now i thought this too was a verification counter...and stood there with a cool attitude, hands in pockets, humming collective souls - december.

When suddenly i hear the guy in front is being asked question (B1). A sudden realization dawned - I was in the interview counter. Instantly my pulse shot and before i could gather my senses, i found my self walking toward the counter as the other guy left. Young american, about 29 - 30, looked like the guy with glasses in the movie - flight of the phoenix. stern face and no smile when i greeted. My heart fell to my shoe sole.

I hadnt gathered my self as yet. So here goes my converstaion.

VO : Hello

Me: H...Hel...Hello . good afternoon.

VO: So which university ?

ME : Syracuse university, to pursue MSIM

VO: Why this program?

ME: Cos its managerial oriented..(what the F@#\$, this isnot the answer i had practised)

VO: Why managerial program??

Me : Bcos i am a manager heading a team of 4.... (dont know what i said...but it was not what i had thought of saying)

VO : Where all did you apply?

ME : UFL / UMCP / NJIT / SYR.

VO : Where did you get through??

ME : UFL / NJIT / SYR.

VO: Show me your marks cards, how much do you earn?

ME: Told old sal (dont know why)

Vo: Thats less how will you pay?

ME: (my pulse rate is 399 bpm about to burst) parents will sponsor.

VO: So they have enough??

ME : Yes. savings over thier years of service. (Hoping they wouldnt see my statements)

VO : OK !! (Takes passport and hands over marks cards)

ME : Thank you!!

I collect it and walk out - almost stoned by now...

Walk down the steps and smile to myself saying - its done dude..congrats.

Exit building from door next to black hole. look if dad is around, cross below flyover, head to tea shop. buy a ciggi and a chai. sit on some bike and contemplate - bring my self together and now i felt ready for the interview....

Walked down called first my girlfriend, told her i loved her, called dad and went to hotel.Lit one more ciggi. sat in auto, got congratulated by driver also.....the end.....

Well you know, now that i think of it, the whole process of applying to go to the US is for a reason known only to the applicant. Mine is cos i wanna be with my girlfriend who is also applying and have plans ahead, for some its to study genuinely the subject they want to., for some its cos they couldnt do an MBA thru CAT, for some its just a lure of the money.

But you all must know that to consider this option is by itself a courageous one and not everyone dares of this., and this is where you are different. Its all about believing in your self, and all that bull crap about be cool, be confident, etc is void. cos at that moment you face your true inner self. i for one inspite of having presented business plans to head honchos of major MNC's in bangalore . delhi etc., still fell flat at the interview cos i didnt gather my

self up. yet the only force thru that drew me is cos of my girl. Its that reason you need to cling onto for its this honest and true reason that will sail you through the interview. Life doesnt end at the visa interview. its not the biggest of things you can feel happy about if you succeed and its just not worth the tension, and hype we create around it. For the real sense of achievement will be when you do something you really wanted and not cos the process demands it. Heck so what if it hadnt gone well, i would have still tried, the stamping is ironically dependant on the mood and judgement of the interviewer, some read you wrong, its not your fault, its theirs. so let it be. try again. perseverance always pays.

Life is just another rail road where you keep moving on.. i remember logging onto edulix for the MBA /MIS forum, then i moved onto the GRE/GMAT / TOEFL forum when i wanted to write my GRE, now am in the VISA / Departure forum, moving onto the Pre departure forum....so here i walk from this forum...bidding you all a very good time ahead and hope to see all of you readers on the next forum..pre-departure.....

When your turn comes at the counter...just be yourself... its the toughest thing to do believe me but it pays.....

good bye....

now you may resume your other activities and get back to the half distracted half attentive mode we always are in...guess thats why we have 2 lobes in our brain.

bye.

thanks edulix, dad/ mom and lastly a special thanking hug () to my girl friend who made it possible for me. luv ya....who is also by the way on this site.

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=32823>

This is how my VI went ,well more fuss was around the interview than it was in it(this is the way it usually happens)...

I would rate myself as a person having decent communication skills. Also NEU is a decent university and my Undergrad univ (SASTRA) has also good reputation in the (Chennai) Consulate.

One of the problems I had was that after this there was very short time and dates also not available so a reject would have tremendously upset my plans..

I went to Chennai a day before my VI..That afternoon I went to the consulate.I saw a huge line standing in the scorching sun.I went near to get a closer view but the guard told me to go back.(There was no need for me to go there one day before but as I was early I thought that ill confirm the procedure from other people)..Then I met a guy with the harmonium folder. Asked him “you F1”.He said “yes”. me:”what time”...”11:30”..I said,”but its 11:45 now”..”he said..”the 11:00 clock batch is yet to go in”...I thought how this much rush can be in the spring season,then I saw that F1 candiddates very very few in no..anyways the other visa candidates very huge(specially since its Christmas time-tourists)..

Day went by and I went back to the hotel.. Everything was okay and I tried to sleep by 11.But I generally sleep late so couldn't sleep till 1:30 and around 1:45,I twisted my neck(while turning on the rock-like pillows of the Chennai motel)...I was in pain and couldn't sleep that night...morning at about 9:30 I left the motel,had my breakfast and went to the consulate at about 10:15...(read here on edulix that u don't need to be ahead of time ..if ur time comes ,the'll call you and allow you wherever u are in the line)... After standing in the line for 15-20 mins,I went in..(very early compare to the last day)..

And then the usual procedures,the security check,then they transferred me to the building where I had to submit I-20,PP,sevis,int let,DS forms,and then they were rubberbanded with an orange page appended to it and it was given to me after some time..(when the person there called me to hand me the folder,I stood up and turned my whole body round and said yes sir.(my neck was paining a lot and couldn't turn it)...

Then I was made to stand in the queue..5-6 people were ahead of me...In the counter there was an old man with a pony tail and with his specs on his head..He was laughing and greeting everyone,was taking long interviews but not asking for any docs..So I made up my mind to be interviewed by him only as I was prepared for the length of the interview but I knew that I was a bit clumsy in taking out the docs from the folder...In between two people were asked by an officer to shift from this counter to that(where there was a beautiful blonde around 25 years old who was asking for docs)..However the officer left after saying this and I didn't bother and I stayed there(in the same line)...Finally after 5 mins it was my turn to stand behind the yellow line..the ones who were interviewed in front of me were a married couple(maybe visitors visa)..My neck was paining all the way and it was this time when I felt the pain the most but I kept saying to myself its just a matter of 10 mins at the max now...finally,my time came and

VO: Hello there, how are you

Me: Fine sir

VO: So, were you a good student

Me: Yes sir, I was a good student

VO: Can you put your left index finger on the machine

Me: Did

VO: Now the right one

Me: Did

VO: Can you do that again

Me: did

VO: Sorry,Its my mistake,can u do that again

Me:which one the right one or both sir

VO:both

Me:ok

VO:sorry again its my mistake

Me:its okay

VO: (as I had my right finger on the machine) abit to the left,bit to the center all those..(this whole operation took more than one minute)

VO:So what was your percentage

Me:We had a Grade Point Average system and mine was 7/10

VO:Any Backlogs

Me:Yes,I had one but that was due to ill health

VO:oh,ok

Me:When I retook it I got a pretty good grade

VO:So..... which university were u from

Me:SASTRA

VO:ok...looked as if he heard that before and had a decent impression regarding the university

(then I don't know how this happened but a girl who was looking Indian came from his other side and talked to him...In her hand was the FED-EX courier and something(maybe I-20)..the old guy discussed something with her for 1-2 min's and came back to me)

VO:So,what does your father do

Me: told

VO: (asked a question reated to the abouve question)

Me: answered

VO:what does your mother do,is she earning too

Me:yes,told them that she is working for a private company

VO: So how many siblings

Me: I have one sister

VO:whats she doing

Me:She is in school

VO:school,as in

Me:grade 12,sir

Ok,Mr -----,Northeastern is a good school, enjoy ur trip to the US,Your passport will be couriered to you...he gave my I-20 back and kept the rest..

I said Thank You Sir(maybe 2-3 times)

I waited for my passport and it came to me exactly in 2 days time(today afternoon)

My take regarding the interviews..

If u are going to a decent university,F1 Visa's are really easy to get(even financials come second). But the thing is that almost everyone knows this and still goes thru the phase where he does a lot of preparation and goes thru a lot of tension ..its natural...

I did a lot of preparation, prepared every answer(didn't rehearse-I cant do that)...even some very odd ones...Took many extra docs with me,took my degree certificate also(later realized that it couldn't have gone thru the small declined slot on the counter)...

Best of Luck to everyone else...be confident and its easy..

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=32748>

Hi everybody,

I got the visa yesterday at Mumbai. Very Happy After the threatening experience at <http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=32244> my next experience is here.

I was last time been told that I don't need to stand in a queue for next time. But as I went at 9, there was a huge queue for 221g cases and I was asked to stand in that queue. Evil or Very Mad After waiting there for three hours, they let me go inside.

My token number was called and I had to join Counter no. 6. And guess what, the same lady was there. Surprised Sad I was the first in the queue and here it goes my second exam.

me: Hi. How are you?

she: Very fine. (without any smile.)

(then after some time)

she: Which documents have you brought?

me: Mam, last time you told me that I need an official scholarship letter.

she: Ok. Show me that.

(gave her and she went through the entire letter.)

she: How many marks in the exam here?

me: (after two seconds) 60%

she: (same question again)

me: Mam, 60%.

she: 60% okeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeey. Then why did they give you the scholarship?

me: Because of my leadership skills!!!

she: What type of leadership skills?

me: Rolling Eyes (There isn't any type of leadership skills, actually, I thought. After some time)Mam, my statement of purpose was really extraordinary and I had two letters of recommendation from well recognized scientists from ISRO and PRL.

she: (impressed a lot.)

me: The another reason is that I have given SAT Subject Tests and has very decent score in

that. At the exam time, I was only student from India, who gave this test.

she: (impressed again.) I told you to bring other financial documents.

me: Yes, I do have. (gave her priority documents.)

(First was bank certificate and my dad's name was there. She verified the name with my passport.)

me: (While she was looking at other document) Mam, it's property evaluation.

she: But you are not going to sale your property, right?

me: Yes, but as it comes under financial documents, I have attached it. (fumbled a lot.)

she: What?

me: Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes

she: (Another paper.) Mam, this e-mail was sent to me by the professor there and he says me that I need to just show my previous course-work and he will give me credits for 2 years.

Smile

(She didn't heard that attentively.)

(she was looking at another document).

me: I have earned 50 credits out of 120 and this is the official letter for that. So ultimately my course duration will reduce drastically from 4 years to 2 years. So ultimately I don't have to pay fees for those 2 years.

(she was impressed a lot.)

she: (after some time) Do you have anything related to finance apart from this?

me: Yes. My cousin is also sponsoring me.

she: Is he in US?

me: No, here in Ahmedabad.

she: What does he do?

me: He has a water purifying factory and also does some miscellaneous businesses like transportation, selling etc.

she: Ok. Show me the papers.

(I gave her a bunch of 50-60 documents.)

(She went through entire bunch of papers in 5 seconds.)

she: GOLDEN WORDS. Keep all these documents with you and also keep I-20 with you.

me: Thank you. Thank you very much. Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy Very Happy

me: (What the hell I was asking?) Mam, what about DS forms?

she: Oh, I have to keep those with me. (smiled first time in two interviews.)

she: Enjoy your trip. Bbye.

me: Thanks. Have a nice day. (Didn't heard for her reply and rushed out from the cabin)

And from then, it was my time. 8) 8)

I would like to thank specially to LFA, Anbe, Juggernaut, Teju, Amogh and every edulixian who helped me in this loooooooooong journey. I can never forget your cooperation, guys.

Finally, moving to my favorite pre-departure forms. 8) 8) 8)

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=32547>

Hi,

My interview goes like this:

me: hello sir, how u doing

vo: i am fine wit a smile

Vo: do u hold a bachelor's degree

me: yes

vo: pass ur marks cards

me: sure (gave them)

vo: ur degree certificate

me:gave it

vo: wat wil u do after completing the degree

me: sir, my research is based on smart structures and (vo cut me down and looked at my I-20)

vo: then came the golden words from his mouth (go home, ur visa wil reach u in a few days)

me: thank u sir, thanks a ton

(the whold interview lasted only for 30 sec)

good luck all

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=32244>

First of all, I want to say extremely sorry for posting stupid posts. Now I am feeling that yeah I was really stupid by asking such silly questions? Sorry to amogh, light, juggernaut, teju and others. Sad Sad

But this time, I need your help. This time I am very much serious.
Sad

I had my visa interview at November 17th at 2:30 at Mumbai Consulate.

Counter no. was 4 and Indian-looking lady. Smile

I have discarded blah blah from interview to have a complete idea.

She was bombarding questions like a machine-gun. Even not giving time for thinking for a fraction of second. Here goes my interview. Shocked

me: Hello mam, how are you?

she: I am fine. Good morning.

Smile

(then she suddenly realised her mistake)

she: I am sorry. Good afternoon.

me: Very Happy

she: Laughing

she: Give me pink token.

(Gave her.)

she: !@#\$\$%^&*

me: I am sorry. I didn't get you. Embarrassed

she: Have you ever been in States?

me: Yes.

she: !@#?

me: (after thinking for a second) California, San Fransisco. Embarrassed

she: No, I am asking when?

me: Oh, 10 years ago.

Smile

(I was expecting that she will ask me about my overstay during my last visit as I have mentioned in <http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=31373&highlight=> but she didn't ask me and I was very happy. Very Happy)

she: and now when you are heading to?

me: University of Arizo..

she: Why there? (She didn't give the time to complete my answer.)

me: Mam, the research stuff going on there is very exciting and I want to be a part of it.

she: then? (she wanted more. Surprised)

me: Talking about Astronomy department,...

she: which department?

me: Astronomy department.

she: ok.

me: Talking about Astronomy department, UofA is the second-best university in the world and.... (she cutted me short.)

she: are you going for undergrad or grad?

me: undergrad.

she: ok. the field you are going to study has no scope in India. What will u do?

me: No mam, there are certain organizations like ISRO, TIFR, IIA, PRL etc. and I will join there as a research scientist in Astronomy after completion of my study. (answered it very confidently lekin completely JHOOTH. Actually there is no scope in India for Astronomers. Wink)

she: ok. what does your parents do?

me: My dad is a cosmetician and manufactures the sandalwood perfumes and supplies at Central Government Undertaking Organizations like Khadi Bhandars.

she: does he manufactures?

me: yes.

she: then he must have a factory.

me: no, actually he buys fragrances, do you know? (waited for a fraction of second Embarrassed) and then he manufactures at my home.

she: what exactly does he manufacture? I dint get you.

me: sandalwood perfume sprays (she dint get anything again. I am sure. After two seconds) And my mom is a housewife and tutors kids.

she: how many kids?

me: Rolling Eyes Rolling Eyes

she: I mean how many siblings do you have?

me: Oh, none.

she: so you are the one and only child of your parents?

Surprised

me: yes mam.(very confident at that time and she was impressed.)

she: ok. what is the annual income? (abe yaar ye kya pooch diya!!)

me: around 2.5 to 3 lakhs per annum.

she: then how r u going to pay for a college?

me: Mam, I have a full tuition waiver from my university. Smile

(Now I want to say something. I got an e-mail regarding this from the fin aid committee but dint have an official letter as I have mentioned in

<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=31902&highlight=>

I was being joked at that time. Smile Anyway, I dint have an official letter from UofA. I have displayed here my e-mail.

Quote:

Dear Daivat,

Congratulations - the committee did meet and you were awarded a scholarship which covers entire tuition for entire duration.

Marie Ott, the coordinator for the program, will get back in touch with you the week of November 20th (she is out of the office until then) to give you the specifics of the scholarship.

I am happy that it worked out!

Regards,

Joanne

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she: show me the proof. Your I-20 doesn't say so.

me: (while taking out the e-mail) Mam, I have e-mail communication with university.

she: ok. show me that.

me: (showed her.)

she: Dont you have any official letter?

me: No mam. But I have other financial resources also.

she: No I don't need that.

me: Rolling Eyes

(she read the e-mail completely and took out white paper. Oh man, was she rejecting me?
Sad When she was about to write in the "other" category, some guy came from behind and she chatted with him for half a minute.)

me: (while she was writing) Mam, I can show other financial resources too.

she: I don't need that at all.

she: (after writing) see you can come at any working day at 9:30 with the official letter of scholarship. (and ofcourse with other financial papers.)

me: (totally out of confidence) Mam, does it mean that I am rejected?

she: NO NO NO. You just need to show the official letter and she gave me 221g.

me: Mam, does it meant that my application is pending?

she: That's right.

me: Thank you.

me: (At the door) Have a nice weekend.

she: You too.

Well, this was my frustrating interview. Seniors, I want your help with this one.

1. Do I need to reschedule my appointment at online, then vfs and other stuff?
2. Do I have to pay the fees again?
3. Do I have to fill the DS forms again?
4. What documents are required for my second interview?
5. Actually because of my sound knowledge in the subject area, I have been directly admitted to 3rd year of BS Astronomy degree. But she didn't even ask for it.
6. Do I have to give interview again or I just need to show my official scholarship letter and other finances and I will get my visa?
7. I have read somewhere on Edulix that 221g cases are never rejected. Is it so?
8. Can I ask the university to send me an official letter with the e-mail attachment so that I can take color printout? Can we call it official? Will university send like that?
9. Which is the fastest courier service? And how many days it will take to receive through mail?
10. I think that probably no Indian undergraduate student has received full funding from university. And this is the factor where she want the official letter.

I want my visa as soon as possible so I can become tension-free. Seniors, you can post your views here. (You can also laugh at me. Wink) Afterall, edulix is the only source where people helping the students.

I am in a great dilemma. Actually, I was dreaming to write joyful experience. But unfortunately, I have to end up like 221g case. Crying or Very sad Crying or Very sad

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=32250>

i had visa interview today at 7:30 in the morning. well i reached the american consulate at 6:30 and there were about 40-50 candidates in front of me. suddenly it started raining, we were all completely drenched. at about 7:40 q started moving and i was in the screening section by 7:55.there they checked our ds forms, passport,I-20 and they put rubberband and gave back. i came out of the screening section by 8:20. as soon as i entered another buliding for my VI a security officer directed me to counter no 9 . i went to counter 9 there a lady of 25-30 yr age group was sitting. she was having chat with her co-workers. and then this is

how my VI goes.

ME: GOOD MORNING MAM HOW R U DOING.

VO:(SHE PROBABLY DIDNT LISTEN TO ME AS SHE WAS CHATTING WITH HER CO-WORKERS) CAN I HAVE UR PASSPORT AND STUFF (POINTING TO THE DOCUMENTS WHICH I HAD IN MY HAND WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ME DURING THE SCREENING SECTION)

ME:SURE(I GAVE THE DOCUMENTS TO HER)

SHE LOOKED AT MY PASSPORT AND STARTED TYPING SOMETHING AFTER 5-6 SECS

VO:CAN I HAVE LEFT INDEX FINGER IMPRESSION

ME :SURE MAM (AND I PLACE MY INDEX FINGER ON THE INSTRUMENT.)

VO:NOW THE RIGHT FINGER

ME:(I FOLLOWED THE INSTRUCTION)

VO:(SHE LOOKS AT MY DS FORMS AND I-20) Y TEXAS A & M

ME: I WANT TO SPECIALIZE IN PROCESS CONTROL AND THIS UNI OFFERS ME MOST NUMBER OF OPTIONS IN TERMS ELECTIVES LIKE UNIT OPERATION,OPERATION RESEARCH,PROCESS DYNAMICS(...ALL CRAP)

VO:CAN I SEE YOUR DEGREE CERTIFICATES AND MARKSHEETS.

ME:SURE MAM (AND I GIVE TO HER)

ME:SHOULD I GIVE YOU MY GRE TOEFL AS WELL

VO:(SAYS NOTHING)

VO:OK UR VISA HAS BEEN APPROVED AND YOU WILL GET YOUR PASSPORT BY COURIER.

I GAVE A PUNCH IN AIR AND RAN FROM THERE.

IT LASTED FOR ABOUT 20 SECS.

MY MINUS POINTS WERE...2004 PASSOUT HAVING ONLY 1 YR EXPERIENCE AND ON I-20 THE TIME DURATION WAS 3 YRS

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=34508>

hey,

Got my F1 visa on 5/1/2007 .

Heres my First Interview on 11th december 2006

vo was a woman arnd 30-35 yrs old . wearing a scarf .

me: Good morning , mam

VO: no reponse . Why are you going to the US

me: TO do my bacheolors in Aerospace engg

VO: show me your SAT score sheet

me: I did not take the SAT as the university doesnt require SAT for undergrad

VO: But SAT is a minimum requirement for undergrad students. Ok show me your high school mark sheets

me: showed them

VO: checks them thoroughly . (had a second division in my 12th std due to health problems . she seemd to make a note of it)

VO: which university?

me: Wichita State University

VO: which branch?

me: Aerospace engg.

VO: did something on her comp and after some times says according to US immigration law you cannot be issued a visa .

I knew bcoz of not giving sat and low marks in my 12th she wasnt convinced that i was a bonafide student . so i contacted the university and got a letter from them that i am a good student and SAT is not required for Undergrads and they admit on basis of marks obtained in high skool .

Also got a 9 day extension as my interview was on 5th and had 2 report within 9th according to I-20

heres my second interview

i had to wait a long time in the que . bcoz of some meeting of VOs .

after a long wait finally my chance came

VO: female arnd 35-40 yrs of age . was soft and very expressive .

me: Gud evening mam,

vo: Show me your Gre score

me: I am going for my Undergrad

vo: oh . show me your SAT score sheet

me: I dint take my SAT as the university dint require it . I have a letter from the univ...(i was abt to take it out wen she said it wasnt needed)

vo: so you got your admission without the SAT (became more confident that the reason for my previous denial was actually having a +ve impact)

vo: which branch ?

me: Aerospace engg

vo: (Gives a expression thinking it is very technical) So you just passed out high skool

me: yes mam

vo: when did you passout ?

me: last year

vo: What have you been doin since then ?

me: I hav joined a Engg college in Bangalore , RNSIT

vo : So den wat is this about a US university now ?

me: I have been interested in Aerospace so

vo : How will you pay your fee ?

me: My parents savings

vo : Checks the i-20 and says its a lot of amount how will you manage ?

me: My parents have saved enuf to cover those

vo : (impressed) So you have any brothers / sisters?

me: I have 1 brother

vo: What is he doing ?

me: He is doin his BS in university of washington

vo : how will your parents finance both of you ?

me: My brother was funded by my grand parents savings . and i am being funded by my parents savings .

vo: smiles at me and asks " why dont your grandparents fund you now ?"

me: their savings are enough for my brother and his higher studies so my parents are funding me

vo: Why is it that your grandparents fund you and your parents fund your brother ?

me: we all are in the same family and we dont differentiate like that .

Gives my I-20 back and says take this with you you will need it to show it at the port of entry wen u enter the US . your visa will be ready in 2 days .

I was more confident in the second interview dan the first . and also the VO had not refused a single visa as long as i was in the que so i must agree i had luck . it does matter . I wasnt

asked a single q abt y my visa was denied the first time . Now i have got just 10 days to pack everything up and board the flight thnx to all of you guyz for posting all the information i had to know .

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<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=33920>

Hey people,

well after all the discussions of whether to mention about my sister in USA or not and then finally making up my mind to say the truth and preparing for all sorts of questions that cud be thrown at me Shocked i finally landed in front of Delhi consulate on the 19th of Dec....

I went in and after about half an hr came out with a 221(g) and my passport in my hand..... before i mention my experience i would like to state a point---->

---- NEVER LIE (even if 100 out of 101 get away with lying never try your luck at American Visa...TRUTH never harms....Lack of confidence and preparation does)

Mentioning truth made me more confident.....And unlike my pre GRE mind set , this time i made it a point not to think about what will happen if i dont do well....I just believed in GOD and left him decide my destiny.....i just did my part of preparation.....

So here is what happened.....

i entered the consulate and was made to stand in the fingerprinting line...when i put my finger on the machine i heard ---THORRRRAA AAAGGEE KKHAAAROOO.....I think the american officer wanted me to know that he knows hindi Wink

then i was made to stand on 2nd number in the interview line....5 counters and 4 VO were men and 1 female and she was the only one whose voice was loud enough to reach my ears....outside i was hoping that a lady VO takes my interview but after hearing that voice i changed my mind....but within 3-4 minutes i was the one standing in front of her....

VO-- gud morining..(she won in greeting me first i was just 1 second late)

ME--Gud morning mam...

VO-- SO which course are u going for?

ME-- mam i going for computer engineering course..

VO-- how much have you scored in TOEFL??

ME-- 253 mam

VO-- In GRE?

ME--1190 mam..

VO--what was your degree percentage??

ME--75.10% mam with HONORS..

VO--its B-tech right??

ME-- yes mam its b-tech..

VO-- which college did your do ur degree from??

ME-- i did my degree from Guru Nanak Dev Engineering college,Ludhiana.. Its affiliated to Punjab Technical University..

VO--So how many universities did you apply to?

ME-- mam i applied to 6 universities..

VO-- which universities??

ME-- New jersey institute of tech., illinois institute of tech.,

VO-- What What Exclamation (i think trying to check my confidence)

ME- mam New jersey institute of tech., illinois institute of tech., CSU- east bay, Santa clara univ, SJSU and CSU-sacramento..

VO-- did you get into all of them?

ME-- mam i got admits from 4 universities and 2 are processing my application for next semester..

VO-- Do you have any backlogs??

ME-- No mam i have no backlogs...i did my degree in HONORS(again mentioning it)

VO--So what do your parents do??

ME--I dad is XXX and my mother is XXX...

VO--how many brother/sisters??

ME-- i have just one elder sister mam..

VO--What is the annual income of your father in lacs??

ME--its XXX lacs mam...

VO--so do you have anyone in USA??

ME-- yes mam i have my elder sister in USA??

VO-- What is she doing??

ME-- she is XXX

VO-- In which city does she live??

ME-- She is in XX..

VO-- She is on H1 right?/

ME-- yes mam her status was just changed to H1 but it has not been stamped on her passport..

VO--So she did her masters from there??

ME-- yes mam she did her masters in Electrical and electronics engineering from CSU-fresno...

VO--you did not apply there?

ME-- No mam Computer engineering course is better in SJSU...(She looked at me as if she expected this answer from me)

VO--(constantly typing and there was a silence for 20-30 secs)

ME--(Thinking that shud i myself ask her to c my docs---was it my responsibility to show them without being asking...then decided against breaking the silence)

VO-- OK sir i dont see any problem in issuing you a visa BUT (happiness not even lasted for 1 sec and BUT shattered it all)

BUT your name needs some verification...So i am issuing you this form and when the processing is done we will contact you...

ME-- (I was not that disappointed as when a person expecting some complications in the VI hears something +ve as i have no problem in issuing you a visa, he feels a bit relaxed... Now my concern was HOW MUCH TIME) Mam how much time can it take??

VO--well i cant give you a time but it can take around 6 weeks...It may be a problem with your university...but you should contact them...

ME-- Ok thank you very much mam.....

I got the 221(g) form with admin processing needed ticked on it....Actually i was just thanking GOD that I said the truth about my sister being there...Coz if i would have lied, this processing and verification would have spoiled everything for me.....

SO dont take any chances by lying as i think they checked these things-->

- authenticity (they only asked me about the facts no explanation....)
- Confidence (as all edulixians have already mentioned it as the most important point)
- Spontenity (i answered all questions in a sec.... no hesitations)

Thanks to edulix that has helped me in making my mind for what is right --- the TRUTH

<http://www.edulix.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=26735>

Glad to inform you people that i have got visa for University of Southern California at Delhi Consulate.Appointment time was 9.45 and guard allowed me to join the line at 8.45 only.Everything happened so fast and after 55 minutes i found myself in front of Visa officer.She was a cute , healthy lady between 30-40.

-ve things in my application:

- *1 year gap after BTech
- *external sponsor
- *poor communication skills

+ve things in my application:

- *I was going to good university i.e University of Southern california
- *Most of my funds were in Saving Bank accounts.
- *I was very confident.
- *I was appearing in month of June which is considered good for student visa

Maddy=Mayank Rathi
 Cute Healthy Lady=Visa Officer

CHL:(smiled) \$#%^\$^\$%^#%^\$%^\$%&\$%&^

Maddy: How are you doing officer?

Both said simultaneously. So i cudn't hear what she said

Maddy: (smiled)

CHL: Show me your forms

Maddy: slides all the docs that i had shown at first counter(PP+DS forms+sevis receipt+HDFC receipt+web appointment letter+I20)

CHL: She slides back web appointment letter and sevis receipt

CHL:(smiles)

Maddy:(smiles back)

CHL:Which university

Maddy:University of southern california

CHL:MS in what subject?

Maddy:MS in Computer Science with specialization in Computer Networks

CHL:Your undergraduate major?

Maddy:Computer Science

CHL:Undergraduate %age?

Maddy:First class with 67.14%(but she was not listening to me.She was just typing something in computer)

CHL:Any other university you applied to?

Maddy: Yes.I had applied to 2 more universities.

CHL:Which universities?

Maddy: San Jose State University and illinois insitute of technology

CHL:How many rejects?

Maddy: All admits

CHL: What does your parents do?

Maddy: My parents %#\$%#\$%#\$(a little fumble then started again) My parents are into manufacturing business.

CHL: Family's annual income?

Maddy: F.FF lacs per annum(not listening to me)

CHL: How do they plan to fund you?

Maddy: We have XX lacs YY thousand in saving bank account and UU lacs TT thousand in Fixed deposits(oops sorry) UU lacs TT thousand in recurring deposit account.

CHL: @##\$@%#\$% receipt

Maddy: Plz repeat

CHL: #\$\$#\$\$#\$\$#\$\$% receipt

Maddy: Sorry i am not getting you

CHL: \$%@#\$\$#@\$ receipt (and this time she points at I20)

Maddy: (i had SEVIS receipt in my hand) Are you talking about SEVIS receipt.

CHL: Yes

Maddy: (slides SEVIS receipt)

CHL: Checks SEVIS receipt and then DS forms(Now major point to note:She had already checked my SEVIS receipt before and had returned it.I am 100% sure that she was not asking for SEVIS receipt but when i said Are you talking about SEVIS receipt, she said yes.Was my fate predecided and was she just filling formalities?)

CHL:Do you have brothers and sisters?

Maddy: Yes an elder brother and an elder sister.

CHL:What do they do?

Maddy: My elder brother has done MBA and is looking after father's business and my elder sister(at this point she starts typing and is not listening to me) is a doctor.(She nodes her head.Dont know why?)

CHL: Sir you visa has been approved and you will get your visa in \$%#\$\$%#%#%#%#%#%

Maddy:Thank you.Good day to you.(didn't bothered to listen whats she said in reply).

No documents asked

No finance doc checked.

NO GRE and TOEFL score asked

NO transcript.

NO future plans.

I had shown external sponsor in DS forms but she never asked "Who is sponsoring you?"

I had an year gap but she didn't asked anything

Observations:

1.Visa is a mere formality in delhi if you are a student.There was a IIT Kanpur guy of ECE background next in line.HE was going to Texas Tech university with full funding.He got visa before me even though he was behind me in line.Another vocational course student was granted visa by CHL though she did asked him few docs.

2.Much dreaded Chinese/Mongolian lady is grilling a lot , is asking for all sort of docs, shouting , yelling , asking ppl not to lean , asking ppl not to use heavy technical terms but she is granting visa to all.She is taking 10 minutes on every application and by that time other VOs take 9-10 visa interviews so your probability of falling in hands of that lady is 1 out of 10 or 10%.

3.No need to mug answers.I had mugged all my answers and i have done my bachelors by mugging entire books but by the time i entered embassy i had forgotten all my answers.

4.If you can keep your smile intact for whole visa interview period then interview will be a mere formality.In short smile is the key to success.But my smile is horrible.May be CHL granted me visa coz she was scared of my horrible beastly smile. Laughing Laughing Laughing

5.Answer confidently even if you are lying coz most of the times VOs will be typing and not listening to you.There was minimum "eye to eye contact in my case" coz most of the time VO was typing in computer.

6.Everything will happen fast at Delhi.I entered NIV line at 8.45 and was out of consulate by 9.45 and my appointment time was 9.45 am.