



International Student Support

VISAS FOR TRAVEL TO THE USA

International students may wish to travel to the USA during their time at Nottingham Trent University for a variety of purposes; including holidays, conferences, and course trips. For this, you may need to apply for a 'non-immigrant visa' before you travel.

The International Student Support Service cannot assist with these applications, but we hope that the information below will provide you with helpful guidance regarding US Visas.

As a starting point, we recommend that you look at the website of the US Embassy in London, which is the best source for up-to-date and useful information about different visas for the USA: <https://uk.usembassy.gov/visas/>

Who needs a visa to travel to the USA?

Everyone, except:

- ✓ those who come under the **Visa Waiver Programme**

Many British and other nationals travelling for business, tourism or in transit on a valid electronic passport, with a return or onward ticket, and who plan to stay in the USA for less than 90 days, are eligible for the **Visa Waiver Programme**. For more details, and to check if you qualify, please visit: <https://uk.usembassy.gov/visas/visa-waiver-program/non-immigrant-visa-waiver-program-vwp/>

- ✓ those who are **exempt from the visa requirement** – this applies to Canadian and Bermudan nationals who meet the criteria below: <https://uk.usembassy.gov/visas/exempt-from-visa-requirements/>

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Where can I apply for a US Visa?

For students at Nottingham Trent University, the nearest place to apply for a visa for travel to the USA is the **US Embassy in London**. The address of the Embassy is:

Embassy of the United States of America

33 Nine Elms Lane

London

SW11 7US

<https://uk.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/>

How can I apply for a US Visa?

STEP 1: Determine which type of visa is appropriate for your travel to the USA. Most students travelling to the USA for tourism or course trips will need to apply for a B-2 visa.

A full list of visa categories and descriptions is available at:

<https://uk.usembassy.gov/visas/visa-directory/>

STEP 2: Fill in the DS-160 visa application form online at:

<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

A guidance video is available here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhcdWS05Fyw&feature=c4-overview&list=UUFXBhKIGsJ_Ek71dlkFMkYQ

Please be advised that the DS-160 application requires a photo to be scanned into the application – make sure you scan and save a suitable passport photo onto your computer before you begin the application. Photograph guidance for US visas can be found here – please note that photos for US visas are different from standard UK passport photos:

<http://www.slideshare.net/USAinUK/ds160-visa-photo-requirements>

After you have completed the form, remember to print the application form and confirmation page and bring them along to your interview together with the original passport photo.

STEP 3: Pay the MRV application fee and schedule a non-immigrant visa interview.

Go to <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-gb/niv> and click on “Apply” if you are a first-time user or “Continue” if you already have an account. The MRV application fee is currently \$160.

STEP 4: Print your appointment letter and MRV fee receipt from the Embassy Portal

You must take your appointment letter and MRV fee receipt to your appointment.

STEP 5: Attend your scheduled appointment at the US Embassy: watch the video at

<https://uk.usembassy.gov/visas/tourism-visitor/the-interview/> for detailed guidance.

Remember to take along your printed DS-160 application form, confirmation page with bar code, appointment confirmation letter and MRV fee receipt as well as your other supporting documentation. You will get more information about required supporting documents when you access your appointment letter, but as a guideline, applicants normally need:

- A passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your stay in the USA + UK visa/BRP
- One recent 5 x 5cm photograph
- Evidence of sufficient funds to support yourself whilst in USA (e.g. recent bank statement with sufficient funds for the entire duration of your trip)
- Evidence of residence in the UK and intention to return to the UK – a letter from your School Administrative Office confirming that you are a student at NTU and details of your course, payments you have made towards the course fees and your accommodation, your Nottingham address and information about the trip (if you're going on a course trip)

STEP 6: If your visa application is successful, you will be required to **hand in your passport** at the end of your interview. The average visa processing time for successful applicants is 3-5 business days. Once the visa has been issued, your passport will be handed to the courier company for delivery and they will email you a tracking number. You should allow at least 2 additional working days for delivery.

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