



INVITING A VISITOR TO GRADUATION

AN INFORMATION SHEET FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Many overseas students like to invite family or friends for a short visit to the UK to attend the Graduation Ceremony. In some cases this will involve obtaining visas.

If you are currently staying in the UK, the following information will help to guide you through the process of inviting someone to visit. The British Embassy or High Commission in your country will use the letters which you provide to confirm the purpose of the visit your friends or family are making when they apply for Entry Clearance (Visa) to travel and enter the UK.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A VISITOR'S VISA IS GRANTED FOR A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS AND CANNOT BE EXTENDED.

Documents to send your visitors to help with their Entry Clearance applications:

- Your personal letter of invitation;
- A letter confirming your enrolment and attendance at UCB (we can provide this – please contact graduation@ucb.ac.uk); (the letters should include the name of each of your guests).
- A photocopy of your passport pages containing your personal details, your Visa page and the most recent UK entry stamp

Your visitors must provide your letter of invitation and all documents to the British Embassy or High Commission in their country when they apply for Entry Clearance/Visa for the United Kingdom. For further information access <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa>.

- For students who will not be living in the UK in September and are applying for a visitor's visa for themselves, we can also provide a letter from UCB inviting them to attend the Ceremony which can be used to accompany the Visa application.

Please remember that if you are inviting more than one person, each person will need original letters and documents from you if they are applying for Entry Clearance/Visas separately.