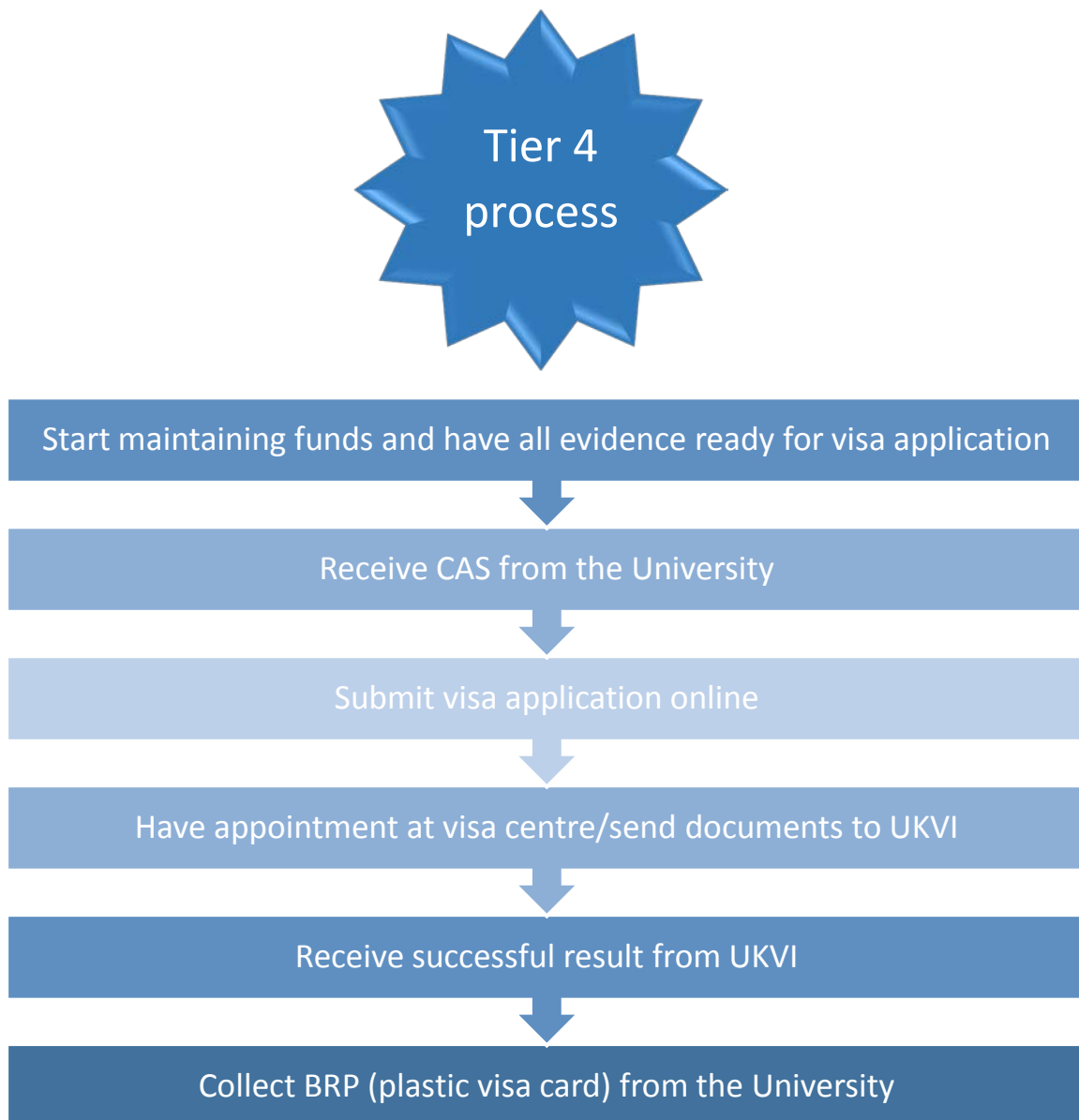


# Understanding your Tier 4 application

## Credibility Interview



## What is the credibility interview?

Most applicants are invited for a credibility interview as part of the application process. The purpose of this is to determine that you are a genuine student and your motivation for being in the UK is to study. The interview will be in English to check that your English is good enough to study here. Be confident, positive and show your genuine intention to study in the UK. Below are some questions to help you prepare.

### Your previous immigration history

- What UK visas have you had before?
- Have you ever breached any of the conditions of your UK visas? *(Be honest!)*
- Have you had any visas for any other countries?

### Your studies

- Have you studied in the UK before? Why are you studying here again?
- Why is there such a long gap between your last course and this new one?
- Why have you chosen to study this new course?
- Why have you chosen Staffordshire University?
- How does this course compare to similar courses at other universities?
- How does this course fit into your career plans?
- What do you plan to do after you finish this course?
- Where would you like to work after your course is over?

### Your finances

- How will you fund your studies? *(They want to ensure that the funds you gave evidence of with your application are genuinely available to you for your studies. Make sure you know the source of the funds, and how you will pay for subsequent years' fees if your course is more than 1 year long)*
- How will you pay back your educational loan?
- How much will your accommodation cost in the UK?
- What is your family's financial situation?
- It is more expensive to study in the UK than in your home country, so why have you decided to incur extra expense? *(Think about the advantages that a degree from the UK might give you and why you and/or your family are prepared to make this investment)*
- Do you plan to work in the UK? *(You can't rely on funds from working to pay for your fees or living costs. The main purpose of being here is to study. It is fine to work part time, but think about how it is enhancing your academic studies. Remember, you cannot work more than 20 hours a week during term time)*