

# NC State 2024 Winter Campus Data Science Program FAQ

## 1. What happens after my acceptance into the program, what type of visa do I need and what are the steps for visa issuance?

1. Starting from October 23rd, we will issue GTI program acceptance notifications via email to qualified students who have been successfully admitted.
2. After you have confirmed your participation by submitting your full program payment within 3 days of the offer, participants will then be entered into our Global Home system to begin the process to apply for a J-1 short term scholar visa.
3. After the internal processing is complete, you will receive an email with a link to a secure e-form to submit documents (resume/cv, passport bio page, program information, proof of funding and confirmation of your understanding of the assigned scholar category and health insurance requirements) required by the NC State Office of International Services (OIS).
4. After successful documentation processing, you will receive a DS-2019 form containing your SEVIS ID via email.

\* It often takes around 2 full weeks for your documents to be processed by OIS. Be sure that all information is submitted carefully and correctly as you will not be able to make corrections independently.

5. After receiving your SEVIS ID, you will then schedule a visa interview at a nearby US consulate and complete the SEVIS fee prior to your appointment.

\* Be sure to email us once you have scheduled this appointment to let us know when it has been scheduled for. Be sure to keep in communication with us on the status (approval, denial, wait and estimated time) of your visa as updates arise. Since the visa queue and processing time are currently long, please apply as early as possible.

## 2. How do I apply for a US visa?

Please go to the US embassy/consulate website and get detailed information.  
<https://www.ustraveldocs.com/cn/en/nonimmigrant-visa/>

## 3. What type of visa do I need to apply FOR?

Please apply for a J-1 visa.

#### **4. Where will I live? The US address? Who will be our contact person?**

If your housing is arranged by the GTI, you will be staying nearby NC State's campus at 3771 Thistledown Dr, Raleigh, NC 27606. Mrs. Lynn Wang will be your contact person, phone number is 919-513-0105, [lynn.wang@ncsu.edu](mailto:lynn.wang@ncsu.edu).

#### **5. If the visa officer asks me "why are you coming to the US" during the visa interview, how can I answer it?**

Please answer this question honestly. You will come to the US for a short-term Data Science program at NC State University. This program will last for 2 weeks.

#### **6. If during the visa interview the visa officer asks me "will you earn credit from this program?", how can I answer it?**

You will not earn credit from NC State, and NC State will not issue an official transcript for you. This is a short term winter program.

#### **7. If the visa office asks me "will you come back to your home country when you finish your program", how can I answer?**

Please answer this question honestly. I will come back to my home country once this program is over.

#### **8. The program will start on January 22 to February 3, can I arrive earlier or leave late?**

Please come and leave according to the date on our invitation letter. If you come earlier or leave late, we will try our best to arrange the accommodation, but you have to pay extra money for it. And we are afraid we cannot arrange any activities during these days.

#### **9. Can I arrive at a nearby airport on January 22? Will someone pick me up there?**

Please arrive via the Raleigh airport on January 22, the airport name is Raleigh-Durham International Airport; it is also known as RDU. If you arrive at another airport, we are sorry that we cannot send the driver to pick you up there.

#### **10. Can I choose my arrival time on January 22 at the Raleigh airport? Will someone pick me up if I arrive in the early morning or late night?**

Please arrive during business hours from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM if possible; but if you cannot find a flight arriving during this time, let us know your flight information in advance, we will assign the driver to pick you up, even if you come in the early morning or late evening.

#### **11. What are the outcomes of this program?**

- Program Graduation Certificate
- NC State Professor Evaluation Letter
- Final Project Presentation
- Deeply understand the admission process of Master/PHD program

## **12. What program fee included?**

Airport pickup and dropoff, data science course, culture course, activity, housing, everyday breakfast and dinner, welcome lunch and farewell dinner, **not include air ticket, J1 visa fee, and health insurance**

## **13. Where can I learn more about this program?**

We will hold 3 zoom info sessions at the dates and times listed below:

Info Session 1: October 24th 9:30am US EST

Info Session 2: November 8th 8:30am US EST

*Meeting ID: 824 666 7307 Passcode: 2024WIN*

Contact information:

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# 2024 年北卡州立大学冬季数据科学 (实地) 常见问题

## 1. 被项目录取之后，我需要什么类型的签证，以及签证发放的步骤是什么？

1. 从 10 月 23 日开始，我们将通过电子邮件向合格学生发放 GTI 项目录取通知。
2. 提交全额项目付款确认后的 3 天之内，申请者将被录入我们的 (Global Home) 系统，从而开始进行申请 J-1 短期学者签证 的流程。
3. 内部审核完成后，你将收到一封包含链接的电子邮件，链接将指向一个有安全保障的电子表格，用于提交北卡州立大学国际服务办公室 (OIS) 要求的文件 (简历/履历、护照身份信息、项目信息、经济担保证明以及指定的学者类别和健康保险要求的确认)。
4. 在文件成功处理后，你将通过电子邮件收到一份包含你的 SEVIS ID 的 DS-2019 表格。  
\* OIS 通常需要大约两周来处理你的文件，请确保所有信息正确提交，因为提交后将无法更正。
5. 收到 SEVIS ID 后，你会被告知在附近的美国领事馆进行签证面试，请在 预约之前完成 SEVIS 费用的支付。  
\* 请务必在你安排面试预约后通过电子邮件通知我们，告知我们已经安排好了预约。请确保在签证状态 (批准、拒绝、等待及预计时间) 发生变化时与我们保持联系。由于签证排队和处理时间目前较长，请尽早申请。

## 2. 如何申请美国签证？

请登录美国大使馆/领事馆的官方网站获取详细信息。

<https://www.ustraveldocs.com/cn/en/nonimmigrant-visa/>

## 3. 我需要申请什么类型的签证？

J-1 签证。

## 4. 我将居住在哪里？美国的地址是什么？联系人是谁？

如果你的住宿是由 GTI 安排的，住宿会在北卡州立大学校园附近，校园地点位于 3771 Thistledown Dr, Raleigh, NC 27606. 联系人是 Mrs. Lynn Wang, 电话：919-513-0105, 邮件：[lynn.wang@ncsu.edu](mailto:lynn.wang@ncsu.edu)。

## **5. 如果签证官在签证面试中问道“你为什么想来美国”，我该如何回答？**

请诚实回答，前往美国参加为期 2 周的短期数据科学培训项目，该项目由北卡州立大学提供。

## **6. 如果在签证面试中签证官问我“你会从这个项目中获得学分吗？”我应该如何回答？**

你不会从北卡州立大学获得学分，北卡州立大学也不会为你出具正式的成绩单。这是一个短期冬季项目。

## **7. 如果签证官问我“你完成项目后是否会回到你的祖国”，我应该如何回答？**

请诚实回答这个问题。项目结束我将回到我的祖国。

## **8. 这个项目将于 1 月 22 日开始，到 2 月 3 日结束，我可以提前到达或延迟离开吗？**

请按照我们邀请函上的日期到达和离开。如果你提前到达或延迟离开，我们将尽最大努力安排住宿，但你需要额外支付费用。并且在此期间我们无法安排任何活动。

## **9. 我可以在 1 月 22 日抵达 Raleigh 以外附近的机场吗？会有人在那里接我吗？**

请于 1 月 22 日抵达 Raleigh 机场，该机场的名称是 Raleigh-Durham 国际机场 (Raleigh-Durham International Airport)，简称 RDU。如果你抵达其他机场，很抱歉我们无法派遣司机接机。

## **10. 我可以选择 1 月 22 日抵达 Raleigh 机场的具体时间吗？如果我在清晨或深夜抵达，会有人来接我吗？**

请尽量在工作时间内，即上午 8:30 至下午 5:00 之间抵达；但如果你找不到在此时间段内的航班，请提前告知我们你的航班信息，我们将安排司机接机。

## **11. 项目的最终成果是什么？**

- 项目结业证书
- 北卡州立大学教授评估信

- 最终项目演讲
- 深入了解美国大学研究生和博士生申请流程

## 12. 项目费用包括哪些？

包括：机场接送机、数据科学课程、文化课程、参观活动、住宿、每日早晚餐、欢迎午餐、告别晚餐。不包括：机票、J1 签证费、和健康保险

## 13. 项目说明会时间：

10月24日、11月8日北京时间为晚上9:30, Zoom Meeting ID: 824 666 7307, 密码 2024WIN

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