

NC State 2024 Summer 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 March 1, 2024, we began to 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 2110 Avent Ferry Rd, Raleigh, NC 27606. Mrs. Lynn Wang will be your contact person, phone number is 919-513-0105, 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 3 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 summer 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 July 14 to August 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 July 14? Will someone pick me up there?

Please arrive via the Raleigh airport on July 14, 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 July 14 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
- Gain the learning experience from a first-class U.S. university
- Practice work and project in a multicultural setting
- Deeply understand the admission process of Master/PHD program

12. Where can I learn more about this program?

We will hold 2 zoom info sessions at the dates and times listed below:

Info Session 1: March 4th 8:30am US EST

Info Session 2: April 2nd 9:30am US EST

Meeting ID: 824 666 7307 Passcode: 2024SUM

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