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Transcripts of my visa interview at the US Consular in Lagos in December 2020: a thread ■

- Where are you going?
- How did you hear about the school?
- Did you do a Masters?

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Hi Muneeb: 🍷

How are you doing?

Well, some good news for you: I GOT MY VISA APPROVED! Yay! 🥳🥳🥳🥳

So I thought to share my visa transcript with you 😊 in a stylish form. 🥰

VISA APPROVED

Date: Friday, November 20, 2020

Time: 11am

Background: No GRE. No TOEFL. Applied to one school.

VO: So where are you going?

Me: I am going to the University of Texas at Dallas to resume in-person and continue my PhD program in Molecular and Cell Biology. I'll be working in Dr. Kelli Palmer's lab on antibiotic resistance in pathogenic bacteria specifically *Enterococcus faecalis* and *Escherichia coli*

VO: How did you hear about the school?

During my extensive search on ResearchGate, I came across Dr. Kelli Palmer's paper on Antibiotic Resistance; after several email exchange and a zoom interview session, she encouraged me to apply for the program...and also offered to accept me in her lab

VO: Did you do a Master's

Me: No

VO: (looks down on my i-20) Oh you don't?

Me: No I don't



VO: So why did you apply for a PhD?

Me: The graduate coordinator, Dr. Zhenyu Xuan, considering my strong academic and research profile, advised me to apply for the PhD program

VO: Are you married?

- So why did you apply for a PhD?
- Are you married?
- Do you have kids?
- Where have you been working
- Do you have your transcript? (Take ALL your documents along! You never know which ones they'll randomly ask for)
- Have you traveled outside the country before?

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(types..)

VO: Where have you been working?

Me: Currently I work as a graduate trainee at the Nigerian Institute of Medical Research in the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology

(types...)

VO: Do you have your transcript?

Me: Yes I do. (Passes it..)



(types looking back and forth computer and transcript...)

VO: Have you travelled out of the country before?

Me: Yes. Kenya

(looks sideways at the computer. Nods...)

VO: (Grabs paper. Writes..) I'll be approving your **visa**. Do you have your reciprocity fee?

Me: Oh yes.

(passes my stuff...)

Me: Thank you.

- "I'll be approving your visa. Do you have your reciprocity fee?"

I went to pick up my visa at the DHS office in like three days.

Memorize your answers. Practice and don't stutter. Be confident!