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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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How are you doing?

Well, some good news for you: I GOT MY VISA APPROVED! Yay! @ 111

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 feacalis 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

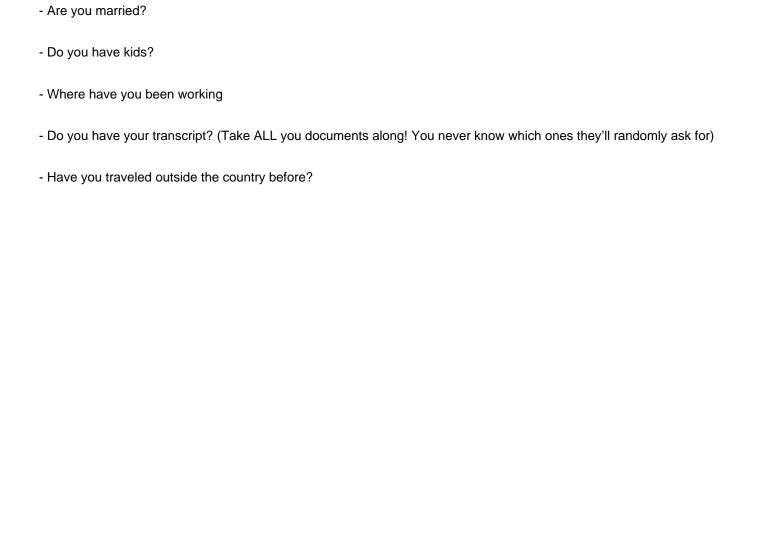
VO: (looks down on my i-20) Oh you don't?

Me: No I don't

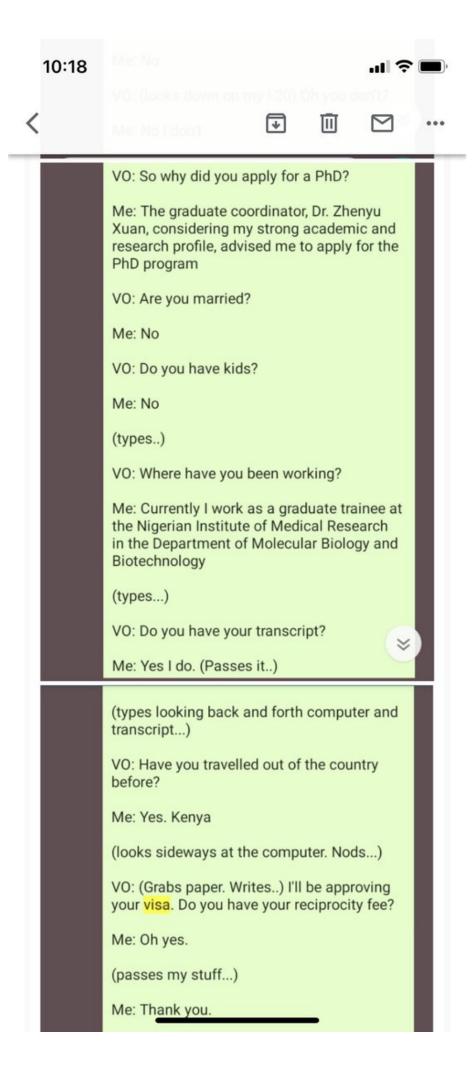
VO: So why did you apply for a PhD?

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?



- "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!