

Dear <name>,

Thank you for your application to the University of Leeds to study <programme a>.

We have identified as part of your application that you have previously studied <NQF Level 7 programme b> at <institution>. As you may be aware, the UKVI has strict rules regarding academic progression relating to same level study on a Student visa (formerly known as a Tier 4 (General) student visa). This is detailed as follows:

*5.41. If the student's new course is at the same level as the previous course, it may exceptionally be considered to represent academic progression if the course is at degree level or above; the sponsor teaching the course is an HEP with a track record of compliance and:*

- a. the new course is related to the previous course for which the student was granted permission on the Student route (meaning that it is either connected to the previous course, part of the same subject group or involves deeper specialisation); or*
- b. the student's previous and new course combined, support the student's genuine career aspirations.*

*([Student Sponsor Guidance](#) version 09/2021, pages 36-37)*

We have identified that in your situation we may be able to sponsor you under category b.

**In order for us to check that you meet the requirements, please respond to this email detailing how the combination of <programme a> and <programme b> will support your career aspirations.** Please include any evidence that supports your response. This could include:

- A job description for the type of role/organisation you are interested in
- Careers advice from a website or publication
- Correspondence from a professional in the industry

If your previous study was not under a Student visa, or equivalent, or if you do not require sponsorship under a Student visa in order to study at the University of Leeds, please inform us, including your alternative UK immigration evidence, as these rules will not apply to you.

Once we have received your response, we will review whether we are able to sponsor you for a Student visa.

We look forward to hearing from you.

University of Leeds