F-1 DS-160 Sample for an Indian Master's Student

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See how a fictional engineer from India going to a U.S. master's program answered the DS-160, including his SEVIS ID and school, his father paying, and his brother in Texas as an immediate relative and his U.S. contact. Know what the form asks before you start your own.

This is a fictional example for educational purposes, not an official or pre-approved application. Your DS-160 answers must reflect your own circumstances. Do not copy the sample answers unless they are independently true for you.

Before you start: information you'll want ready

The form will ask for

- Your passport
- Your I-20, for the SEVIS ID, the school's address and your course
- Your brother's U.S. address, phone, email and visa status
- Your father's name, phone and email, as the person paying
- Your employer's address and phone, your start date, duties and monthly income
- Two people at home who know you, such as a professor and a manager, with their contact details

Helpful to have nearby

- Your degree certificate, for your college's address and dates
- The address of the flat where you will live
- Your social media usernames from the last five years
- A recent photo that meets the U.S. visa photo rules

Questions applicants commonly get stuck on

How this fictional applicant answered, why, and what to check for your own form. Answer for your own situation, which may differ.

19.1	SEVIS ID	N0035120487
19.2	*Provide additional information below:*	
	Name of School	THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
	Course of Study	MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
	Street Address Line 1	800 W CAMPBELL RD
	Street Address Line 2	*Not answered*
	City	RICHARDSON
	State	TEXAS
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	75080

Why Karthik copies his SEVIS ID from the I-20 for The University of Texas at Dallas, and gives the school's address from the same form, not the flat where he will live.

For your application The school's address here is the one on your I-20. Where you will live goes on the travel page instead.

3.3	*Address where you will stay in the U.S.*	
	Address Line 1	1450 E BELT LINE RD
	Address Line 2	APT 2214
	City	RICHARDSON
	State	TEXAS
	Zip Code	75081
	Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip	OTHER PERSON
	Provide the following information:	
	Surnames of Person Paying for Trip	REDDY
	Given Names of Person Paying for Trip	VENKATESH
	Telephone Number	919849055530

Email Address	VENKATESH.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM
Payer relationship to You	PARENT
Is the address of the party paying for your trip the same as your Home or Mailing Address?	Yes

Why He will live in a flat in Richardson, near the campus. His father, Venkatesh, pays for his studies and lives at the family home in Hyderabad, so the payer's address is the same as his.

For your application Name whoever is actually paying, with their relationship to you. If a scholarship or an organisation pays instead, the form asks for its details.

9.3 Do you have any immediate relatives, not including parents, in the United States? Yes

Provide the following information:

Surnames	*Given Names*	*Relationship To You*	*Relative status*
REDDY	ARJUN	SIBLING	NONIMMIGRANT

Why His brother Arjun lives in Texas on a temporary visa, so Karthik answers Yes, lists him as a sibling and gives his status as Nonimmigrant.

For your application A brother or sister in the U.S. counts here, but parents do not. Give their status as it is today, and ask them if you are not sure.

8.1 *Contact Person or Organization in the United States*

Contact Person

Surnames	REDDY
Given Names	ARJUN
Organization Name	*Do Not Know*

8.2 Relationship To You RELATIVE

Why Karthik names Arjun as his U.S. contact too, with Relative as the relationship and Arjun's own address and phone in Austin.

For your application Your contact can be a relative, a friend or your school in the U.S. Give their address and phone, not the place where you will live.

18.1 *Additional Point of Contact Information*

(1)

Surnames	NARAYANA
Given Names	SURESH
Street Address Line 1	DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
Street Address Line 2	OSMANIA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
City	HYDERABAD
State/Province	TELANGANA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500007
Country/Region	INDIA
Telephone Number	914027550162
Email Address	SURESH.NARAYANA@EXAMPLE.AC.IN

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Surnames	KRISHNAN
Given Names	DIVYA
Street Address Line 1	PLOT 9, CYBER TOWERS ROAD
Street Address Line 2	HITEC CITY, MADHAPUR
City	HYDERABAD
State/Province	TELANGANA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500081
Country/Region	INDIA
Telephone Number	914048550135
Email Address	DIVYA.KRISHNAN@EXAMPLE.COM

Why He lists Suresh Narayana from his college's computer science department and Divya Krishnan at his employer. His brother does not go here, because the page asks for people at home who are not relatives.

For your application Pick at least two people in your home country who know you and will answer if contacted, such as a professor or a manager. Check that their details are current.

11.1 Were you previously employed? No

Why Deccan Cloudworks is his first job after his degree, so he answers No to previous employment. His college goes in the education part of the same page.

For your application Count only jobs before your current one. Your present job is on the previous page and is not repeated here.

Common questions about this example

Does my brother have to be my U.S. contact?
No. The contact can be anyone in the U.S. who knows you, or your school. Karthik names his brother because he knows him best. Whoever you choose, a brother in the U.S. still goes on the family page as an immediate relative.

Should my U.S. address be my school or where I will live?
The travel page asks where you will stay, so Karthik gives the flat he will live in. The school's address goes on the student page, copied from his I-20.

How early can I arrive in the U.S.?
New F-1 students can enter the U.S. up to 30 days before the program start date on their I-20. Karthik has not booked flights, so he answers No to specific travel plans and gives the date he expects to arrive.
Official source travel.state.gov

Does my father fill in anything because he is paying?
No. He does not fill in a form of his own. Karthik gives his father's name, phone, email and relationship on his own DS-160, and answers Yes to the same address because they live together.

The completed DS-160, question by question

1 Personal Information - Part 1

1.1	Surname	REDDY
1.2	Given Names	KARTHIK
1.3	Full Name in Native Alphabet	*Does Not Apply/Technology Not Available*
1.4	Have you ever used other names (i.e., maiden, religious, professional, alias, etc.)?	No
1.5	Do you have a telecode that represents your name?	No
1.6	Sex	MALE
1.7	Marital Status	SINGLE
1.8	Date of Birth	January 11, 2002
1.9	City of Birth	HYDERABAD
1.10	State/Province of Birth	TELANGANA
1.11	Country/Region of Birth	INDIA

2 Personal Information - Part 2

2.1	Country/Region of Origin (Nationality)	INDIA
2.2	Do you hold or have you held any nationality other than the one indicated above on nationality?	No

2.3	Are you a permanent resident of a country/region other than your country/ region of origin (nationality) indicated above?	No
2.4	National Identification Number	*Does Not Apply*
2.5	U.S. Social Security Number	*Does Not Apply*
2.6	U.S. Taxpayer ID Number	*Does Not Apply*

3 Purpose of Visa

3.1	*Purpose of Visit*	
	Purpose of Trip to the U.S.	ACADEMIC OR LANGUAGE STUDENT (F)
	Specify Visa	STUDENT (F1)
3.2	Have you made specific travel plans?	No
	Please provide an explanation of your travel plans.	
	Arrival Date	August 9, 2027
	Intended length of stay in the U.S.	2
	Time period	YEAR(S)
3.3	*Address where you will stay in the U.S.*	
	Address Line 1	1450 E BELT LINE RD
	Address Line 2	APT 2214
	City	RICHARDSON
	State	TEXAS
	Zip Code	75081
	Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip	OTHER PERSON
	Provide the following information:	
	Surnames of Person Paying for Trip	REDDY
	Given Names of Person Paying for Trip	VENKATESH
	Telephone Number	919849055530
	Email Address	VENKATESH.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM
	Payer relationship to You	PARENT
	Is the address of the party paying for your trip the same as your Home or Mailing Address?	Yes

4 Travel Companions

4.1	Are there other persons traveling with you?	No

5 Previous U.S. Travel History

5.1	Have you ever been in the U.S.?	No
5.2	Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?	No
5.3	Have you ever been refused a U.S. Visa, or been refused admission to the United States, or withdrawn your application for admission at the port of entry?	No
5.4	Have you ever been denied travel authorization by the Department of Homeland Security through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)?	No

5.5	Has anyone ever filed an immigrant petition on your behalf with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services?	No

6 Address and Phone Details

6.1	*Home Address*	
	Street Address (Line 1)	PLOT 42, ROAD NO 3
	Street Address (Line 2)	BANJARA HILLS
	City	HYDERABAD
	State/Province	TELANGANA
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500034
	Country/Region	INDIA
6.2	Is your Mailing Address the same as your Home Address?	Yes
6.3	*Phone*	
	Primary Phone Number	919849055547
	Secondary Phone Number	914023550187
	Work Phone Number	914048550120
6.4	Have you used any other phone numbers in the last five years?	No
6.5	Email Address	KARTHIK.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM
6.6	Have you used any other email addresses in the last five years?	No

6.7 *Social Media*

Social Media Provider/Platform	*Link to Social Media Profile*
LINKEDIN	HTTPS://WWW.LINKEDIN.COM/IN/KARTHIK-REDDY-HYD/
INSTAGRAM	HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/KARTHIK.REDDY.02/

6.8	Do you wish to provide information about your presence on any other websites or applications you have used within the last five years to create or share content (photos, videos, status updates, etc.)?	No

7 Passport Information

7.1	Passport/Travel Document Type	REGULAR
7.2	Passport/Travel Document Number	X4071926
7.3	Passport Book Number	*Does not apply*
7.4	Country/Authority that Issued Passport/ Travel Document	INDIA
7.5	*Where was the Passport/Travel Document Issued?*	
	City	HYDERABAD
	State/Province *If shown on passport	TELANGANA
	Country/Region	INDIA
	Issuance Date	March 6, 2024
	Expiration Date	March 5, 2034
7.6	Have you ever lost a passport or had one stolen?	No

8 US Contact Information

8.1	*Contact Person or Organization in the United States*	
	Contact Person	
	Surnames	REDDY
	Given Names	ARJUN
	Organization Name	*Do Not Know*
8.2	Relationship To You	RELATIVE
8.3	*Address and Phone Number of Point of Contact*	
	U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	2100 BARTON SPRINGS RD
	U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	APT 312
	City	AUSTIN
	State	TEXAS
	ZIP Code (if known)	78704
	Phone Number	5125550148
	Email Address	ARJUN.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM

9 Family Information

9.1	*Father's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	REDDY
	Given Names	VENKATESH
	Date of Birth	March 2, 1962
	Is your father in the U.S.?	No
9.2	*Mother's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	REDDY
	Given Names	LAKSHMI
	Date of Birth	September 27, 1965
	Is your mother in the U.S.?	No
9.3	Do you have any immediate relatives, not including parents, in the United States?	Yes

Provide the following information:

Surnames	*Given Names*	*Relationship To You*	*Relative status*
REDDY	ARJUN	SIBLING	NONIMMIGRANT

10 Current Occupation

10.1	Primary Occupation	COMPUTER SCIENCE
	Present Employer or School Information	
	Present Employer or School Name	DECCAN CLOUDWORKS PVT LTD
	Present Employer or School Address	
	Street Address (Line 1)	PLOT 9, CYBER TOWERS ROAD
	Street Address (Line 2)	HITEC CITY, MADHAPUR
	City	HYDERABAD
	State/Province	TELANGANA
	Postal Zone / ZIP Code	500081
	Country / Region	INDIA
	Phone Number	914048550120
	Start Date	July 15, 2024
	Monthly Income in Local Currency (if employed)	78000
	Briefly describe your duties	BUILD AND TEST BACKEND SERVICES IN JAVA FOR A LOGISTICS TRACKING PRODUCT; WRITE SQL REPORTS FOR THE OPERATIONS TEAM; FIX PRODUCTION ISSUES ON THE SUPPORT ROTA

11 Previous Occupation

11.1	Were you previously employed?	No
11.2	Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above?	Yes

Provide the following information on the educational institution(s) you have attended.

Name of Institution	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING OSMANIA UNIVERSITY
Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	OSMANIA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
Street Address (Line 2)	AMBERPET
City	HYDERABAD
State/Province	TELANGANA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500007
Country	INDIA
Course of Study	BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Date of Attendance From	September 1, 2020
Date of Attendance To	June 30, 2024

12 Additional Occupation Details

12.1	Do you belong to a clan or tribe?	No
12.2	*Provide a List of Languages You Speak*	

Language Name
TELUGU
ENGLISH
HINDI

12.3	Have you traveled to any countries/ regions within the last five years?	Yes

Provide a List of Countries/Regions Visited

Country/Region
THAILAND

12.4	Have you belonged to, contributed to, or worked for any professional, social, or charitable organization?	No
12.5	Do you have any specialized skills or training, such as firearms, explosives, nuclear, biological, or chemical experience?	No
12.6	Have you ever served in the military?	No
12.7	Have you ever served in, been a member of, or been involved with a paramilitary unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerrilla group, or insurgent organization?	No

13 Security Background - Part 1

13.1	Do you have a communicable disease of public health significance? (Communicable diseases of public significance include chancroid, gonorrhea, granuloma inguinale, infectious leprosy, lymphogranuloma venereum, infectious stage syphilis, active tuberculosis, and other diseases as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.)	No
13.2	Do you have a mental or physical disorder that poses or is likely to pose a threat to the safety or welfare of yourself or others?	No
13.3	Are you or have you ever been a drug abuser or addict?	No

14 Security Background - Part 2

14.1	Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any offense or crime, even though subject of a pardon, amnesty, or other similar action?	No
14.2	Have you ever violated, or engaged in a conspiracy to violate, any law relating to controlled substances?	No
14.3	Are you coming to the United States to engage in prostitution or unlawful commercialized vice or have you been engaged in prostitution or procuring prostitutes within the past 10 years?	No
14.4	Have you ever been involved in, or do you seek to engage in, money laundering?	No
14.5	Have you ever committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States?	No
14.6	Have you ever knowingly aided, abetted, assisted or colluded with an individual who has committed, or conspired to commit a severe human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States?	No
14.7	Are you the spouse, son, or daughter of an individual who has committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States and have you within the last five years, knowingly benefited from the trafficking activities?	No

15 Security Background - Part 3

15.1	Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the United States?	No
15.2	Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?	No
15.3	Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations?	No
15.4	Are you a member or representative of a terrorist organization?	No
15.5	Are you the spouse, son, or daughter of an individual who has engaged in terrorist activity, including providing financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations, in the last five years?	No
15.6	Have you ever ordered, incited, committed, assisted, or otherwise participated in genocide?	No
15.7	Have you ever committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in torture?	No
15.8	Have you committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in extrajudicial killings, political killings, or other acts of violence?	No
15.9	Have you ever engaged in the recruitment or the use of child soldiers?	No
15.10	Have you, while serving as a government official, been responsible for or directly carried out, at any time, particularly severe violations of religious freedom?	No
15.11	Have you ever been directly involved in the establishment or enforcement of population controls forcing a woman to undergo an abortion against her free choice or a man or a woman to undergo sterilization against his or her free will?	No
15.12	Have you ever been directly involved in the coercive transplantation of human organs or bodily tissue?	No

16 Security Background - Part 4

16.1	Have you ever been the subject of a removal or deportation hearing?	No

16.2	Have you ever sought to obtain or assist others to obtain a visa, entry into the United States, or any other United States immigration benefit by fraud or willful misrepresentation or other unlawful means?	No
16.3	Have you failed to attend a hearing on removability or inadmissibility within the last five years?	No
16.4	Have you ever been unlawfully present, overstayed the amount of time granted by an immigration official or otherwise violated the terms of a U.S. visa?	No
16.5	Have you ever been removed or deported from any country?	No

17 Security Background - Part 5

17.1	Have you ever withheld custody of a U.S. citizen child outside the United States from a person granted legal custody by a U.S. court?	No
17.2	Have you voted in the United States in violation of any law or regulation?	No
17.3	Have you ever renounced United States citizenship for the purposes of avoiding taxation?	No
17.4	Are you a former exchange visitor (J) who has not yet fulfilled the two-year foreign residence requirement?	No
17.5	Have you attended a public elementary school on student (F) status or a public secondary school after November 30, 1996 without reimbursing the school?	No

18 Student Visa Details - Part 1

18.1 *Additional Point of Contact Information*

(1)

Surnames	NARAYANA
Given Names	SURESH
Street Address Line 1	DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
Street Address Line 2	OSMANIA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
City	HYDERABAD
State/Province	TELANGANA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500007
Country/Region	INDIA
Telephone Number	914027550162
Email Address	SURESH.NARAYANA@EXAMPLE.AC.IN

(2)

Surnames	KRISHNAN
Given Names	DIVYA
Street Address Line 1	PLOT 9, CYBER TOWERS ROAD
Street Address Line 2	HITEC CITY, MADHAPUR
City	HYDERABAD
State/Province	TELANGANA

Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500081
Country/Region	INDIA
Telephone Number	914048550135
Email Address	DIVYA.KRISHNAN@EXAMPLE.COM

19 Student Visa Details - Part 2

19.1	SEVIS ID	N0035120487
19.2	*Provide additional information below:*	
	Name of School	THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
	Course of Study	MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
	Street Address Line 1	800 W CAMPBELL RD
	Street Address Line 2	*Not answered*
	City	RICHARDSON
	State	TEXAS
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	75080

20 Preparer of Application

20.1	Did anyone assist you in filling out this application?	No

Ready to fill in your own?

Answer the questions in plain language and save as you go. DS160.io then fills in your DS-160 on the official site for you. Filing is free for individuals.

Start my DS-160 for free
www.ds160.io/individuals

Preparing DS-160s for clients? See DS160.io for immigration firms
www.ds160.io/immigration-firms