F-1 DS-160 Sample for a Master's Student from Nigeria

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See how a fictional Nigerian graduate going to a U.S. master's program answered the DS-160, including her SEVIS ID and school, her father paying, and her contacts at home. 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 father's name, phone, email and address, 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 lecturer and a manager, with their contact details
- Your schools since secondary school, with addresses and dates

Helpful to have nearby

- Your NYSC posting letter or certificate, for the dates and your supervisor's name
- Your school's international office address, phone and email
- Your social media usernames and any other email addresses 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	N0034981726
19.2	*Provide additional information below:*	
	Name of School	TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
	Course of Study	MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE
	Street Address Line 1	2500 BROADWAY
	Street Address Line 2	*Not answered*
	City	LUBBOCK
	State	TEXAS
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	79409

Why Chidinma Adaeze copies her SEVIS ID and the school's details from the I-20 that Texas Tech University sent her, with the master's in data science as her course.

For your application Copy the SEVIS ID exactly as it appears on your I-20, starting with N. Take the school's name, address and your course from the same document.

8.1	*Contact Person or Organization in the United States*	
	Contact Person	*Do Not Know*
	Organization Name	
	Organization Name	TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
8.2	Relationship To You	SCHOOL OFFICIAL

Why She knows nobody in the U.S., so she gives the university's Office of International Affairs as an organisation, chooses Do Not Know for the person's name and picks School Official.

For your application If you have no friend or relative in the U.S., your school's international office can be your contact. Its address, phone and email are on the school's website or in your admission emails.

18.1 *Additional Point of Contact Information*

(1)

Surnames	EZE
Given Names	OBINNA
Street Address Line 1	DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE
Street Address Line 2	UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
City	NSUKKA
State/Province	ENUGU
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	410001
Country/Region	NIGERIA
Telephone Number	2348065550171
Email Address	OBINNA.EZE@EXAMPLE.EDU.NG

(2)

Surnames	BELLO
Given Names	FUNMILAYO
Street Address Line 1	27 ADEOLA ODEKU STREET
Street Address Line 2	VICTORIA ISLAND
City	LAGOS
State/Province	LAGOS
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	101241
Country/Region	NIGERIA
Telephone Number	2349015550120
Email Address	FUNMILAYO.BELLO@EXAMPLE.COM

Why She lists Obinna Eze from her old university's computer science department and Funmilayo Bello at the company where she works now. Neither is a relative.

For your application The page asks for at least two people in your home country who know you, not relatives. Check that their phone numbers and emails are current.

10.1 Primary Occupation	COMPUTER SCIENCE
Present Employer or School Information	
Present Employer or School Name	LAGOSLEDGER TECHNOLOGIES LTD
Present Employer or School Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	27 ADEOLA ODEKU STREET
Street Address (Line 2)	VICTORIA ISLAND
City	LAGOS
State/Province	LAGOS
Postal Zone / ZIP Code	101241
Country / Region	NIGERIA
Phone Number	2349015550116
Start Date	September 1, 2025
Monthly Income in Local Currency (if employed)	650000
Briefly describe your duties	BUILD DASHBOARDS AND WEEKLY REPORTS ON PAYMENT VOLUMES FOR THE OPERATIONS TEAM; CLEAN AND MODEL TRANSACTION DATA IN SQL AND PYTHON; INVESTIGATE FAILED PAYMENTS WITH THE CUSTOMER SUPPORT TEAM

Why She works at LagosLedger Technologies until she leaves for Texas, so her present occupation is that job, not Student. She gives her start date, income and duties.

For your application Give what you do today. If you are working until you travel, that is your present occupation, even though the visa is for study.

11.1 Were you previously employed?	Yes
Employer/Employment Information:	
Employer Name	LAGOS STATE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Employer Address	
Employer Street Address (Line 1)	BLOCK 11, LAGOS STATE SECRETARIAT

Employer Street Address (Line 2)	ALAUSA, IKEJA
City/Town	LAGOS
State/Province	LAGOS
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	100271
Country	NIGERIA
Employer Telephone Number	2348055550139
Job Title	NYSC CORPS MEMBER, IT SUPPORT
Supervisor's Surname	ADEYEMI
Supervisor's Given Names	OLUWASEUN
Employment Date From	August 12, 2024
Employment Date To	August 11, 2025
Briefly describe your duties	NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE PLACEMENT; SUPPORTED STAFF COMPUTERS AND THE OFFICE NETWORK; HELPED MOVE PAPER RECORDS INTO A SPREADSHEET DATABASE

Why She lists her NYSC service year at the Lagos State Ministry of Science and Technology as a previous job, with her supervisor's name and the dates.
For your application If you did national service, an internship or a placement, check your posting letter or certificate for the exact dates and your supervisor's name.

12.1	Do you belong to a clan or tribe?	Yes
	Clan or tribe name	IGBO

Why Chidinma Adaeze is Igbo, so she answers Yes and names it.
For your application If you belong to a clan or tribe, answer Yes and name it. If you do not, answer No.

5.1	Have you ever been in the U.S.?	No
5.2	Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?	No

Why This is her first trip to the U.S. and she has never held a U.S. visa, so both answers are No.
For your application Count every visit, however short, and any U.S. visa ever issued to you, even an expired one. A refusal is not a visa.

Common questions about this example

Can my father pay for my studies?
Yes. Choose Other Person as the payer and give his name, phone, email, address and relationship to you, as Chidinma Adaeze does for her father. The DS-160 asks for no bank details, but the officer at your interview may ask how your studies will be paid for.
Official source travel.state.gov

Should I choose Student as my occupation?
Only if you are studying now. Chidinma Adaeze has graduated and works in Lagos, so she gives her job. If you are still at university, choose Student and name your university.

Do I need a flight booked before I apply?
No. She answers No to specific travel plans and gives the date she expects to arrive and how long she will stay. You do not need a ticket to fill in the DS-160.

Do I list a university email I no longer use?
Yes, if you used it in the last five years. The form asks for every other email address from that period, so Chidinma Adaeze lists her old university one.

The completed DS-160, question by question

1 Personal Information - Part 1

1.1	Surname	OKONKWO
1.2	Given Names	CHIDINMA ADAEZE
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	FEMALE
1.7	Marital Status	SINGLE
1.8	Date of Birth	February 14, 2002
1.9	City of Birth	ENUGU
1.10	State/Province of Birth	ENUGU
1.11	Country/Region of Birth	NIGERIA

2 Personal Information - Part 2

2.1	Country/Region of Origin (Nationality)	NIGERIA
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	48213956071
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	1909 AVENUE X
	Address Line 2	APT 204
	City	LUBBOCK
	State	TEXAS
	Zip Code	79411
	Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip	OTHER PERSON
	Provide the following information:	
	Surnames of Person Paying for Trip	OKONKWO
	Given Names of Person Paying for Trip	EMEKA
	Telephone Number	2348035550147
	Email Address	EMEKA.OKONKWO@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?	No
	Address of Person Paying	
	Street Address (Line 1)	27 OKPARA AVENUE

Street Address (Line 2) *Optional	INDEPENDENCE LAYOUT
City	ENUGU
State/Province	ENUGU
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	400102
Country/Region	NIGERIA

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)	14 ADMIRALTY WAY
Street Address (Line 2)	LEKKI PHASE 1
City	LAGOS
State/Province	LAGOS
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	106104
Country/Region	NIGERIA

6.2	Is your Mailing Address the same as your Home Address?	Yes

6.3 *Phone*

Primary Phone Number	2348035550182
Secondary Phone Number	*Does not apply*
Work Phone Number	2349015550116

6.4	Have you used any other phone numbers in the last five years?	No
6.5	Email Address	CHIDINMA.OKONKWO@EXAMPLE.COM
6.6	Have you used any other email addresses in the last five years?	Yes

Additional Email Address
C.OKONKWO.UNN@EXAMPLE.COM

6.7 *Social Media*

Social Media Provider/Platform	*Link to Social Media Profile*
INSTAGRAM	HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/CHIDINMA.OKONKWO/

Social Media Provider/Platform	*Link to Social Media Profile*
LINKEDIN	HTTPS://WWW.LINKEDIN.COM/IN/CHIDINMA-OKONKWO/

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	B03847215
7.3	Passport Book Number	*Does not apply*
7.4	Country/Authority that Issued Passport/Travel Document	NIGERIA
7.5	*Where was the Passport/Travel Document Issued?*	
	City	LAGOS
	State/Province *If shown on passport	LAGOS
	Country/Region	NIGERIA
	Issuance Date	May 22, 2024
	Expiration Date	May 21, 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	*Do Not Know*
	Organization Name	
	Organization Name	TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
8.2	Relationship To You	SCHOOL OFFICIAL
8.3	*Address and Phone Number of Point of Contact*	
	U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	601 INDIANA AVE
	U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
	City	LUBBOCK
	State	TEXAS
	ZIP Code (if known)	79409
	Phone Number	8065550125
	Email Address	INTERNATIONAL@EXAMPLE.EDU

9 Family Information

9.1	*Father's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	OKONKWO
	Given Names	EMEKA
	Date of Birth	June 3, 1968
	Is your father in the U.S.?	No
9.2	*Mother's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	OKONKWO
	Given Names	NGOZI
	Date of Birth	December 25, 1972

	Is your mother in the U.S.?	No
9.3	Do you have any immediate relatives, not including parents, in the United States?	No
	Do you have any other relatives in the United States?	No

10 Current Occupation

10.1	Primary Occupation	COMPUTER SCIENCE
	Present Employer or School Information	
	Present Employer or School Name	LAGOSLEDGER TECHNOLOGIES LTD
	Present Employer or School Address	
	Street Address (Line 1)	27 ADEOLA ODEKU STREET
	Street Address (Line 2)	VICTORIA ISLAND
	City	LAGOS
	State/Province	LAGOS
	Postal Zone / ZIP Code	101241
	Country / Region	NIGERIA
	Phone Number	2349015550116
	Start Date	September 1, 2025
	Monthly Income in Local Currency (if employed)	650000
	Briefly describe your duties	BUILD DASHBOARDS AND WEEKLY REPORTS ON PAYMENT VOLUMES FOR THE OPERATIONS TEAM; CLEAN AND MODEL TRANSACTION DATA IN SQL AND PYTHON; INVESTIGATE FAILED PAYMENTS WITH THE CUSTOMER SUPPORT TEAM

11 Previous Occupation

11.1	Were you previously employed?	Yes
	Employer/Employment Information:	
	Employer Name	LAGOS STATE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
	Employer Address	
	Employer Street Address (Line 1)	BLOCK 11, LAGOS STATE SECRETARIAT
	Employer Street Address (Line 2)	ALAUSA, IKEJA
	City/Town	LAGOS
	State/Province	LAGOS
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	100271
	Country	NIGERIA
	Employer Telephone Number	2348055550139
	Job Title	NYSC CORPS MEMBER, IT SUPPORT
	Supervisor's Surname	ADEYEMI
	Supervisor's Given Names	OLUWASEUN
	Employment Date From	August 12, 2024
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	Briefly describe your duties	NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE PLACEMENT; SUPPORTED STAFF COMPUTERS AND THE OFFICE NETWORK; HELPED MOVE PAPER RECORDS INTO A SPREADSHEET DATABASE
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.

(1)

Name of Institution	UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA NSUKKA
Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	UNIVERSITY ROAD
Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
City	NSUKKA
State/Province	ENUGU
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	410001
Country	NIGERIA
Course of Study	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Date of Attendance From	November 18, 2019
Date of Attendance To	June 28, 2024

(2)

Name of Institution	QUEENS COLLEGE
Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	11 HERBERT MACAULAY WAY
Street Address (Line 2)	YABA
City	LAGOS
State/Province	LAGOS
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	101212
Country	NIGERIA
Course of Study	SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, SCIENCE
Date of Attendance From	September 16, 2013
Date of Attendance To	July 19, 2019

12 Additional Occupation Details

12.1	Do you belong to a clan or tribe?	Yes
	Clan or tribe name	IGBO

12.2 *Provide a List of Languages You Speak*

Language Name
ENGLISH
IGBO
YORUBA

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

Provide a List of Countries/Regions Visited

Country/Region
GHANA

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	EZE
Given Names	OBINNA
Street Address Line 1	DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE
Street Address Line 2	UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
City	NSUKKA
State/Province	ENUGU
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	410001
Country/Region	NIGERIA
Telephone Number	2348065550171
Email Address	OBINNA.EZE@EXAMPLE.EDU.NG

(2)

Surnames	BELLO
Given Names	FUNMILAYO
Street Address Line 1	27 ADEOLA ODEKU STREET
Street Address Line 2	VICTORIA ISLAND
City	LAGOS
State/Province	LAGOS
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	101241

Country/Region	NIGERIA
Telephone Number	2349015550120
Email Address	FUNMILAYO.BELLO@EXAMPLE.COM

19 Student Visa Details - Part 2

19.1	SEVIS ID	N0034981726
19.2	*Provide additional information below:*	
	Name of School	TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
	Course of Study	MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE
	Street Address Line 1	2500 BROADWAY
	Street Address Line 2	*Not answered*
	City	LUBBOCK
	State	TEXAS
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	79409

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