H-1B DS-160 Sample for a Worker from China

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See how a fictional analytics engineer from China living in Washington answered the DS-160, including her name in Chinese characters, her petition receipt number and several earlier U.S. stays. 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, and your name as written in Chinese characters
- Your H-1B approval notice (I-797), for the receipt number and the petitioner's name
- Your earlier U.S. visa, and the dates of your past U.S. stays
- Your U.S. driver's licence number and the state that issued it
- Your husband's full name, date and place of birth, and his U.S. status
- Your schools and past jobs, with dates, and a supervisor's name for each job

Helpful to have nearby

- Your I-94 travel history, for the dates you entered the U.S.
- The details of any I-140 your employer filed, such as its category
- Your email addresses and 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.

1.3 Full Name in Native Alphabet — 陈梅

1.5 Do you have a telecode that represents your name? — No

Why Mei's name is written 陈梅 in Chinese characters, so she enters it in the native alphabet box. She has no telecode for her name, so that answer is No.

For your application Copy your name in characters exactly as your passport prints it. A telecode is a four-digit code for each character, so check whether any of your documents shows one.

19.1 Application Receipt/Petition Number — IOE9143820765

19.2 Name of Person/Company who Filed Petition — NORTHWIND ANALYTICS INC

Why Her receipt number, IOE9143820765, is printed on the I-797 approval notice for her H-1B petition, and Northwind Analytics Inc is the company that filed it.

For your application Copy all 13 characters of the receipt number from your I-797, the three letters included, and the petitioner's name as the notice shows it.

5.1 Have you ever been in the U.S.? — Yes

Details on your visit

Provide information on your last U.S. visit:

Date Arrived	*Length of stay in the U.S.*	*Time period*
August 7, 2025	15	MONTH(S)
June 4, 2021	47	MONTH(S)
January 11, 2019	28	MONTH(S)

Do you or did you ever hold a U.S. Driver's License?	Yes

Provide information on your U.S. Driver's Licenses:

Driver's License Number	*State of Driver's License*
CHENM123XY9	WASHINGTON

Why Mei has lived in the U.S. on and off for years, so she lists her last three arrivals with the length of each stay, and her Washington driver's licence.
For your application Give the arrival date and length of each stay. Your I-94 travel history on the CBP website lists your recent entries.

5.2	Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?	Yes
	Previous U.S. Visa	
	Date Last Visa Was Issued	July 27, 2025
	Visa Number	U7203418
	Are you applying for the same type of visa?	Yes
	Are you applying in the same country or location where the visa above was issued, and is this country or location your place of principal of residence?	No
	Have you been ten-printed?	Yes
	Has your U.S. Visa ever been lost or stolen?	No
	Has your U.S. Visa ever been cancelled or revoked?	No

Why Her last visa was also an H-1B, so she answers Yes to the same type. She now lives in the U.S., so China is not her place of residence and the same-country answer is No.
For your application The same-country question has two parts: the country that issued your last visa, and the country where you live. Answer Yes only if both are true.

5.5	Has anyone ever filed an immigrant petition on your behalf with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services?	Yes
	Explain the circumstances of the petition	I-140 IMMIGRANT PETITION WAS FILED IN THE EB-2 PREFERENCE CATEGORY BY MY EMPLOYER

Why Her employer has filed an I-140 for her in the EB-2 category, so she answers Yes and describes the petition in one line.
For your application An I-140 from an employer counts, as does an I-130 from a relative. If you are not sure whether one has been filed, ask your employer before you answer.

8.1	*Contact Person or Organization in the United States*	
	Contact Person	
	Surnames	PARKER
	Given Names	DANIEL
	Organization Name	*Do Not Know*
8.2	Relationship To You	SPOUSE

Why Mei already lives in the U.S., and her husband, Daniel, lives at the same address in Shoreline, so she names him as her contact.
For your application If you live in the U.S., your contact can be someone at your U.S. address or your employer. Give a phone and email that reach them.

4.1	Are there other persons traveling with you?	Yes
	Are you traveling as part of a group or organization?	No

Provide the following information for each person traveling with you:

Surnames of the person traveling with you	*Given names of the person traveling with you*	*Relationship to you*
PARKER	DANIEL	SPOUSE

Why Daniel travels with her, so she lists him as a companion. He is a U.S. citizen, so he needs no visa and no DS-160 of his own.

For your application List everyone travelling with you, whatever their nationality. Anyone among them who needs a visa fills in their own DS-160.

Common questions about this example

My husband is a U.S. citizen. Does he need a DS-160?
No. U.S. citizens travel on a U.S. passport and do not apply for a U.S. visa. Mei still lists Daniel as her travel companion, her spouse and her immediate relative in the U.S.

Will the I-140 my employer filed affect my H-1B?
The H-1B is a dual intent visa: you can hold it while your employer seeks a green card for you. Answer the immigrant petition question truthfully and describe the petition briefly, as Mei does.

Which receipt number do I use if I have more than one I-797?
Use the receipt number for the petition that covers the job you will hold when you travel, usually the most recent approval. If you are unsure, ask your employer, who filed it.

Why does Mei apply in Guangzhou if she lives in Seattle?
Visa stamps are generally issued at a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad, so she applies during a trip to China, her home country. If you plan to apply in a country where you are neither a national nor a resident, check that post's website first.

The completed DS-160, question by question

1 Personal Information - Part 1

1.1	Surname	CHEN
1.2	Given Names	MEI
1.3	Full Name in Native Alphabet	陈梅
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	MARRIED
1.8	Date of Birth	August 4, 1996
1.9	City of Birth	SHENZHEN
1.10	State/Province of Birth	GUANGDONG
1.11	Country/Region of Birth	CHINA

2 Personal Information - Part 2

2.1	Country/Region of Origin (Nationality)	CHINA
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	440304199608040241
2.5	U.S. Social Security Number	465227188
2.6	U.S. Taxpayer ID Number	465227188

3 Purpose of Visa

3.1 *Purpose of Visit*

Purpose of Trip to the U.S.	TEMPORARY WORKER (H)
Specify Visa	SPECIALTY OCCUPATION (H1B)
Petition Number or Application Receipt Number	IOE9143820765

3.2	Have you made specific travel plans?	Yes
	Provide a complete itinerary for your travel to the U.S.	
	Arrival Date	February 11, 2027
	Arrival Flight (if known)	*Not answered*
	Arrival City in the USA	SEATTLE
	Departure Date	May 18, 2027
	Departure Flight (if known)	*Not answered*
	Departure City from the USA	SEATTLE

Locations you plan to visit in the USA:

Location
SEATTLE

3.3 *Address where you will stay in the U.S.*

Address Line 1	1820 NE 145TH ST
Address Line 2	UNIT B
City	SHORELINE
State	WASHINGTON
Zip Code	98155
Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip	SELF

4 Travel Companions

4.1	Are there other persons traveling with you?	Yes
	Are you traveling as part of a group or organization?	No

Provide the following information for each person traveling with you:

Surnames of the person traveling with you	*Given names of the person traveling with you*	*Relationship to you*
PARKER	DANIEL	SPOUSE

5 Previous U.S. Travel History

5.1	Have you ever been in the U.S.?	Yes
	Details on your visit	

Provide information on your last U.S. visit:

Date Arrived	*Length of stay in the U.S.*	*Time period*
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June 4, 2021	47	MONTH(S)

Date Arrived	*Length of stay in the U.S.*	*Time period*
January 11, 2019	28	MONTH(S)

Do you or did you ever hold a U.S. Driver's License?	Yes
Provide information on your U.S. Driver's Licenses:	

Driver's License Number	*State of Driver's License*
CHENM123XY9	WASHINGTON

5.2	Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?	Yes
	Previous U.S. Visa	
	Date Last Visa Was Issued	July 27, 2025
	Visa Number	U7203418
	Are you applying for the same type of visa?	Yes
	Are you applying in the same country or location where the visa above was issued, and is this country or location your place of principal of residence?	No
	Have you been ten-printed?	Yes
	Has your U.S. Visa ever been lost or stolen?	No
	Has your U.S. Visa ever been cancelled or revoked?	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?	Yes
	Explain the circumstances of the petition	I-140 IMMIGRANT PETITION WAS FILED IN THE EB-2 PREFERENCE CATEGORY BY MY EMPLOYER

6 Address and Phone Details

6.1	*Home Address*	
	Street Address (Line 1)	1820 NE 145TH ST
	Street Address (Line 2)	UNIT B
	City	SHORELINE
	State/Province	WASHINGTON
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	98155
	Country/Region	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
6.2	Is your Mailing Address the same as your Home Address?	Yes
6.3	*Phone*	
	Primary Phone Number	2065550182
	Secondary Phone Number	*Does not apply*
	Work Phone Number	*Does not apply*
6.4	Have you used any other phone numbers in the last five years?	No

6.5	Email Address	MEI.CHEN@EXAMPLE.COM
6.6	Have you used any other email addresses in the last five years?	Yes

Additional Email Address
MEICHEN.SEA@EXAMPLE.COM

6.7 *Social Media*

Social Media Provider/Platform	*Link to Social Media Profile*
LINKEDIN	HTTPS://WWW.LINKEDIN.COM/IN/MEI-CHEN-SEA/

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	EH8472051
7.3	Passport Book Number	318204
7.4	Country/Authority that Issued Passport/ Travel Document	CHINA
7.5	*Where was the Passport/Travel Document Issued?*	
	City	GUANGZHOU
	State/Province *If shown on passport	GUANGDONG
	Country/Region	CHINA
	Issuance Date	June 6, 2025
	Expiration Date	June 6, 2035
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	PARKER
	Given Names	DANIEL
	Organization Name	*Do Not Know*
8.2	Relationship To You	SPOUSE
8.3	*Address and Phone Number of Point of Contact*	
	U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	1820 NE 145TH ST
	U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	UNIT B
	City	SHORELINE
	State	WASHINGTON
	ZIP Code (if known)	98155
	Phone Number	4255550173
	Email Address	DANIEL.PARKER@EXAMPLE.COM

9 Family Information

9.1	*Father's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	CHEN
	Given Names	JIANGUO
	Date of Birth	April 13, 1965
	Is your father in the U.S.?	No
9.2	*Mother's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	WANG
	Given Names	YANPING
	Date of Birth	May 12, 1971
	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*
PARKER	DANIEL	SPOUSE	U.S. CITIZEN

10 Spouse Information

10.1	Spouse's Surname (Including Maiden Name)	PARKER
10.2	Spouse's Given Name	DANIEL
10.3	Spouse's Date of Birth	June 21, 1986
10.4	Spouse's Country/Region of Origin	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
10.5	*Spouse's Place of Birth*	
	City	BRISBANE
	Country	AUSTRALIA
10.6	Type of Address Where Spouse Lives	SAME AS HOME ADDRESS

11 Current Occupation

11.1	Primary Occupation	ENGINEERING
	Present Employer or School Information	
	Present Employer or School Name	NORTHWIND ANALYTICS
	Present Employer or School Address	
	Street Address (Line 1)	500 FAIRVIEW AVE N
	Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
	City	SEATTLE
	State/Province	WA
	Postal Zone / ZIP Code	98109
	Country / Region	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
	Phone Number	2065550199
	Start Date	September 1, 2023
	Monthly Income in Local Currency (if employed)	14687
	Briefly describe your duties	BUILD SALES INTELLIGENCE SIGNALS TO IDENTIFY B2B CUSTOMERS THAT ARE INTERESTED IN DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTS SO THAT SALES REPS CAN PLAN AND BETTER TARGET THEIR ACCOUNTS TO UPSELL, CROSS SELL AND EXPAND ON SEATS

12 Previous Occupation

12.1	Were you previously employed?	Yes

Employer/Employment Information:

Employer Name	EVERGREEN COMMERCE
Employer Address	
Employer Street Address (Line 1)	400 TERRY AVE N
Employer Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
City/Town	SEATTLE
State/Province	WASHINGTON
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	98109
Country	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Employer Telephone Number	2065550144
Job Title	BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE ENGINEER
Supervisor's Surname	REYES
Supervisor's Given Names	CARLOS
Employment Date From	November 27, 2020
Employment Date To	August 29, 2023
Briefly describe your duties	ANALYZE IMPACT OF VARIOUS PRICING STRATEGIES ON HARDLINE PRODUCT PROFIT MARGIN; EXPERIMENT DIFFERENT PRICING STRATEGIES AND RECOMMEND THE BEST ONE TO PRODUCT MANAGERS; BUILD SOLUTIONS TO SURFACE ITEMS WITH INCORRECT PRICING

12.2 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 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	3551 TROUSDALE PKWY
Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
City	LOS ANGELES
State/Province	CA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	90089
Country	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Course of Study	BUSINESS STATISTICS
Date of Attendance From	January 18, 2019
Date of Attendance To	October 6, 2020

(2)

Name of Institution	THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	11 YUK CHOI RD
Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
City	HUNG HOM
State/Province	HONG KONG
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	999077
Country	CHINA
Course of Study	ACCOUNTANCY
Date of Attendance From	January 30, 2015
Date of Attendance To	October 9, 2018

13 Additional Occupation Details

13.1 Do you belong to a clan or tribe? — No

13.2 *Provide a List of Languages You Speak*

Language Name
ENGLISH

Language Name
MANDARIN

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

Provide a List of Countries/Regions Visited

Country/Region
CHINA
FRANCE
ITALY

13.4 Have you belonged to, contributed to, or worked for any professional, social, or charitable organization? — No

13.5 Do you have any specialized skills or training, such as firearms, explosives, nuclear, biological, or chemical experience? — No

13.6 Have you ever served in the military? — No

13.7 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

14 Security Background - Part 1

14.1 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

14.2 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

14.3 Are you or have you ever been a drug abuser or addict? — No

15 Security Background - Part 2

15.1 Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any offense or crime, even though subject of a pardon, amnesty, or other similar action? — No

15.2 Have you ever violated, or engaged in a conspiracy to violate, any law relating to controlled substances? — No

15.3	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
15.4	Have you ever been involved in, or do you seek to engage in, money laundering?	No
15.5	Have you ever committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States?	No
15.6	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
15.7	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

16 Security Background - Part 3

16.1	Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the United States?	No
16.2	Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?	No
16.3	Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations?	No
16.4	Are you a member or representative of a terrorist organization?	No
16.5	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
16.6	Have you ever ordered, incited, committed, assisted, or otherwise participated in genocide?	No
16.7	Have you ever committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in torture?	No

16.8	Have you committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in extrajudicial killings, political killings, or other acts of violence?	No
16.9	Have you ever engaged in the recruitment or the use of child soldiers?	No
16.10	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
16.11	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
16.12	Have you ever been directly involved in the coercive transplantation of human organs or bodily tissue?	No

17 Security Background - Part 4

17.1	Have you ever been the subject of a removal or deportation hearing?	No
17.2	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
17.3	Have you failed to attend a hearing on removability or inadmissibility within the last five years?	No
17.4	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
17.5	Have you ever been removed or deported from any country?	No

18 Security Background - Part 5

18.1	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
18.2	Have you voted in the United States in violation of any law or regulation?	No
18.3	Have you ever renounced United States citizenship for the purposes of avoiding taxation?	No
18.4	Are you a former exchange visitor (J) who has not yet fulfilled the two-year foreign residence requirement?	No

18.5	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

19 Temporary Visa Information

19.1	Application Receipt/Petition Number	IOE9143820765
19.2	Name of Person/Company who Filed Petition	NORTHWIND ANALYTICS INC
19.3	*Where Do You Intend to Work?*	
	Name of Employer	NORTHWIND ANALYTICS INC
	U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	500 FAIRVIEW AVE N
	U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
	City	SEATTLE
	State	WASHINGTON
	ZIP Code (if known)	98109
	Phone Number	2065550199
	Enter monthly income (in USD)	14687

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