

REQUIREMENTS

1. Fill DS 160 Form
2. Nonimmigrant VISA Application Fee
3. VISA Appointments (2 Appointments)
4. SEVIS Fee
5. VISA Interview US Consulate Hyderabad
6. Financial Summary
 - Family Income, Savings, Education Loan & Assets

<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

www.ustraveldocs.com

www.fmjfee.com

<http://in.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/hyderabad/>

WHAT'S REQUIRED?

	Passport Copy	I20 document	Other
VISA-Axis Bank Fee Payment	✓		CGI Reference Number & Rs.11,840 (Approx) @ Rs.74 Per Dollar
DS 160-VISA Application	✓	✓	VISA - AXIS Bank Fee Payment
SEVIS FEE		✓	\$ 350 (Need Credit Card)

VISA FACTORS

1.	"Smart" Presentation	Own Answers (Unique/ Spontaneous) Answers suitable to profile Body Language
2.	University & Program	Knowledge of University & Program Intent to study Scope of Program & Future plans
3.	Finances	Parents Portfolio/Primary Sponsor Family Annual Income History of Savings/Educational Loan
4.	Profile / Credentials	Academic Scores ETS - TOEFL & GRE Projects / Skill-sets/ Work Experience

INTERVIEW STANDARD QUESTIONS

1. Why USA/ what's the Purpose of your Visit?
 - Which University
2. Why this University? How did you know about this school?
 - What's your Specialization?
 - How many universities did you apply?
 - How did you select your schools
 - Admits you have and among all admits, Why only this University?
3. What's your Academic Score?
 - Do you have any Backlogs?
 - What's your GRE/TOEFL score?
4. How are you planning to pay the tuition fee?
 - What's your father?
 - How much savings does your family have?
 - Do you have a Education Loan to support your studies?

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PROFILE BASED

1. Major - Program/ Specialization based
 - What project have you done in your Bachelors?
 - What courses are you taking during your 1st semester?
 - What's the Scope of your Major?
2. Low Academics
 - Why Low Score? / With So many backlogs how can you complete your Masters?
 - What's your GRE/ TOEFL/ ETS Test score?
 - With low Grades and so many backlogs, how will you finish your Masters in USA?
3. Work Experience
 - How long have you been working at this company? / Why Masters now?
 - What is your Job role at your Company? / Who are their (your) clients?
 - Is your work experience related to your planned masters's programe?
 - What are your future plans after Masters?
4. GAP after Bachelors: What were you doing since Graduation?
5. Students with Assistantships / PhD
 - Of all the Professors how did you select this Professor? How did you communicate?
 - What are your work Roles/ project for the Assistantship Awarded?
6. Education Loan
 - How did you manage this Loan /what are the terms & conditions of this Loan?
 - How do you plan to re-pay this education loan?
7. Income Based
 - Business - What's the nature of Business /what's the turnover of your business / how many employees do your father/ mother hire?
 - Income Based: Agriculture - What do you grow/ cultivate? / How many acres of land do you have?

Parent Occupation	Possible Questions during VISA Interview
Employee	Department, Designation, Work – Role & Tenure
Private – Employee	Past Job, Employer Details, Size of Company, Expertise area
Self – Employed	Education Background, Nature of Work, Monthly Income , Staff hired
Business / Industry	Turnover, Employees hired, Clients, Years of Operation Example: Departmental Stores: How many Stores do you have?
No Income/Additional Sponsor	How are you related and Why is he/she sponsoring you?
Agriculture	How many Acres; Location, Type of Farming/ Cultivation.
Retired	Past Service Related, Future Income Source of Parents

MOCK INTERVIEW – Try Yourself**Set – 1**

1. Why do you want to study at this point of time?
2. What do you know about your place (City) you are planning to stay?
3. How did you hear about this university?
4. What do you know about Career Center (Job fairs) at your University?
5. How did you get this Education Loan?

- By Mortgaging our Property ; Details of property
6. Will you come back to India after your studies?

Set -2

1. Why masters in USA?
2. You have good academic score but a low GRE? Why did you not re-take it
3. How many projects did you work on during your bachelors?
4. Will you work while studying Masters?
5. Why only to the USA for education and not UK or Australia or any other Country?
6. How long do you have savings in your bank account for?

Set-3

1. What are various steps involved in application process?
2. What's your future "dream job"?
3. With your present degree don't you get any better job in India ?
4. How many offers do you have and why are you selecting only this University?
5. What Courses are you planning to take in your first semester at your University?
6. Do you have any siblings in the USA?
 - We Encourage to say YES ; No Need to hide Facts

Question	Example
Purpose of Visit	To Pursue Master of Science in <Program> at <University>
Why this University	Program / Course-work + Faculty + Research + Library + Location + Active Indian Student Association + Internships + Weather
How do you plan to pay the Tuition Fee?	Loan + Savings My Parents have savings to Cover my tuition and Expenses
What's your father	Need Clarity – Not just reading designation Job Role / Organization + Tenure + Salary / Annum

ADVICES

- Presentation is the key ; Need to Practice
- Need " Unique Answers" - Specific to students University & Profile
- Weak-links Like Low GRE Scores or LOW GPA with Backlogs – Need Self Initiated Answers; Take Responsibility for Failures (No Reasons)
- VO's make remarks like "No Stories Please" or "Every-one says the same; give me more precise answer" or "Tell me something new" – Students need to react to it.
- Finances say Totals, Esp. Savings or Liquid Assets say TOTAL Amount (Savings+ Loan)
- Education LOAN, say it first (Loan HELPS)
- VISA is based on student's confidence and presentation. Finances and paper work come second.

HOW TO FIX YOUR VISA APPOINTMENT

Step – 1: COMPLETE YOUR NON IMMIGRANT VISA ELECTRONIC APPLICATION (DS 160)

Complete the Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application (DS-160) form at <https://ceac.state.gov/GENNIV/Default.aspx> .

Once you complete your DS 160 form

- Print your DS 160 Confirmation page
- Print your Visa application fee receipt with CGI reference number (Stanley)

Step - 2: PAY YOUR VISA APPLICATION FEE

Through **NEFT** or Pay at any designated "**Axis / CITI Bank**" across India. Carry the following

- Passport Copy
- Visa application fee receipt with CGI reference number (Stanley)
- Indian Rupee Equivalent amount of Visa Application fee (USD 160)

Once the visa fee payment is done it takes 24 hours generally to get your CGI reference activated.

Step – 3: SCHEDULE TWO APPOINTMENTS (Visa Interview Appointment and OFC Appointment)

- Firstly, you can schedule your visa interview appointment at <http://portal.ustraveldocs.com/?language=English&country=India>
- For scheduling a visa interview appointment you need to
 - Create an account with US travel docs
 - Fill in the DS 160 and generate CGI Reference number
 - Pay your Visa fee and activate CGI reference number
 - Enter your Bank Reference number and schedule visa interview
- Once your OFC interview appointment is fixed you can fix your visa appointment
- OFC appointment date should be at least 1 day before your visa interview appointment date
- Visa appointment and OFC appointment both can be fixed online at <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/in/>

HOW TO PAY YOUR SEVIS FEE

Go to www.fmjee.com

- Select **Submit Form I-901 and Fee Payment**.
- Select **Form i20**.
- Enter details
 - Last name, First Name
 - SEVIS Number, School Code
 - Date of Birth
 - Address of communication and Phone number
- Proceed to Credit Card details and make your SEVIS fee through Credit Card (USD 350)

SEVIS Payment should be made at least 1 Week before your visa interview and this SEVIS fee is valid for one year from the date of payment.

PASSPORT PICKUP LOCATIONS

Once visa is approved your passport can be collected at pickup location specified while scheduling your appointment. You can collect your passport at

- Hyderabad and Chennai– Offsite Facilitation Center.
- Vijayawada – Blue Dart Express Ltd, Eluru Road.
- Visakhapatnam - Blue Dart Express Ltd, Dwarakanagar

To track your passport you can enter your passport number at <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/in/in-niv-passporttrack.asp>

VISA QUERIES

OFFICE OF CONSULAR SECTION : Consulate General of the United States of America, Hyderabad. Paigah Palace, 1-8-323, Chiran Fort Lane, Begumpet, Secunderabad 500 003

Telephone: 0120-484-4644; 040-4645-8222

Call Timings: Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM /Sunday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Non-Immigrant Visas: support-india@ustraveldocs.com

OFFSITE FACILITATION CENTER, HYDERABAD: 1-8-384/385, Gowra Grand S.P. Road, Begumpet, Secunderabad. Office Timings: Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM/ Sunday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

F1 VISA CHECK LIST

OFC Appointment

- Passport
- DS-160 Confirmation Page
- Interview Appointment Confirmation Page

VISA Interview

- VISAAppointment Letter
- Passport
- I20 (Signed & Dated by Student)
- Axis/Citi Bank Payment Receipt
- DS 160 Confirmation Page
- SEVIS Fee \$350-Payment Receipt
- Academic
 - Degree Certificate/Provisional Certificate/Course Completion Certificate
 - Individual Mark Sheets/Memo's – Bachelors
 - XII and X Memo's
 - GRE / GMAT Score card
 - TOEFL / IELTS / PTE Score card
- Finances
 - Income Proof(Salary Certificate / Income Tax)
 - Savings
 - Education Loan Letter
 - Other Savings
 - Photocopy of Property Papers
 - Financial Summary Report(CA/CE Reports-Optional)
- Work Experience Letter/Certifications/Internships (if applicable)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For students having annual tuition fee + Living expenses of \$25000-\$30000

Savings & Education Loan (Liquid Assets)	25 to 30 L
Annual Income of Family/ Parents	10 to 12 L
Property, Fixed Assets of Family	60 -80 L

Bank Balance (Savings Bank)	Certificate issued by Bank Manager (In case of 10L + Bank Balance –Require History / Transactions for past 4 Months)	
Fixed Deposits	Original Certificate or Attested copies	
Provident Fund	GPF Account Statement/ Certificate	Secondary Source
Postal/Mutual Funds	Original Certificate or Attested copies	
Shares	DMAT Account Summary, Attested	
GOLD	Gold Loan	
LIC	Surrender Value certificate	
Chit FUNDS	Passbook or Certificate issued by Chit Company	
Education Loan	Sanction Letter issued by Manager with Loan Terms & Conditions	
Employees	Salary Certificate - Form 16 Pay Slip or Certificate issued by higher officials	
Business	IT Returns (need 2 years Returns) along with Proof of Business / Current account Balance Sheets or Business License/ Work Order	
Rental Income	Rental Agreement (Notarized)	
Agricultural Income	MRO/VAO Certificate & Passbooks	
Property Papers	House, Apartments, Plots of Land papers (Copies) Evaluation Reports (Optional)	
Agricultural Papers	MeeSeva / MRO / VRO Certificate	

Preparation

VISA Orientation / Finance Planning
4-6 Weeks before VISA

Mock Visa Interview - 2-3
days before VISA Interview

Interview Preparation
10 days before VISA

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