



Office of International Students & Scholars

J-1 Program Extension

It is recommended by Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) that each J-1 request a program extension within 60 days before the expiration date on their DS-2019.

The following extension periods are as follows:

- J-1 *Research Scholar and Professor* categories may request an extension for a total of five years from the beginning date of the first DS-2019. **Note: Short – term scholars may only receive up to six months on their J-1 program. No extension is necessary.**
- J-1 students may request extension until their program/degree is complete.
- Students/Scholars must begin the extension process approximately 60 days before the expiration date of the present DS-2019.
- J-1 student/scholars may stay in the United States legally 30 days after the expiration of the DS-2019. However the student/scholars cannot be employed or receive money during those 30 days.
- A program extension cannot be granted to any J-1 student/scholar who has received a waiver of the two-year foreign residence requirement, 212(e).

Extension Procedures- USU Sponsored:

USU sponsored J-1 students/scholars should follow the procedures as given. OISS will prepare the new DS-2019.

Bring the following to the OISS:

- A letter from the department requesting the extension and providing the anticipated program completion date.
- Verification of finances (choose the one that applies to your situation):
 - Letter from the department stating if an out-of-state tuition waiver will be given plus any other money that will be provided from the department.
 - A personal bank statement.
- Copy of the DS-2019, passport, visa, I-94 card, and dependent information, if applicable.
- Current registration, account summary and unofficial transcripts.

Extension Procedures- non-USU sponsored:

- All other sponsors, including ISEP, must be contacted if the extension is desired. The sponsor will provide new financial verification, if allowed, and send to the applicant.
- If the OISS did not sponsor your program, i.e. Fulbright Scholars, you must contact your original sponsor for a program extension.