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I-20/DS-2019 Extension Request

Description

This form is to be used by an F-1/J-1 student who is unable to complete their course study by the program end date indicated on their I-20/DS-2019. To allow sufficient time for the extension process, students should submit their request at least 2 weeks prior to the expiration date on their I-20/DS-2019.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a program extension an F-1/J-1 student must:

- Have continually maintained full-time student status;
- Have a valid academic/medical reason for requiring an extension. Note: Being on probation or suspension is not considered an acceptable reason for an I-20/DS-2019 extension. Apply for the extension before the program end date on your current I-20/DS-2019;
- Provide financial documentation, which covers your educational and living expenses for the extended period. You will also need to provide additional proof of funding for any F-2/J-2 dependents.

Note: International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) will not extend the I-20/DS-2019 based solely on the purpose of obtaining an Alabama Driver's License.

Process

To apply for an extension of your I-20/DS-2019, please carefully read and complete the I-20/DS-2019 Extension Request Form. You and your academic advisor/major professor/department chair must complete all parts of the form. Once your form is complete, submit it to the Graduate School (if you are a Master's or Ph.D. student) or the Office of International Programs (if you are a Bachelor's, ESL or Auburn Global student), along with the required financial documentation. Once your I-20/DS-2019 extension request is approved, you will receive an email from your ISSS advisor. If you are working or on an Assistantship, you will need to make an appointment with ISSS (intledu@auburn.edu) to extend your work authorization.

Financial Documentation

To request an I-20/DS-2019 extension, you must provide proof that you will be able to continue to meet the expenses (tuition, living expenses, and health insurance) of studying at Auburn University during the period for which you are seeking an extension. If you have dependents, you must also be able to provide sufficient funding to support your dependents.

Please bring in documentation showing funding for the duration of your extension:

- A recent original bank statement, issued within the past 6 months. If the bank statement does not have your name on it, you must also provide an original affidavit of financial support (for undergraduate and graduate students) signed by the person providing you with funding.
- An official Graduate Assistantship Award Statement from the Graduate School. The department providing you with the Assistantship will need to complete a Graduate Assistantship Award Statement Form and submit it to the Graduate School.
- A statement showing proof or renewed sponsorship or financial aid. Funding amounts must be clearly stated and converted to U.S. dollars.

Additional Information

This request will extend your I-20/DS-2019 but not your visa stamp. If you have an expired visa in your passport, you are allowed to remain in the U.S. as long as you have a valid I-20/DS-2019. If you travel outside the U.S., you will need to make an appointment at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your home country to renew your visa before you re-enter the U.S.

Step 1: Student

Surname: _____   Given Name: _____

Banner ID: _____   SEVIS ID: _____

AU Email: _____   Phone Number: _____

Department: _____   Current I-20/DS-2019 Expiration Date:_____

Visa Status: ☐F-1 (☐Undergrad ☐Grad ☐ESL ☐ Auburn Global)   ☐   J-1 Student

Will you need an I-20/DS-2019 for your F-2/J-2 dependents? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Step 2: Major Professor/Academic Advisor

Is this student make normal progress towards the completion of their current degree? ☐Yes ☐No

Do you recommend this student be given additional time to complete their studies? ☐Yes ☐No

If yes, please complete the following: check all that apply and provide a brief explanation.

☐   Delay caused by a change of major field of study: _____

☐   Delay caused by a change in research topic: _____

☐   Delay caused by unexpected research problems: _____

☐   Delay caused by documented illness: _____

New estimated date of completion (month/year): _____

Professor/Advisor Signature: _____   Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Program Dates Begin: _____   End: _____

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