



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

Office of International Education
International Student and Scholar Services

EXTENSION OF STAY FOR J-1 STUDENTS

What is an Extension of Stay?

J-1 regulations require that you finish your program of study by the ending date (in Section 3) on your DS-2019. If you cannot complete your program of study by this date, you must apply for an extension of stay **before your current DS-2019 expires**.

When should I apply for an Extension of Stay?

We recommend that you submit your Extension of Stay application **30-45 days prior** to the ending date on your current DS-2019.

Who is eligible for an Extension of Stay?

To be eligible for an extension of stay, you must document that:

- You are currently in valid J-1 student status **AND**
- You have maintained J-1 status and continually been a full-time student **AND**
- You have sufficient funds available to you to cover your educational and living expenses for the duration of your extension.

How do I apply for an Extension of Stay?

Submit the following documents to International Student and Scholar Services, 210 Talbert Hall, North Campus:

- International Student Data Form
- Academic Advisor's Recommendation Form
- Financial documentation (*see guidelines*)
ISSS will calculate the total amount of financial support that you must document for an extension of stay depending upon the number of credit hours you need to complete and the number of months/semesters you will need to finish your program.

Will I receive a new DS-2019?

Yes. You will receive a new DS-2019 with a new ending date.

You should staple your new DS-2019 on top of all previous DS-2019's. Please note that, in any future contact with the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS), you may be required to present all of your DS-2019's as proof of your immigration history.

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