



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?

Immigration 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 the ending date on your current DS-2019, 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
- You have maintained J-1 status and have 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. After we receive your complete Extension of Stay application, we will enter your information into SEVIS (Student & Exchange Visitor Information System). We will then give you a new DS-2019 with a new ending date.

You are advised to staple this new DS-2019 on top of all previous DS-2019's (and IAP-66's, if you have any). Please note that, in any future contact with the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS), you may be required to present them as proof of your immigration history.

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