

## J-1 PROGRAM EXTENSION

J-1 students are admitted to the United States for “Duration of Status,” which means that they may remain in the US for the duration of their program as stated in item 3 of the DS-2019 Form. J-1 students are expected to complete their program of study before the program end date on their DS-2019 forms. If a student is not able to complete their program objectives due to valid academic or medical reasons before the original program end date, they should have their program extended BEFORE it expires if they need additional time to complete the program.\*

To be granted a program extension, J-1 students must have continuously maintained status. Per Federal Regulations, “Responsible officers may extend an exchange visitor's participation in the Exchange Visitor Program up to the limit of the permissible period of participation authorized for his or her specific program category.” [22 CFR 62.23]

- ☐ 1. Complete student section of the Program Extension Form
- ☐ 2. Have your Academic Advisor complete the advisor section on page 2.
- ☐ 3. Gather the required documents (located on page 2) to submit with your request.
- ☐ 4. Submit everything to OIPS at least seven to ten days before your program expires.

Student completes this section:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Last)

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

GMU ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate \_\_\_\_\_ Master's \_\_\_\_\_  
Ph.d \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

Major (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Credits This Semester \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration of current DS-2019 \_\_\_\_\_

\*"Duration of Status" also permits J-1 students to extend their programs for beginning new academic programs at the same level, different level, or with a transfer of institutions. It also permits students to extend J-1 stay under Academic Training.

**Academic Advisor completes this section:**

This student has informed OIPS that he or she will need more time to complete the requirements for his/her program. Per Federal Regulations, "Responsible officers may extend an exchange visitor's participation in the Exchange Visitor Program up to the limit of the permissible period of participation authorized for his or her specific program category."

Please supply below the following information:

Extension Reason:

- ☐ Change in Major
- ☐ Change in Research Topic
- ☐ Unexpected Research Issues
- ☐ Original Time granted not reasonable to complete academic program of study
- ☐ Other—Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Program extension rationale: \_\_\_\_\_

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Academic requirements remaining: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Expected Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Documents for New DS-2019 for Program Extension to Add to Completed Form:**

\_\_\_ Proof of funding originals that are less than six months old to finance the duration of your program

\_\_\_ If your financial sponsor has changed since the last DS-2019 issued, please include a new pledge of support from your new financial sponsor and attach a new Certificate of Financial Responsibility.

\_\_\_ Doctor's note if extension is medically based

\_\_\_ China 1+2+1 Students: Please also attach the China 1+2+1 Request to Extend DS-2019 form