China 1+2+1 Student Request to Extend DS-2019

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China 1+2+1 students: Please complete the form below and return it to OIPS along with the J-1 Program Extension Form available on the OIPS website: <u>https://oips.gmu.edu/oips-self-service-center</u>. Remember to include the Certificate of Financial Responsibility (CFR) and Proof of Funding documents.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please do not hesitate to contact us at x3-2970.

Student name:

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Student Signature

Note: The dates on your DS-2019 form determines how long you can stay in the U.S. If students need more time to complete Mason major degree requirements, they must request a program extension in order to receive an updated DS-2019 form with a new program end date.

We strongly suggest students start the renewal process at least 2 months prior to their DS-2019 expiration date.

As a Mason China 1+2+1 student, you MUST follow these steps:

- 1. Ask your home school in China for permission to extend your stay at Mason. Once permission is received, forward the approval letter or email to the China 1+2+1 staff at China121@gmu.edu and to CCIEE to notify them of your intention to remain longer at Mason.
- 2. Fill out the OIPS <u>J-1 Program Extension Form</u> and follow the instructions on the form including visiting your academic advisor.
- 3. Bring this form, along with the <u>J-1 Program Extension Form</u> with your academic advisor's signature, to a China 1+2+1 Coordinator in East Building for signature.
- 4. Complete the **REQUIRED** <u>Certificate of Financial Responsibility Form</u> and gather proof of funding documents. The CFR cost estimates are based on an academic year. Thus, the estimated cost for a semester extension would be half. Please note that if your parents are providing financial support for your extension, they will need to sign the CFR and provide financial documents. See the OIPS website for the form and information regarding acceptable documents at: <u>http://oips.gmu.edu/proof-of-funding/</u>
- 5. Drop off your documents at the OIPS front desk. Or, make an appointment or visit a J-1 advisor during walk-in advising hours in OIPS to first review your documents. Bring this form, along with the J-1 Program Extension Form, CFR and proof of funding documents.

Extension through Semester/Year://///
Approved by: GMU China 1+2+1 Representative Date