I-20 Extension Information

You may request a program extension when you are unable to complete your course of study by the program end date on your I-20.

You must submit the I-20 Program Extension Request Form to the international advisor any time before the program end date. In item #5 of your I-20 you will find a date after the statement “complete studies no later than (date).” This is considered the program end date of your I-20. If the extension is not completed before the end date, you will be out of status and will need to apply for reinstatement.

Steps to apply for an extension:

1. Complete and submit I-20 Program Extension Request Form
2. Provide bank statement or letter verifying at least $19,904 US
3. Provide Affidavit of Support from your sponsor

Keep in mind that if you complete your program before the I-20 program end date, you have 60 days from your day of completion to remain in status. Thereafter you must:

1. Leave the country or
2. Apply for work OPT or
3. Transfer to a new program/school or
4. Change immigration classification or
5. In some other way maintain your legal status in the U.S.