J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR
Program Extension Request

Overview:

J-1 scholars must request and submit all appropriate extension documentation at least one month prior to the program end date noted on their current Form DS-2019.

ISSS will determine the individuals extension eligibility based on the following criteria:

- How long has the scholar already been in the United States?
  - Maximum stay for J-1 Short Term Scholars is six months
  - Maximum stay for J-1 Research Scholars & Professors is five years
- If subject to the 2 year physical home country requirement, has the scholar applied for and been granted a waiver?
- Has the scholar maintained his/her health insurance requirement?
- Has the scholar updated his/her local U.S. address?
- Is the extension based on a continuation of the original research objective/activity

Scholar & Program Information

Family Name: _______________________      Given Name ____________Middle Name: _____________

(As it appears in passport)

SEVIS ID: N_____________________   E-mail address: __________________ Phone #: (____) _____– _____

Current expiration date: _____/_____/_____ (mm/dd/yy) New end date requested: _____/_____/____ (mm/dd/yy)

For individuals subject to the 2-year home country residence requirement:

Have you received the USCIS approval notice to waive the 2-year home residence requirement or a Waiver Recommendation Letter from the U.S. Department of State? □ Yes □ No

NOTE: If you have received either of the above for your current DS-2019, U.S. Department of State policy prohibits us from processing an extension.

Financial Support Information:

Exchange Visitors are required to show proof of financial support for the duration of the J-1 program participation. Estimated Living Expenses (per month) are as follows:

□ Scholar $2,000
□ Spouse $600
□ Child $400
**Documents that qualify as proof of financial support:**

- An appointment/award letter in the Exchange Visitor’s name from Drexel University, a government agency, international organization, or other sponsor. The award letter should specify the length of sponsorship and the amount of money provided, living expenses, insurance, dependents, and other personal items.
- If your appointment/award will not cover all necessary expenses, you may use private or self-sponsorship for the remainder.
- All financial documents must be current at the time of application in order to be considered valid.

Appropriate documents reflecting financial ability include, but are not limited to the following:

- Bank statement, stamped or signed by a bank official
- Account summary or summary of liquid assets
- Affidavit of support, submitted by sponsor & accompanied by financial verification
- Scholarship letter from sponsoring organization outlining dates and terms of scholarships
- Letter from employer stating earning for period of requested stay

**Exchange Visitor’s Acknowledgment:**

By signing below I agree that I have read and understood that:

- I can only engage in activities outlined in the department letter
- I MUST have continued medical insurance that meets the U.S. Department of State requirements.

**Departmental Acknowledgment:**

By signing this document, the department confirms that the extension of the above mentioned J-1 Exchange Visitor is for the sole purpose of the continuation of the original program objective, as stated in the original offer letter.

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- Approved
- Denied, Reason for denial ________________________________

Initials (RO/ARO) __________________ SEVIS Processing Date: ____/____/____ (mm/dd/yyyy)