

J-1 Student Extension Request

Only for extensions due to academic or medical reasons

Pursuant to the J-1 regulations [22 CFR 62.23](#), exchange visitors in the J-1 student category may be eligible for extension due to having not met the program requirements ahead of the end date listed on the DS-2019 or an application for Academic Training necessitates the extension of status in order to engage in authorized employment. **If applying for academic training, you must complete the separate Academic Training Authorization Request form and submit all supporting documentation to the ISO, instead of this form.**

If you have not completed your academic program within the program dates listed on the DS-2019, you will need to apply for an extension of your J-1 student status to cover the period of time necessary for completion. All documents and supporting evidence must be submitted no later than 3 weeks before the end date listed on your DS-2019. If submitted after the end date, you will not be eligible for extension and will need to depart the United States within 30 days of the end date.

To apply, complete the below information and return to the ISO with required supporting documentation no later than 3 weeks before your program end date.

A. J-1 Exchange Visitor Information	
<i>(to be completed by the J-1 Exchange Visitor)</i>	
First/Given Name	Last/Family Name
SEVIS Number N _____	Email Address
Do you have J-2 dependents? If yes, please complete the information below. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
J-2 Full Name	SEVIS Number N _____
J-2 Full Name	SEVIS Number N _____

Required supporting documentation:

- Scans of all DS-2019s issued to you
- Scan of passport biographic page
- Scan of J-1 visa stamp and CBP entry stamp(s)
- Recent I-94
- Evidence of valid insurance covering the extension period
- Completed [Visa Request form](#) with supporting financial documentation covering the extension period
- A letter from your academic advisor including the following information:
 - Your name and GWID
 - A statement indicating the letter is in support of your J-1 extension request
 - Your degree level and major
 - The number of credits you have completed towards your degree
 - The remaining requirements you must complete, to include the credit hours
 - **If you are writing a thesis/dissertation**, the date the thesis/dissertation is due to be turn in and/or defended
 - A detailed explanation of the compelling academic or medical reason(s) which necessitates the extension
 - If for a medical reason, a detailed letter from your attending physician must be provided and must include how your ability to pursue full time study was/is affected by your medical state
 - Your anticipated completion date

If you have questions regarding this form, please contact Annie Hill or Ashley Koerner at iso@gwu.edu.