I-20 Program Extension

Even though you are admitted to the U.S. for "duration of status", you must still be attempting to complete your studies by the program end date located under the "program of study" section on your I-20. This date is an expected date of completion for the degree program that you were admitted for. Under certain circumstances you may have to extend this end date. The delay must be caused by compelling academic or medical reasons, such as changes of major or research topics, unexpected research problems, or documented illnesses. Please note that delays caused by academic probation or suspension are not acceptable reasons for a program extension. The application for extension may be made at any time before your I-20 expires, but not after. Failure to apply for a program extension before the expiration date will mean you have violated your F-1 status and you will have to apply for reinstatement.

Evidence of Financial Support

- Check with the front desk to determine amount of financial support that is required, and to determine if you must also provide us with any additional information, such as a valid passport, current I-20, etc. Note: If you are employed on campus, e.g. Research Assistant (RA), Teaching Assistant (TA), etc., and are entitled to pay in-state tuition based on your employment or if you receive a scholarship, new financial support evidence is required. As applicable, please bring the following financial documents:
  - RA's, TA's, & Fellowships: Complete an Assistantship Fellowship Verification form (available at ISSS or on our website: www.uh.edu/oisss).
  - Scholarships: Verified with a letter/scholarship recipient form from your college or supplying agency. It should also state if you are eligible for in-state tuition.
  - Funds from a sponsor or personal account: Bring a current bank statement or a letter on official bank letterhead (not older than 2 months). If your sponsor is not your parent and is either a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, he/she will need to complete a Form I-134 Affidavit of Support (which can be downloaded at https://www.uscis.gov/i-134. EXCEPTION: IF THE PERSON LISTED ON YOUR CURRENT I-20 HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PAST MOST RECENT SEMESTER, YOU WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO SHOW EVIDENCE OF FUNDS FROM THE LISTED SPONSOR.

I-20 PROGRAM EXTENSION APPLICATION

I am applying for a program extension based on the reason(s) that my advisor has indicated below. I understand that I must submit a copy of my new extended I-20 to my department and, if I am working on campus, to Human Resources.

Name: __________________________________________ Signature: _____________________________ Date: ___________ ID: ___________

For Graduate Faculty Advisor or Academic Advisor: The above named student is applying for an extension to the program dates on his I-20. Please verify the valid reason(s) that he/she cannot finish their degree and check the box that fits this description below. The same reason cannot be used twice.

- The original period of time given on the I-20 is not sufficient for the student to finish the degree. The student has been making normal academic progress.
- The student changed majors.
- The student changed research topics.
- The student had unexpected research problems.
- The student had medical reasons.
- Other__________________________________________________________________________________________________.

Note: On-Campus employment ends by the date listed on the I-20 unless a program extension is granted and a new I-20 is provided to show the change to the program dates.

The new expected date/semester of completion is: ____________________________.

Advisor's Name: ____________________________________________________________

Advisor's Signature: ________________________________________________________ Date: ___________