

I-20 Program Extension

Even though you are admitted to the U.S. for "duration of status," you must be making normal academic progress in 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 due to unforeseen circumstances in your studies. 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. 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 the program-end date on 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 or email isssohlp@central.uh.edu to determine amount of financial support that is required, and if you must provide us with any additional information, such as an updated passport. All prior financial holds must be removed. **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 found [here](#).
- Scholarships: Submit 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, you will not be required to show renewed evidence of funds from the listed sponsor. Please submit a statement signed and dated statement that your sponsor is the same and that they are still supporting you.

I-20 PROGRAM EXTENSION APPLICATION

I am applying for a program extension based on the reason(s) that my advisor has indicated below. I will submit a copy of my new I-20 to my department and Human Resources if I have an on-campus job.

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 or her 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 degree completion is: _____.

Advisor's Name: _____

Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____