DS-2019 Extension Request for a J-1 Scholar

What is a DS-2019 extension?

An extension is authorization for additional time to complete a J-1 Exchange Visitor (EV) program. An extension is necessary when a J-1 Exchange Visitor requires additional time to complete their original program objective. The length of the extension is based on a recommendation of the host department and the maximum duration allowed by the EV’s J-1 visa category. The EV must initiate a request for an extension of their program, supported by their host academic department, which must be done before the end date as listed on the DS-2019.

How to apply for an extension of an Exchange Visitor Program?

1. To request an extension, you must initiate and complete an extension e-form by selecting the iStart link found at www.isss.utah.edu. The following information must be provided:
   a. Confirmation of whether or not you have requested or received a waiver of the 212(e) home residency requirement (if applicable). Please review your J-1 visa and/or original DS-2019 signed by a U.S. Consular Officer for evidence of being subject to the 212(e) home residency requirement. If you have questions about 212(e), please make an appointment with an ISSS Scholar advisor for additional information.
   b. Proof of funding, if you are not funded by the University. If you are not funded by the University, you must provide proof, such as government funding, scholarships, grants, or your own personal funds. If you are funded by the University, your host academic department can confirm the funding in the extension recommendation letter.
   c. Completed and signed insurance compliance form retrieved from http://ic.utah.edu/forms-publications/documents/Form-Health-Insurance-Compliance.pdf to confirm that you have insurance coverage that meets the minimum requirements set by the U.S. Department of State. Please see page 2 of this form for more information on the health insurance requirements.
   d. Contact Information of your supervisor, primary investigator (PI), or department chair.
2. Extension Recommendation Letter. The following information must be included in the letter (note: letter must be on official University Letterhead and signed by an authorized official):
   a. The new research program end date.
   b. Statement on your progress towards your program objective.
   c. Confirmation of your funding, if you are funded by the University.
   d. Confirmation of health insurance coverage, if your insurance is provided by the U of U.
Important considerations, insurance requirements, and program length:

Once an extension is approved, a new DS-2019 is issued reflecting the new program end date. Your application is not considered complete until ISSS has all required and completed documents. Processing time is up to 2 weeks after both your compete submission.

Please Note: An extension of your DS-2019 is NOT an extension of your visa. Although a valid visa (expiration date has not yet expired) is not required to legally remain in the U.S., it is necessary to re-enter the US after a departure.

Maximum Program Length:
Extensions can be requested for any length of time up to the J-1 Visa category maximum duration.

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Insurance Requirements:
Federal Regulations require that all Exchange Visitors in J immigration status maintain health insurance for the duration of their Exchange Visitor Program. The University academic host department may provide health insurance at its discretion. If your host department does not provide health insurance, it is your responsibility to secure and provide proof of health insurance for the duration of your program that meets the minimum requirements set by the Department of State for you and all of your dependents.

Minimum health insurance requirements for J-1 Exchange Visitors are as follows:

- $100,000 per sickness/illness
- $100,000 per accident/injury
- $50,000 for medical evacuation
- $25,000 for repatriation
- Maximum $500 deductible

Health insurance must meet the above requirements. Please see our compliance form found at http://ic.utah.edu/forms-publications/documents/Form-Health-Insurance-Compliance.pdf for further information.