



## Application for Program Extension of F1 Status

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) permits F-1 students to be admitted the U.S. for "duration of status" to complete an educational program. The student must complete his or her program by the estimated program end date indicated on the SEVIS Form I-20 form. A student who will not complete the academic program by that date must apply to the International Student Advisor for an extension in advance of the program end date listed on the I-20. **Please review information in the International Student Handbook.**

Students may apply for a program extension for, "compelling academic or medical reasons, such as changes of major or research topics, unexpected research problems, or documented illnesses." A program extension may not be granted for reasons resulting from academic probation or suspension.

Students who fail to apply for an extension before the program end date will be considered out-of-status and must apply for reinstatement. At present, program extensions may only be granted for up to one year at a time.

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### Section 1: To Be Completed By the Student

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Level: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Section 2: To Be Completed By Your Faculty Advisor or Program Coordinator

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The student named above is applying for a program extension as defined above. Please take the time to answer the questions below, attesting to their progress at CIIS:

1) Is the student been making normal progress towards the completion of their degree program?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
2) The student has not yet completed their current course of study due to:	
Change in research topic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unexpected research problems	<input type="checkbox"/>
The original length of time given to complete studies was not sufficient	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical problem (Student: letter from physician or medical professional documenting your condition is required)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other compelling academic reasons (please explain below):	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Do you recommend that this student be given additional time to continue their studies?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
4) When is the student expected to complete their studies? Semester and Term	

Faculty Advisor or Program Coordinator/Manager signature, attesting to the new expected date of completion:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Section 3: To Be Completed By the Student

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Application for a program extension requires proof of financial support for the additional period of time you will need to complete your course of study, up to one year at a time. You are required to submit original documentation of financial support for the additional period of time you will need to complete your degree for *actual* tuition and estimated living expenses.

Please refer to the living estimates for the academic year in the *International Student Addendum* on the [International Students](#) pages of the main CIIS website.

<b>Expenses</b>	
Living Expenses	\$ _____
Actual Tuition Expenses	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Living expenses based on the annual amount listed in the *International Student Addendum*:

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Tuition expenses based on actual plan of academic study for the time requested for the Program Extension:

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**Please return to the International Student Advisor with official financial documentation attached at least 3 weeks prior to the Program End Date**

**Your updated I-20 will be ready within one week of submission.**