J-1 EXTENSION OF STAY
For students

An extension of stay is required for students who do not complete their degree program by the completion date specified on the Form DS-2019. Students may apply for an extension as early as 6 months before, but not later than, the completion date stated on the Form DS-2019.

To apply for an extension of stay (and your program sponsor is UT-Austin), please bring the following documents to International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS):

- Passport & Form I-94 (and dependent’s if applicable)
- Proof of health insurance for yourself & dependents
- Extension of Stay Request Form
- Proof of financial support
  - You should be able to verify the amount necessary for the extension of the DS-2019 with a personal bank statement or sponsor’s letter and sponsor’s bank statement.
  - If you are a Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant, or Graduate Research Assistant and will continue with your appointment, please have your department fill out the 2nd page of the Extension of Stay Request Form.

Graduate students
In addition to the information above, PhD students who seek an extension beyond seven years and Master’s students who seek an extension beyond three years from their original program start date will be asked to provide more detailed information (see Part II on the Extension of Stay Request form).

Sponsored students
If you are a sponsored student, you and your sponsor will also need to complete the form Sponsored Student Extension Acknowledgement.

Employment on campus
Students working on campus need to show a copy of the extended DS-2019 to their employing department, or take a copy directly to Employee Record Services in NOA 2.200 to update their Form I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification).