

**To apply for an extension of your program:**

- Complete this form
- Get proper signatures
  - Undergraduate Students: Academic Advisor
  - Graduate Students: Major Advisor, Department Head and Dean of Graduate Education
- Submit this form and evidence of financial support for the extension **at least** two weeks before the end date on your current I-20/DS-2019. Financial copies are acceptable. See page two (2) for more information.

**Student Information**

Name:	Student ID:
Program End date on I-20/DS-2019 (MM/DD/YY)	Department:

**Reason for Extension (please check one and follow the instructions below)**

Only **valid** academic reasons or health-related problems are acceptable, and these reasons must be documented.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Participated in co-op; completing degree within six years
<input type="checkbox"/>	Delay caused by a change in major or field of study
<input type="checkbox"/>	Delay caused by a change in research topic (Please specify below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Delay caused by unexpected research problems (Please specify below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Required to take multiple pre-requisite courses that did not count toward my degree program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serious health issues (documentation required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)

**Be specific!** Only **valid** academic reasons or health-related problems are acceptable, and these reasons or problems must be documented. Stating that you need more time to complete your thesis is **NOT** acceptable. You need to explain why you need more time to complete. This information must be entered in your SEVIS record for the U.S. Government.

**Academic Department Certification**

By signing this document, I can confirm this student is in good standing and is making normal academic progress towards degree completion. The new program completion date noted below is a reasonable estimate.

<b>Student's New Program Completion Date (MM/DD/YY)</b>	<b>Academic Advisor or Major Professor signature and date:</b>
<b>Department Head signature and date (Graduate only):</b>	<b>Dean of Graduate Education signature and date (Graduate only):</b>

### Required Proof of Funding

- Send your proof of funding documents to: [international@sdsmt.edu](mailto:international@sdsmt.edu);
- All proof of funding must be dated less than six months old;
- Total funding must equal or exceed the semester/year estimated costs;
- For information on current estimated costs and proper financial documentation: <https://www.sdsmt.edu/Admissions/International-Students/Costs-and-Fees/>

### Financial Statement Worksheet

Type of Support	\$Amount	Documents to Attach (photocopies accepted)
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Support	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bank statement(s) or letter(s) in your name</li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> SD Mines Assistantship	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assistantship Letter</li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Family, Parent, or Private Sponsor	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial Support Form <b>AND</b></li><li>• Bank statement(s) or letter(s) from sponsor's account</li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsoring Org, Employer, Government, etc.	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Award Letter(s) indicating type of funding, duration, and amount of support</li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Support	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statements, letters, or other types of verification</li></ul>

### How an extension affects your visa stamp?

An extension of program on the I-20/DS-2019 does **NOT** extend the visa stamp in the passport. If your visa has expired, you are allowed to remain in the U.S., but you must apply for a new visa at a U.S. embassy/consulate the next time you travel. A visa cannot be renewed in the U.S.