

VISA EXTENSION INFORMATION

When traveling into the U.S., you must have a valid passport, F-1 visa and I-20. If your F-1 visa is expired or you had a Change of Status Approval, you must apply for an F-1 visa extension at the U.S. embassy in your home country.

In order to apply for an F-1 visa extension, please follow the instructions below:

- 1) Schedule a visa appointment at a U.S. embassy in your home country. Find the nearest U.S. embassy here: <http://usembassy.state.gov/>. You will need the information on your I-20 to request a visa appointment online. You may find visa wait times here: <http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/wait/>.
- 2) You will need the following documents:
 - a) Original passport valid at least 6 months into the future
 - b) Original I-20 showing current program of study
 - c) Original transcript (Please request an original transcript from WebSmart.)
 - d) Original financial documents showing funds for the remaining period of study (If you have a financial sponsor, a letter from your sponsor stating that they will provide funding for your stay while in the U.S.)
 - e) Copy of your SEVIS fee receipt (You may print a copy at www.fmjfee.com.)
 - f) If you submitted a Change of Status application, original Change of Status Approval notice.
 - g) If you are on OPT, original OPT approval notice and/or EAD card. If you have an employer, you should request a letter verifying your employment.
- 3) Show up to your visa appointment on time. If you are denied an F-1 visa, please ask for documentation indicating the reasons for the denial. Scan the letter and send a copy to caninternational@smccd.edu for further instructions. Schedule another visa appointment and repeat the process again.
- 4) When entering the U.S., make sure that you present your passport and I-20 to the Customs & Border Patrol (CBP) officer.
- 5) Please check in with ISC within 10 days of entering the U.S. and provide a copy of your new F-1 visa and I-94 record by logging onto www.cbp.gov/i94.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact an International Student Program staff member at the number listed above or via email at caninternational@smccd.edu.