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REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE (DOS)/DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) EXTENSION OF J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR

This form must be completed by an NIH Institute/Center (IC) to request an exceptional J-1 extension beyond the five (5) year maximum duration in the G-7 program. It requires signatures from the Scientific Director and Exchange Visitor. It also requires the IC to pay a $233 fee for the extension. This form and the extension request package (see DIS Technical Advisory #11) must be received by the DIS no less than ninety (90) days* prior to the expiration date of the Exchange Visitor's current Form DS-2019.

Name of Exchange Visitor _____ **Date**: _____

Name of IC: _____ **Lab/Branch Name:** _____

Name of IC Sponsor/Supervisor: _____ **IC CAN #:** _____
(Required for payment of extension fee)

Total length of stay requested: _____
(List the requested begin and end dates)

- Did the Exchange Visitor transfer his/her J-1 program from another U.S. institution to the NIH? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is this a second request for an exceptional extension? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION:

I have reviewed this extension request. My IC requires the Exchange Visitor's continued stay to successfully conclude government research. No guarantees or promises have been made regarding the filing or approval of this extension. I understand that the Departments of State and Homeland Security determine final approval of this extension.

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION:

*I have not applied for a waiver of my two-year home-country physical presence requirement. I understand that if approved in the NIH's G-7 program, I am *not* able to transfer my J-1 status to another J-1 program outside NIH, except for other programs designated as "G-7." I understand that the Departments of State and Homeland Security determine final approval of this extension.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

My spouse is a J-2 dependent and needs to apply to USCIS for renewal of his/her employment authorization. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Note to Exchange Visitor: Attach copies (front and back) of all Forms DS-2019 and current Form I-94 to this form

* IC should submit request to the DIS 180 days in advance if J-2 employment authorization is necessary.

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The Exchange Visitor meets the J-1 requirements for this exceptional extension. Recommend extension for _____ month(s).

Extension request entered into SEVIS on _____ and mailed to DOS on _____.

Initials of RO/ARO & Date: _____.

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