

**CAP GAP EXTENSION
 I-20 REQUEST FORM**

Current regulations allow certain students with pending or approved H-1B petitions to remain in F-1 status during the Cap-Gap period. This is referred to as filling the "Cap- Gap," a way of filling the "gap" between the end of F-1 status and the beginning of H-1B status.

H-1B petitions that are timely filed on behalf of an eligible F-1 student that request a change of status to H-1B on October 1 qualify for a Cap-Gap extension. Timely filed means that the H-1B petition (indicating change of status rather than consular processing) was filed during the H-1B acceptance period while the student's authorized F-1 duration of status (D/S) admission was still in effect (including any period of time during the academic course of study, any authorized periods of post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT), and the 60-day departure preparation period/"grace period").

However, if an H-1B cap-subject petition is filed on the behalf of a student who has entered the 60-day grace period, the student will receive the automatic extension of his or her F-1 status, but will not become employment-authorized since the student was not employment-authorized at the time H-1B petition was filed.

Eligibility for an extension of F-1 status and authorized period of employment:

- Your employer files an H-1B petition in a timely manner with USCIS with an employment start date of October 1.
- You are maintaining your F-1 status on the date the employer files your H-1B petition.
- You are in an authorized period of post-completion OPT (including the STEM OPT extension) on the date the employer files your H-1B petition and the authorizations ends between April 1 and September 30.
- USCIS receives the H-1B petition in a timely manner and issues the receipt for it.

Instructions- Complete this form and submit it online along with any applicable supporting documents to request an update Form I-20.

SECTION 1- To be completed by the student.

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| Family Name: | First Name: |
| Beach ID Number: | OPT/STEM OPT EAD end date: |
| Email Address: | Phone Number: |
| Select the supporting documentation included with your request: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> copy of I-797 Notice of Action <input type="checkbox"/> copy of petition or mailing receipt <input type="checkbox"/> letter from employer/lawyer | |

SECTION 2- To be completed by the ISS Advisor.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm student's current contact information | <input type="checkbox"/> Passport Expiration Date: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm Employment Authorization End date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm validity of supporting documents |
| Cap Gap I-20 Request is: <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected <input type="checkbox"/> Pending _____ | |
| Advisor name: _____ Decision Date: _____ | |

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