

## Email: international@lamar.edu Cap-Gap Extension I-20 Request Form

**Cap-Gap Extension** is an extension of status for the time between April 1 and September 30 for those students participating in post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT), STEM Extension, or for those who are in their 60 day grace period and have filed an H-1B petition.

STUDENTINFORMATION			Personal Email:				
SEVIS Number:			LUID Number:				
Name (Last in CAPS)		First Name		Middle Name			
Address	Apartment#	City	State	Zip	Telephone Number		
Country of Citizenship			Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)				
Employment Authorization (EAD Card) Number			EAD Card Dates				
SRC#			From:		To:		

The regulations specify that duration of status (D/S), and post-completion OPT work authorization, will be automatically extended for an F-1 student who is beneficiary of a timely-filed H-1B petition requesting change of status and an employment start date of October 1st.

## Please submit the following documentation:

- 1) H-1B Cap Gap Extension I-20 Request Form
- 2) Photocopy of Employment Authorization Document (EAD)
- 3) A copy of the Form I-797 receipt and/ or approval notice

## Statement of Understanding

- I understand that my F-1 status and work authorization will automatically be extended if my H-1B application is filed, waitlisted, receipted or approved.
- I understand that this Cap-Gap Extension will terminate when **USCIS rejects**, **denies**, **or revokes the H-1B petition**.

  Once this occurs, I may remain in the United States for up to 60 days to prepare for departure from the U.S., change degree level, transfer, change status etc. as long as I have not otherwise violated my status.
- I understand that during my H-1B Cap-Gap Extension I must report any change of legal name, residential or mailing address, employer name, employer address, and/or loss of employment to the International Student Service Office.
- I understand that SEVP strongly recommends that students do not travel outside the United States during the Cap-Gap Extension.

Signature	Date