

TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT REQUEST

UPDATE: If you need to leave the U.S. with an expired visa and will be renewing in your home country, please be aware that you may experience heightened scrutiny/vetting or delay in renewal. Please schedule your request for renewal appointment as EARLY as possible. Please note that this information is subject to change at any time.

If you are traveling outside of the U.S., you must have a valid travel endorsement to be able to re-enter the U.S.

FILL OUT THIS FORM, ATTACH YOUR CURRENT I-20/DS-2019, & TURN IT INTO THE ISAO WELCOME DESK

UMKC STUDENT ID #: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

You must have an "active" SEVIS status to re-enter the U.S. If you have been terminated, if your I-20/DS-2019 has expired, or if you are in a "pending", "completed", or "cancelled" status, you could be denied re-entry.

LEAVING U.S. ON: _____

RETURNING TO U.S. ON: _____

If you will not be coming back to the U.S., please let us know _____

DESTINATION: _____

F/J VISA EXPIRES ON: _____

THE END DATE ON MY I-20/DS-2019 IS: _____

CURRENTLY ON OPT/STEM? _____

WHEN DOES YOUR EAD CARD EXPIRE?: _____

By submitting this request, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the following information:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ✓ If your **visa has already expired**, you will need to re-new it before you are allowed to re-enter the U.S. You can only renew your visa in your home country. You cannot renew it from within the U.S. However, there are certain countries such as Mexico, Canada, and the Caribbean islands where you will be allowed to exit and re-enter with an expired F or J visa as long as your stay in those countries was less than 30 days.
- ✓ If you are re-entering the U.S. **after the semester** has already started or if you will be gone for more than two weeks during the Spring or Fall semester, make sure your professors are aware of your travel plans/approve of the extended absence.
- ✓ Your passport must remain valid for at least 6 months after the date you return to the U.S.
- ✓ If your OPT, Change of Status, or Reinstatement is currently "pending" then please be aware that your departure from the U.S. may be seen as abandoning your application and could be cancelled by USCIS/DHS. If this happens, you may be denied entry into the U.S. through no fault of ISAO. We do NOT recommend travel outside of the U.S. if you are in a "pending" status.
- ✓ **IF YOU WILL BE OUTSIDE THE U.S. FOR MORE THAN 5 MONTHS, YOU MUST LET US KNOW AND WILL NEED TO FILL OUT ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK AND SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH AN IMMIGRATION ADVISOR**

TRAVEL ENDORSEMENTS ARE VALID FOR:

- 1 year for continuing students unless information on your I-20/DS-2019 changes before then
- 6 months for students who are currently on OPT unless information on your I-20 changes before then