

MEng International Student FAQ

Q: What documents do I need to submit for my I-20?

A: That will depend on your personal circumstances. Information regarding document submission including detailed instructions on what and how to submit can be found [here](#).

Q: I'm already in the U.S. studying at another institution in F-1 or J-1 status. Can I transfer my SEVIS record to the University of Michigan?

A: You likely can. Refer to our [immigration documentation information](#) to find out what additional documents you will need to provide.

Q: How long will it take for me to receive my I-20?

A: Once all of your documents have been received and approved by the College of Engineering, a request for the creation of your I-20 will be submitted to our [International Center](#). After that, it will take approximately 3-4 weeks for our International Center to process your I-20. Depending on the time of year, you may receive your I-20 sooner or later than that. The College of Engineering does not have access to check on the status of your request once it has been submitted to the International Center for processing.

Q: How will I know when my I-20 is ready?

A: When your I-20 has been issued, you will receive an email to your UMich email address from the International Center inviting you to log on to [MPassport](#) to access your document. Don't forget to check your spam folder.

Q: I received my I-20, and I would like to extend my program date. Can I do this?

A: We use standard program dates at the point of issuing the initial I-20. The I-20 length is consistent for all new students in a specific program, is based on required full-time enrollment, and is not changed based on individual preferences. In order to qualify for an I-20 extension, a student must have additional degree requirements to complete and must have compelling and documented academic or medical reasons for the extension.

Q: Why is my program name at the University of Michigan different from the program name that appears on my I-20?

A: Each program at the University of Michigan corresponds with a United States Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code and program name. The program that appears on your I-20 is the U.S. CIP program, not necessarily the UMich program.

Sometimes the UMich program name matches the CIP program name, and sometimes it does not.

Q: I'm interested in scholarship and/or fellowship opportunities for international students. Where can I find more information?

A: Your [graduate coordinator](#) will be able to assist you with department-related funding opportunities. You're also welcome to browse the College of Engineering's list of [external funding sources](#), some of which are available for international students, and the [UMich Library's](#) list of internal funding sources for graduate students.

Q: I have other immigration questions and/or a unique situation and I need further guidance. Where can I find more information?

A: Our International Center has a great deal of information on their website including their own [frequently asked questions](#), [various resources](#), and [advising options](#).