



STEM Extension Request Form

Eligible F-1 students holding a qualifying STEM degree may apply for a 24-month extension of their Post-Completion OPT employment authorization, increasing the total period of practical training from 12 months to 36 months. The qualifying degree must be a bachelor's, master's, or Ph.D. earned from an accredited, SEVP-approved U.S. institution within the last ten years. Students seeking the extension must currently be authorized for Post-Completion OPT, maintain employment with an E-Verify participating employer, and remain within the allowable unemployment period established by federal regulations.

STEM OPT Extension Guidelines

Students requesting a STEM OPT extension must submit this form along with all required supporting documents before their current OPT authorization expires. Applicants must have a qualifying STEM degree, a valid job offer or employment with an E-Verify participating employer, and a completed Form I-983 Training Plan. The STEM OPT application must be filed with USCIS within 60 days of the issuance of the STEM OPT recommendation I-20. Students are responsible for maintaining valid F-1 status, complying with all reporting requirements, and notifying the University of any changes in employment, address, or immigration status during the STEM OPT authorization period.

Student Information

Student Name (First - Middle - Last)	
Student ID# or SSN	
Academic Program	☐ PhD ☐ Dental ☐ Master's
Program Name	
Current Residential/Mailing Address	
City	
State	
ZIP Code	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Preferred Method of Receiving STEM OPT I-20	☐ Electronic Copy via Email ☐ Pick Up Printed Copy from International Student Services ☐ Mail Printed Copy to My Current USA Address

Employer Information

Employer Name: _____

E-Verify Company Identification Number: _____

Note: Participation in the E-Verify program is required for all employers sponsoring students during the STEM OPT extension period. Students should obtain the E-Verify number from their employer's Human Resources Office or designated supervisor.



STEM Employment Details

STEM Degree Program	
CIP Code (as listed on Form I-20)	
Current Job Title/Position	
Immediate Supervisor's Full Name	
Supervisor's Email Address	
Supervisor's Contact Number	

Student Acknowledgment

Please check each box to confirm your understanding:

- ☐ I have reviewed the STEM OPT requirements and submitted all required documents.
- ☐ I am responsible for filing my STEM OPT application with USCIS before my current OPT expires.
- ☐ I understand that my STEM OPT application must be submitted within 60 days of the STEM OPT I-20 issuance date.
- ☐ I will be physically present in the United States when my application is filed.
- ☐ I understand that I may continue authorized employment while my timely filed STEM OPT application is pending, as permitted by USCIS.
- ☐ I am responsible for the accuracy of all information submitted to USCIS.
- ☐ I will maintain copies of all immigration and employment-related documents.
- ☐ I understand that USCIS determines application approvals and processing times.
- ☐ I will report any changes to my address, contact information, immigration status, or employment within 10 days.
- ☐ I understand that I must comply with all STEM OPT reporting requirements and maintain valid F-1 status.
- ☐ I understand that beginning a new academic program or transferring my SEVIS record will end my STEM OPT authorization.

Student Certification

- ☐ I certify that all information provided on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand my responsibilities regarding maintenance of F-1 status and compliance with STEM OPT reporting requirements.

Signature of the Student _____

Date: ____/____/____

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Date Received: ____/____/____ DSO Review: _____

SEVIS Recommendation Entered: _____ Processed By: _____