

OFFICE OF
International Education

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REQUEST FOR OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING STEM EXTENSION

Students who complete a degree in specific fields, designated by the U.S. government, related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) may be eligible to apply for an additional 24 months of Optional Practical Training (OPT). Not all STEM fields are designated for this extension.

To be eligible for STEM extension, the student must:

- Be in a valid period of post-completion OPT which is based on an earned degree in a designated STEM field.
(To determine if your major is a STEM designated field, refer to the major listed on your Form I-20 and the government designated list at <https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Document/2016/stem-list.pdf>.);
- Not have received a previous STEM OPT approval;

and work for an employer that must:

- Be registered in the E-Verify Program
- Work with the student to complete the Form I-983 Training Plan and sign the I-983 to certify it is true and correct
- Agree to review the student's annual self-evaluation and report the termination or departure of an OPT employee to the DSO at the student's school if the termination is prior to the end of the OPT period.

Please complete this form and email it to your OIE advisor along with your completed I-983 and I-765.

Name _____ MUID _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Current mailing address _____

After determining that your I-983 is properly filled out and that your I-765 has no obvious errors, OIE will endorse your OPT STEM Extension in SEVIS and email you an updated Form I-20 to use in your STEM OPT application. It is your responsibility to submit your completed application to the appropriate USCIS Service Center.

Current Post-completion OPT employment ending date _____

Current employer/company name _____

Worksite address: _____

Job title or position _____ Supervisor's name _____

Explain how your job is related to your major field of study _____

Will your STEM OPT position have the same title and connection to your field of study as your current OPT position? Yes ___ No ___

If No, please provide the position title for your STEM OPT position: _____

Supervisor's contact information (for current OPT position)

Telephone _____

Email _____

Student signature _____ Date _____