

## Request for 24 Month Extension Recommended I-20

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

For F-1 students who completed a bachelor's, masters, or doctoral degree in a STEM field (science, technology, engineering, or math - the STEM Designated Degree Program List is on the [SEVP Web site](#)) and are currently engaged in post-completion OPT if they have a job or job offer from an E-Verify employer.

### I. STUDENT INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
RUID: \_\_\_\_\_ SEVIS ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major/Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date of OPT: \_\_\_\_\_  
STEM Degree Received (check one):  Yes  No

If you have moved since the last time you reported your address to our Center, you must report your new address by submitting a new [OPT Data Update form](#).

### II. EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Identification Number (EIN): \_\_\_\_\_

Has any information changed since my most recent [OPT Data Update form](#) submission?  Yes\*  No  
*\*If yes, you must submit a new [OPT Data Update form](#) to you assigned International Student Adviser with this Request*

### III. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Included with this request are the following documents (*please check off*):

- Copy of my diploma
- [I-983 Training Plan for STEM OPT Students](#) - fully completed and properly signed
- I have read and signed the certification on page 2 of this request form

IV. CERTIFICATION

I am applying for the 24 Month Extension recommended I-20 and confirm I have read and understand the following:

- I must submit the I-983 self-evaluation completed by me and signed by my employer, at the following times:
  - twelve months after the STEM EAD card begins;
  - at the end of the 24 month period;
  - and/or upon leaving any employment.
- I must submit a new Form I-983 to my international student adviser for every new employment/training experience that I accept during my 24 Month Extension.
- I must work more than 20 hours a week for an E-Verify employer and I cannot be self-employed.
- Volunteer work does not qualify for the 24 Month Extension and employment must be paid.
- Work must be on-site to qualify for the 24 Month Extension (working remotely is not allowed).
- I may use the 24 Month Extension twice over the course of my entire academic career.
- As long as I file timely (prior to the expiration of the current EAD card) for a 24 Month Extension I may continue employment while the application is pending (up to 180 days) until a final decision from USCIS
- Approved extensions allow for me to remain working for the E-Verify employer on the new EAD. If denied, I must make preparations to depart the country or transfer to another school to continue studying.
- The application for the 24-Month Extension must reach the USCIS before the post-completion OPT end date.
- The application for extension can be filed up to 90 days prior to the end date of the OPT
- The start date will be the day after the end date of the current OPT.
- I can work for multiple employers, but I must work more than 20 hours per week for **each** employer, all employers must be enrolled in E-Verify, and I must submit a Form I-983 to my international student adviser for **every** employer.
- During any initial 12-month period of post-completion OPT, no student (including 24 Month Extension students) may be unemployed for an aggregate of more than 90 days. If a STEM student receives a 24 Month Extension, the limit on unemployment is raised to an aggregate of 150 days, applied to the entire 36 month period on which the student is on post-completion OPT.
- My OPT authorization ends when I commence another degree program, change to another status, my EAD expires, or if a 24 Month Extension request is denied.
- Students on the 24 Month Extension still have a 60 day grace period at the end of the extension or if the extension is rejected, revoked, or denied (unless the student has been found to be in violation of status).
- **THREE Travel Warnings:** (1) I cannot travel abroad in between the time I submit my 24 Month Extension application and the time I receive my STEM EAD card, (2) while on post-completion OPT or an extension, regulations allow me to re-enter the U.S. to resume employment on an unexpired OPT, (3) if I will need to apply for an F-1 visa to return to the U.S. while on OPT, I understand that this may be a high risk visa application and the chances of denial could be greater than normal.
- I must report to my International Student Adviser within 10 days of: Legal name changes; Changes of address, email or phone number; Changes of employer or employment information (including I-983 self-evaluations); and Loss of employment (refer to the Center's [OPT Data Update form](#)).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_