F-1 24-Month STEM Extension of Optional Practical Training (OPT) Form

Purpose of Form: The purpose of this form is to verify that an individual is eligible to apply for the 24-month STEM extension of OPT. Refer to http://www.uscis https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/stem-opt-hub for more detailed information.

Deadlines: The applicant must apply before the current period of Post-Completion OPT authorization expires as listed on the student’s EAD card. USCIS advises that the applicant submit the 24-month extension of OPT application (I-765) within 90 to 120 days before the expiration date of the current OPT authorization period.

Required Documents: This form (completed); the Form I-983 with all attestations; A legible copy of the applicant's current EAD card (front and back) clearly depicting the OPT start and end dates; and Copies of the most recent I-20 and I-94 record for the F-1.

Applicant Information

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For a list of eligible majors in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), refer to the USCIS website: http://www.uscis.gov/. For a list of currently eligible STEM majors at Texas A&M, refer to the ISS website. If you notice a major missing from the list on the ISS website, please contact ISS.

Is this is your 1st or 2nd STEM OPT Extension?  ○ 1st  ○ 2nd

If this is your 2nd STEM OPT Extension please provide the school name, degree level, major, and I-20 from the other school below:

I-20 Mailing Information

How do you want your new I-20 to be sent to you? Please choose one:

○ I will personally pick it up at ISS.

○ My friend will pick it up at ISS:
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○ Send it by regular U.S. Postal Services to the following address:
  | Street Address or P.O. Box: |
  | City: | State: | Zip: |
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○ Send it by express mail. I will request shipment through eShipGlobal (https://study.eshipglobal.com).

State law requires that you be informed of the following: (1) you are entitled to request to be informed about the information about yourself collected by use of this form (with a few exceptions as provided by law); (2) you are entitled to receive and review that information; and (3) you are entitled to have the information corrected at no charge to you.”
By signing this form, I certify that the information provided is true and accurate. I understand the rules and regulations concerning my engagement in Optional Practical Training and agree to all conditions listed below.

**Reporting Responsibilities:**
- My **non-TAMU email address** and **Student Local Mailing address** must be updated within 10 days of moving. This information can be updated through the My Record tab in the Howdy Portal (https://howdy.tamu.edu).
- I understand that I am required to report any changes of employer name, address, or interruption of employment by submitting the OPT Employment Reporting Form and the Form I-983 for the duration of the 24-month extension of OPT within 10 days of the change.
- If I do not update my employment information with ISS, I understand that SEVIS will automatically terminate my SEVIS record if I exceed 150 days of unemployment while on STEM.
- I understand that if my immigration status changes, I am required to send ISS copies of my new documents within 10 days of the change.
- I will provide ISS with a legible copy of the 24-month extension of OPT EAD card when I receive it.
- I understand that failure to do the above could result in loss of my legal non-immigrant status and that if this occurs, I may have to stop working and/or leave the United States.
- I understand that my employer is required to inform ISS within 5 business days that I have ceased working for them. My employer should send an email to ISS containing the End of Employment form at iss@tamu.edu.

**General Responsibilities:**
- I understand that in order to receive a 24-month extension of OPT, I must first request a 24-month extension of OPT recommendation from ISS.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to properly file my application in a timely manner. My 24-month extension of OPT application must be received by USCIS within 60 days of ISS issuing a new I-20 with the 24-month extension of OPT recommendation on the third page.
- I understand that my authorization to engage in OPT is automatically terminated if I transfer to another school or begin study at another educational level.
- I understand that USCIS regulations require me to seek employment directly related to my major area of study and commensurate with my education level with an employer that is registered in E-Verify.
- I understand that I cannot accrue 150 days or more of unemployment at any time during the 12 month of post completion OPT and 24 month extension of OPT combined.
- I understand that if I leave the U.S. while my 24-month extension of OPT application is pending, I am considered *abandoning* my application (i.e., my 24-month extension of OPT application will no longer be approved by USCIS).
- I understand that if I decide to travel while on OPT, I must have a valid I-20 signed by a DSO within six months before reentering the U.S., an unexpired EAD card, a valid passport, a valid employment letter, and a valid F-1 visa stamp to be readmitted to the U.S. The letter from an employer should contain salary information, a statement that the employment is temporary, and that I will be employed after returning from travel.
- I understand that once the 24-month extension of OPT recommendation has been issued and the application sent to DHS, it may not be possible to cancel or edit it.
- I understand that it is not recommended that I withdraw my I-765 application at any time during OPT without consulting with an ISS advisor, because it could negatively affect my visa status.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to stay informed about changing federal regulations that may impact my OPT or F-1 status.

**Additional Information:**
- Refer to [http://www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) for more information about the 24-month extension of OPT.
- ISS strongly encourages you to maintain health insurance for you and your dependents throughout the duration of your OPT authorization period, including the 24-month extension of OPT.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ____________________________