

STEM OPT EXTENSION I-20 REQUEST FORM:

Last Name:	First Name:
Post-graduation email address:	Telephone:
Is your major STEM eligible? (Please check the CIP Code on your I-20. If it is listed here , then it is STEM eligible): YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Is your current employment related to your STEM eligible major? (if you graduated with two majors and only one of the two is STEM eligible, your current employment must be related to the STEM eligible major): YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
I have reported all employment and address changes in the SEVP Portal throughout my time on post-completion OPT: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

STEM OPT Extension Statement of Responsibility:

My signature below confirms that I understand the following and agree to the terms of the STEM OPT extension of my Optional Practical Training authorization.

- 1) The accuracy and completion of my STEM OPT extension application is my responsibility. UofSC International Student Services Advisors offer to review the application documents I provide to them, but USC International Student Services is not liable for any errors or mistakes on the Form I-765, G-1145, copies of passport, visa, I-94, transcripts, EAD card and diploma, passport photos, or payment.
- 2) I understand that I am responsible for maintaining copies of all application related documents, including my STEM OPT extension I-20, my application materials, official correspondence from USCIS, I-797 notices of action, Employment Authorization Documents, and any other documents pertaining to my STEM OPT extension application.
- 3) I understand that once I am no longer in my post-completion OPT period and I enter the STEM OPT extension period:
 - a. It is my responsibility to abide by the STEM OPT extension reporting requirements (listed in the next statement)
 - b. I should not utilize the SEVP OPT Portal for reporting any employment changes. I know any employment changes must be reported directly to International Student Services via the [STEM OPT Update Form](#).
 - c. I will begin receiving STEM OPT extension reporting emails directly from USCIS, reminding me of my reporting requirements and due date.
- 4) I am familiar with the following STEM OPT extension reporting requirements:
 - a. **Every six months:** I must confirm that my SEVIS record is accurate using the [STEM OPT Update Form](#)
 - b. **Annually:** I am required to complete the Evaluation of Student Progress portion of the form I-983 (top of page 5) and submit it by using the [STEM OPT Update Form](#).
 - c. **At the completion of STEM OPT extension:** I must conduct a second and final assessment and procure signatures from your employer on page 5 of the I-983. I will submit this through the [STEM OPT Update Form](#).
- 5) I understand that if approved, I will be granted 60 days of allowable unemployment in addition to the 90 days of allowable unemployment on post-completion OPT, for a total for 150 days of allowable unemployment. if I exceed 150 days of unemployment, my F-1 record is at risk of automatic termination and that I should depart the U.S. or change to another status.
- 6) I understand that if I lose my EAD card, I have to file a new Form I-765 and pay the filing fee again.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____