STEM OPT EXTENSION
ONLINE WORKSHOP
When to Apply

- STEM OPT Extension applications may be submitted to USCIS for processing as early as (but no earlier than) 90 days before a student’s initial, 12-month OPT EAD card end date.

- USCIS must receive STEM OPT Extension applications by the initial, 12-month OPT EAD card end date to be timely filed.

- USCIS is currently taking 3-5 months to approve STEM OPT Extension applications. Visit the ‘Check Case Processing Times’ page for current USCIS processing times (see “Form I-765” for “Potomac Service Center”).

- Students with a timely filed STEM OPT Extension application may continue employment for up to 180 days after their initial, 12-month OPT EAD card end date while their STEM OPT Extension application is pending with USCIS.
  - If you do not receive your STEM OPT Extension EAD card by your initial, 12-month OPT EAD card end date, you will have to update your I-9 with your employer to continue employment beyond your current EAD card end date while your STEM OPT Extension application is pending. For information on how to update your I-9 with your employer, please visit the USCIS Foreign Academic Students page.
Eligibility Requirements

If you are applying based on your most recent UCLA STEM degree:

To be eligible, F-1 students:

- Must have completed a **STEM designated degree** (based on the Classification of Instructional Program [CIP] code on page 1 of their current I-20)
- Must be in their initial, 12-month Post-Completion OPT period (EAD card must not have already expired)
- Must not have exceeded 90 days of unemployment time during their initial, 12-month OPT period
- Must have a bona fide employer-employee relationship with an employer enrolled in E-Verify
- Must have a paid, full-time employment offer (20 or more hours per week) for a position directly related to their major and appropriate for their degree level. Volunteer/unpaid positions and self employment are not eligible.
- Must be within the U.S. at the time they submit their STEM OPT Extension application to USCIS

**NOTE:** A student may be authorized for the STEM OPT Extension *twice* in their lifetime.
Eligibility Requirements

If applying based on a previous STEM degree (in addition to the requirements on the previous slide)

- STEM degree must have been completed within 10 years of the STEM OPT Extension application submission date
- Must have a paid, full-time (20 or more hours per week) employment offer directly related to their STEM degree with an E-Verified employer
- Must submit copies of their previous STEM degree I-20, previous STEM degree diploma or official transcript, and most recent UCLA diploma or official transcript (in addition to the checklist documents on Slide 7)
STEM OPT Employment Types

- **Paid Employment**: A student must work at least 20 hours per week.

- **Multiple Employers**: A student may work for more than one employer, but all employment must be at least 20 hours per week, paid, related to their degree program and all employers must be enrolled in E-Verify. Students must submit a completed Form I-983 for each employer.

- **Work for Hire**: This is commonly referred to as 1099 employment, where an individual performs a service based on a contractual relationship rather than employment relationship. The company for whom the student is providing services must be registered with E-Verify. If requested by DHS, the student must be prepared to provide evidence showing the duration of the contract period and the name and address of the contracting company. Employment must be at least 20 hours per week.

- **Employment through Third Party Employers and Staffing Agencies**: Employment must constitute a bona fide employer-employee relationship. The Form I-983 must be signed by the E-Verified employer who is providing the practical training experience. The staffing placement agency cannot complete and sign the Form I-983 as an employer unless:
  - The staffing placement agency is an E-Verified employer of the student, and
  - The staffing/placement agency provides and oversees the training (training experience may take place at a site other than the employer’s principal place of business)
Application Procedures

STEP 1: Report all of your OPT employment information through the SEVP Portal

STEP 2: Complete the STEM OPT Extension Online Workshop

STEP 3: Pay $380 Dashew Center STEM OPT Administrative Processing Fee online

STEP 4: Prepare and complete your STEM OPT Extension I-20 Request materials

STEP 5: Contact the Dashew Center to schedule an appointment with an F-1 Counselor

STEP 6: Email your STEM OPT Extension I-20 Request documents to the F-1 Counselor you had an appointment with

STEP 7: Receive your STEM OPT Extension I-20 (via email or by FedEx)

STEP 8: Prepare your STEM OPT Extension Application for submission to USCIS for processing

(See STEM OPT Extension Application Submission Instructions)
To request a STEM OPT Extension I-20 from the Dashew Center, please:

- Report all OPT employment in your SEVP Portal account.

And email the following documents to an F-1 Counselor after a scheduled appointment:

- Completed STEM OPT Extension I-20 Request Form
- $380 STEM OPT Extension Administrative Processing Fee Payment Receipt
- Completed Form I-983 (See Form I-983 Instructions)
- 1 copy of your I-94 Admission Record
  - Electronic I-94: Print record from CBP I-94 website
  - OR Paper I-94: Copy both front and back sides
- 1 copy of your most recent U.S. entry stamp in passport. If you did not receive an admission stamp, please print your Travel History page.
- 1 copy of your passport biographical page
- 1 copy of your most recent OPT I-20 (pages 1 and 2)
- 1 copy of your Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card (front and back sides)
- 1 copy of your STEM degree diploma or official transcript
- Employment verification letter from employer (must indicate: job title, supervisor’s name, supervisor’s contact information, and employer’s E-Verify ID)
- Completed F-1 Document Shipping Request Form (only required if you would like a paper-format I-20 shipped to your address)
If Applying based on a Previous STEM Degree

If applying based on a previous STEM degree, please also submit (in addition to checklist requirements on the previous slide):

- Copy of previous STEM degree I-20 (STEM degree must have been completed within 10 years of the STEM OPT Extension application date)
- Copy of previous STEM degree diploma or official transcript
- Copy of most recent UCLA diploma or official transcript
STEM OPT EXT. I-20 REQUEST FORM

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________

UCLA ID#: ___________________________ SEVIS ID#: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________ EAD Card End Date: ___________________________

STEM OPT Extension I-20 Request Checklist: (email documents to an F-1 Counselor during a scheduled appointment)

☐ Completed STEM OPT Extension I-20 Request Form
☐ $380 STEM OPT Extension Administrative Processing Fee Payment Receipt
☐ Completed Form I-983 (See Form I-983 Instructions. For example, see STEM OPT Extension Workshop)
☐ 1 copy of I-94 Admission Record
  • Electronic I-94: Access and print record here: https://a54.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#home
  • OR Paper I-94: Please copy both front and back sides
☐ 1 copy of your most recent U.S. entry stamp in passport
☐ 1 copy of passport biographical page (passport must be valid at least 6 months into the future from the date that USCIS will receive your STEM OPT Extension application)
☐ 1 copy of most recent OPT I-20 (pages 1 & 2)
☐ 1 copy of EAD (front and back sides)
☐ 1 copy of your STEM degree diploma or official transcript
☐ Employment verification letter (must include: job title, supervisor’s name, employer’s contact information, and employer’s E-Verify ID)
☐ F-1 Document Shipping Request Form (only required if you would like a paper-format STEM OPT Extension I-20 shipped to your address)

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INIT: ___________ DATE: ___________

☐ Restriction Hold ☐ Current Enrollment ☐ Past Enrollment ☐ OPT Admin Fee

A Department of Student Affairs
What does the STEM OPT Administrative Processing Fee cover?

The Dashew Center STEM OPT Administrative Processing Fee pays for systems required by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to maintain a student’s F-1 SEVIS record during their STEM OPT period. SEVIS maintenance fees are covered by UCLA for currently enrolled UCLA students. Since students will not be enrolled at UCLA during their STEM OPT Extension period, they will be charged a STEM OPT Administrative Processing Fee by the Dashew Center, as SEVIS record maintenance is still required during a student’s STEM OPT Extension period to allow the Dashew Center to process F-1 benefits such as travel authorization, I-20 requests, Cap Gap requests, and STEM OPT employment and address updates.

Students are required to pay the Dashew Center OPT/STEM OPT Administrative Processing Fee each time they apply for Post-Completion OPT or the OPT STEM Extension.
The Dashew Center OPT Administrative Processing Fee for the STEM OPT Extension application is $380.

To Pay the fee:

- Go to the OPT Administrative Processing Fee Site on the Dashew Center website
- Log in using your Bruin Logon ID to access the payment site
- Click on the ‘Pay’ link for ‘F-1 OPT: STEM Extension’
Form I-983

An F-1 student and their employer must obtain, complete and sign the Form I-983 Training Plan before the student may apply for the STEM OPT extension.

The formal training plan must clearly articulate the STEM OPT student’s learning objectives and affirm the employer’s commitment to helping the student achieve those objectives.

STEM OPT students and their employers are subject to the terms and conditions of the 24-month STEM OPT extension regulations, the Form I-983 Instructions and the completed Form I-983, effective as of the employment start date requested for the associated STEM OPT period, as indicated on the Form I-983.

Make a copy of your completed Form I-983 to keep in your records
# How to Complete Form I-983 – Page 1

**SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION (Completed by Student)**

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**Notes:**
- **USCIS # on EAD Card**
- **CIP code located on page 1 of your I-20, next to your STEM Major name**
- **Enter your STEM OPT period (starting the day after your current EAD end date)**
- **Answer “NO” if you are applying based on your most recent UCLA STEM degree**
- **Answer “YES” if you are applying based on a previous STEM degree**
SECTION 2: STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I declare and affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements and information made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that the law provides severe penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact, or using any false document in the submission of this form.

I certify that:

1. I have reviewed, understand, and will adhere to this Training Plan for STEM OPT Students ("Plan");

2. I will notify the DSO at the earliest available opportunity if I believe that my employer is not providing me with appropriate training as delineated on this Plan;

3. I understand that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may deny, revoke, or terminate the STEM OPT of students whom DHS determines are not engaging in OPT in compliance with the law, including the STEM OPT of students who are not, or whose employers are not, complying with this Plan;

4. My practical training opportunity is directly related to the STEM degree that qualifies me for the STEM OPT extension; and

5. I will notify the DSO at the earliest available opportunity regarding any material changes to or deviations from this Plan, including but not limited to, any change of Employer Identification Number resulting from a corporate restructuring, any nontrivial reduction in compensation from the amount previously submitted on the Plan that is not tied to a reduction in hours worked, any significant decrease in hours per week that I engage in a STEM training opportunity, and any decrease in hours below the 20-hours-per-week minimum required under this rule.

Signature of Student: ____________________________

Printed Name of Student: ____________________________ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): ____________________________

Sign and Date Here
(USCIS will accept an electronically reproduced original signature. Digital signatures or your name typed in script font are not accepted).
How to Complete Form I-983 – Page 2

(Example: Student is an employee of the UCLA Computer Science Department)

An EIN is different than an E-Verify Identification Number. EINs are used for tax purposes and are 9 digits long: XX-XXXXXXXX

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Search your industry NAICS code here: https://www.census.gov/naics/

Enter the date that you will begin your STEM OPT Extension training with your employer (usually the day after your initial, 12-month OPT EAD card end date)

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Copy the EIN, employee and NAICS information provided here if you are employed at UCLA

UCLA

Dashew Center
for International Students & Scholars
By signing Section 4, your employer is obligated to provide on-site supervision and training and report any material changes to the Training Plan, including a reduction in compensation, hours worked, or termination of employment.

**SECTION 4: EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION**

I declare and affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements and information made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that the law provides severe penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact, or using any false document in the submission of this form.

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<th>1. I have reviewed and understand this Plan, and I will ensure that the supervising Official follows this Plan;</th>
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<td>Section 4.2</td>
<td>2. I will notify the DSO at the earliest available opportunity regarding any material changes to this Plan, including but not limited to, any change of Employer Identification Number resulting from a corporate restructuring; any reduction in compensation from the amount previously submitted on the Plan that is not tied to a reduction in hours worked; any significant decrease in hours per week that a student engages in a STEM training opportunity; and any decrease in hours below the 20-hours-per-week minimum required under this rule;</td>
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<td>3. Within five business days of the termination or departure of the student during the authorized period of OPT, I will report such termination or departure to the DSO (Note: business days do not include federal holidays or weekend days); an employer shall consider a student to have departed when the employer knows the student has left the practical training opportunity, or when the student has not reported for practical training for a period of five consecutive business days without the consent of the employer; and</td>
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<td>Section 4.4</td>
<td>4. I will adhere to all applicable regulatory provisions that govern this program (see 8 CFR Part 214), which include, but are not limited to, the following:</td>
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- The student’s practical training opportunity is directly related to the STEM degree that qualifies the student for the STEM OPT extension, and the position offered to the student achieves the objectives of his or her participation in this training program;
- The student will receive on-site supervision and training, consistent with this Plan, by experienced and knowledgeable staff;
- The employer has sufficient resources and personnel to provide the specified training program set forth in this Plan, and the employer is prepared to implement that program, including at the location(s) identified in this Plan;
- The student on a STEM OPT extension will not replace a full- or part-time, temporary or permanent U.S. worker. The terms and conditions of the STEM practical training opportunity—including duties, hours, and compensation—are commensurate with the terms and conditions applicable to the employer's similarly situated U.S. workers or, if the employer does not employ and has not recently employed more than two similarly situated U.S. workers in the area of employment, the terms and conditions of other similarly situated U.S. workers in the area of employment; and
- The training conducted pursuant to this Plan complies with all applicable Federal and State requirements relating to employment.

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**Note:** DHS may, at its discretion, conduct a site visit of the employer to ensure that program requirements are being met, including that the employer possesses and maintains the ability and resources to provide structured and guided work-based learning experiences consistent with this Plan.
SECTION 5: TRAINING PLAN FOR STEM OPT STUDENTS (Completed by Student and Employer)

Student Name (Surname/Primary Name, Given Name):

Employer Name:

ADDRESS OF WHERE YOU ARE PHYSICALLY WORKING FOR THE EMPLOYER
(MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM ADDRESS IN SECTION 3)

If you are working remotely due to COVID-19, please provide the address where you would be working if you were working on-site.

Describe what tasks and assignments the student will carry out during the training and how these relate to the student’s STEM degree. The plan must cover a specific span of time and detail specific goals and objectives. Responses that don’t include the name of your STEM degree and a description of the direct relationship between your role and your degree will be rejected.

Describe the specific skills, knowledge, and techniques the student will learn or apply; how the student will achieve the goals set out for their training; and the training curriculum including the timeline. Responses that don’t include learning objectives or how they will be achieved will be rejected.
**Employer Oversight:** Explain how the employer provides oversight and supervision of individuals filling positions such as that being filled by the named F-1 student. If the employer has a training program or related policy in place that controls such oversight and supervision, please describe.

Responses that do not include description/method(s) of oversight and supervision will be rejected.

**Measures and Assessments:** Explain how the employer measures and confirms whether the student is acquiring new knowledge and skills. If the employer has a training program or related policy in place that controls such measures and assessments, please describe.

Responses that do not include a description of how knowledge and/or skills are assessed will be rejected.
Evaluation on Student Progress

First evaluation due twelve months after the STEM OPT Extension start date

Second evaluation due at the end of the STEM OPT Extension period

Leave Blank at the time of STEM OPT I-20 Request submission
Next Steps After Submitting Your STEM OPT Extension I-20 Request

- After you submit your STEM OPT Extension I-20 Request documents to an F-1 Counselor, they will issue you a new STEM OPT Extension I-20 and send it to you via email or by FedEx (to the mailing address you provided on your F-1 Document Shipping Request Form) in 15 business days.

- Once you receive your new STEM OPT Extension I-20, please sign the bottom of page 1
  - If submitting your application by mail, make a copy of pages 1 and 2 to include with your STEM OPT Extension application.
  - If submitting your application online, please note that USCIS will accept an electronically reproduced original signature on the I-20. Digital signatures or your name typed in script font are not accepted.

- Prepare your STEM OPT Extension application for submission to USCIS by following the STEM OPT Extension Application Submission Instructions
  - USCIS must receive your STEM OPT Extension application within 60 days of your STEM OPT Extension I-20 issue date (as indicated on page 1 of your new I-20, next to your F-1 Counselor’s signature)
USCIS Online Filing

As of 4/12/21, USCIS has made the online filing of the I-765 Form available to F-1 students applying for the STEM OPT Extension. Please note that the Dashew Center does not have step-by-step instructions for filing STEM OPT Extension applications online, so please follow the instructions provided by USCIS if you choose to submit your application online.

To file your application online, please visit [https://www.uscis.gov/i-765](https://www.uscis.gov/i-765) and click on the blue ‘File Online’ button. The link will redirect you to a new page with instructions on how to create a USCIS account.

Once you have created a USCIS account, please select that you would like to file the I-765 Form to apply for the STEM OPT Extension to be directed to the online I-765 Form. The questions on the online I-765 form will match the questions on the PDF I-765 Form, but will appear in a different order. It is recommended that you review the following Slides 22-41 of this workshop to prepare your I-765 Form, even if you will be submitting your application online.

You will see that you must upload supporting documents to complete your online application. Please wait until you receive your STEM OPT Extension I-20 from the Dashew Center before submitting the application, since the STEM OPT Extension I-20 is a required supporting document. Please upload a copy of your STEM OPT Extension I-20 for the ‘institution accreditation’ requirement, even if you are uploading your STEM OPT Extension I-20 for another requirement. Incomplete applications will be denied by USCIS.

Once you submit your completed STEM OPT Extension application online, you will be issued an application receipt number and will be able to access your application receipt notice through your USCIS account. Your EAD card will be mailed to the U.S. mailing address provided on your I-765 Form.
Please type and print the I-765 Form, or if completing by hand, use black ink only!
Select “Renewal of my permission to accept employment”
Provide your full legal name as shown on your passport

Provide all other names you have ever used, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames used on government/legal documents

I-765 Form – Page 1

**Part 2. Information About You**

**Your Full Legal Name**

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)  
   BRUIN

1.b. Given Name (First Name)  
   Josie

1.c. Middle Name

**Other Names Used**

Provide all other names you have ever used, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 6. Additional Information.

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)

2.b. Given Name (First Name)

2.c. Middle Name
• The EAD card will be shipped to the address you provide here.
• The mailing address here must be valid for at least 4 months into the future from your STEM OPT application submission date.
• This address must be an address in the U.S.
• This address may be a residential, commercial, or P.O. Box address.

If you listed a ‘U.S. Mailing Address’ that is NOT your current, physical address, select “No,” provide the name of someone who resides at that address in the ‘In Care of Name’ field, 5.a., and complete #7.a – 7.d.

6. Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address?

☑ Yes    ☐ No

NOTE: If you answered “No” to Item Number 6., provide your physical address below.
If you answered “No” for Question #6, please provide your physical address here.
Enter your USCIS-Number here (as indicated on your initial, 12-month OPT EAD card)

Enter your USCIS Online Account Number (if applicable)

8. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)
   A-

9. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

10. Gender
    - Male
    - Female

11. Marital Status
    - Single
    - Married
    - Divorced
    - Widowed

12. Have you previously filed Form I-765?
    - Yes
    - No
Answer #10 and 11

Check “Yes.” You must provide copies of your previous EAD(s)
13.a. Has the Social Security Administration (SSA) ever officially issued a Social Security card to you?

Answer “Yes.”

Yes ☑ No □

NOTE: If you answered “No” to Item Number 13.a., skip to Item Number 14. If you answered “Yes” to Item Number 13.a., provide the information requested in Item Number 13.b.

13.b. Provide your Social Security number (SSN) (if known).
If you would like to apply for a replacement Social Security Card with your STEM OPT Extension application, check ‘Yes’ for Questions #14 & 15 and complete #16.a. - 17.b.

- If you are applying for a replacement Social Security Card, you will retain the same Social Security Number.

You will receive your replacement Social Security Card in the mail 2-4 weeks after you receive your STEM OPT EAD card.

Check ‘No’ for Questions #14 & 15 if you do not want a replacement Social Security Card and skip #16 and 17.
List all countries of citizenship, as applicable. Use Part 6 of the I-765 Form if you have more than two countries of citizenship.

Please submit copies of any/all country passports if you have more than 1 country of citizenship.

Provide your birth city/town/village and state/province.

List the name of the country as it was named when you were born, even if the name has changed.

Make sure your Date of Birth is in the correct format: MONTH/DAY/YEAR (01/31/1998 not 31/01/1998).
Your most recent U.S. entry date can be found on your paper or electronic I-94 Admission Record.

- If your most recent entry date on your I-94 and admission stamp do not match, please use the date on the I-94 Admission Record.

The name of the Port of Entry city from your most recent entry can be found on your entry stamp or Travel History.

You can find your SEVIS number on the top left side of your current I-20.

Enter your I-94 Number here.

This should match the country of citizenship on your I-20 and I-94 Admission Record.

Immigration status at your last arrival and current immigration status should be ‘F-1 Student’.
Retrieve a copy of your Electronic I-94 Admission Record on the CBP Website:

https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home

**Most Recent I-94**

Admission (I-94) Record Number: 123456789 11
Most Recent Date of Entry: 2017 January 02
Class of Admission: F1
Admit Until Date: D/S
Details provided on the I-94 Information Form:

- Last/Surname: BRUIN
- First (Given) Name: JOE
- Birth Date: 1996 January 01
- Passport Number: A123456789
- Country of Issuance: Bruinland

**I-94 Number**
Date of Last Entry to the U.S.: JAN 02 2017

Last Place of Entry: LAX
Sample Travel History

If you did not receive an admission stamp for your most recent entry to the U.S., please print your Travel History page.

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Information About Your Eligibility Category

27. Eligibility Category. Refer to the Who May File Form I-765 section of the Form I-765 Instructions to determine the appropriate eligibility category for this application. Enter the appropriate letter and number for your eligibility category below (for example, (a)(8), (c)(17)(iii)).

28. (c)(3)(C) STEM OPT Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(3)(C) in Item Number 27., provide the information requested in Item Numbers 28.a - 28.c.

28.a. Degree M.S., Computer Science

28.b. Employer's Name as Listed in E-Verify University of California, Los Angeles

28.c. Employer's E-Verify Company Identification Number or a Valid E-Verify Client Company Identification Number 1234567

Use the code (c)(3)(C) for the STEM OPT Extension

The E-Verify Identification Number is different than the EIN. E-Verify ID numbers are 5-7 digits long

Skip questions 29 – 31.b.
Select 1.a. to indicate that you have read and understood the questions.
Hand sign your name and provide the date of the signature.

USCIS will also accept an electronically reproduced original signature. Digital signatures or your name typed in script font are not accepted.
Part 6 must be completed to report:
• Your previous OPT authorization(s)

You do not need to report previous CPT authorization periods or previously issued SEVIS ID numbers.

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<td>2. A-Number (if any)</td>
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Provide your USCIS # here

Copy this page/part/item number to report previous OPT authorization(s)

Write or type all periods of previous OPT authorization and include copies of all previous OPT I-20s and EAD cards.

(you may need to contact your previous schools if you are missing any of this information)
You have completed the I-765 Form!

Review all the information on the form for accuracy. You must submit ALL 7 pages of the I-765 to USCIS if you are submitting your application by mail.

Make a copy of your completed I-765 application to keep in your records, in case there is a problem with the application.
$410 OPT Application Fee

Note: DCISS recommends using a Personal Check, Cashier’s Check, or a money order. Personal checks and Cashier’s checks can be tracked and are secure payment methods since they are guaranteed by a bank.

For applications submitted to USCIS by mail:

USCIS accepts the following payment methods for the STEM OPT Extension application fee:

- Personal Check: Use a check from your personal U.S. debit/bank account. Funds will be drawn directly from your personal bank account.

Note: Providing a personal check with insufficient funds or a check from a foreign bank (e.g. Canadian banks) will result in the denial of your application.

- Cashier’s Check: Go to your local bank (where you have your debit account) and request a Cashier’s Check. A Cashier’s Check is a draft guarantee drawn from your bank’s own funds. Your bank will withdraw funds from your personal account to create the Cashier’s Check.

- Money Order: A money order can be purchased at a U.S. post office, Western Union, or CVS/pharmacy. Cash will need to be exchanged to obtain a money order for a specified amount.

Do not write on the back of your check or money order
Sample Check

Josie Bruin
417 Charles E Young Drive West
Los Angeles, CA 90095

Pay to the order of: **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

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DOB: 12/31/1989
SEVIS ID#: N0000000000

Note: Do not write on the back of your personal check, cashier’s check or money order.

Write your Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) and Your SEVIS ID # in the memo section.
$410 OPT Application Fee

For applications submitted to USCIS online:

The online STEM OPT Extension application will redirect you to Pay.gov to make your $410 filing fee payment.

USCIS accepts the following payment methods for the $410 I-765 Form filing fee:

- Withdrawal from a Checking or Savings Account (ACH): You will be required to provide your account number and routing number.

- U.S. Debit/Credit Card
U.S. Style Passport Photos

Photo Requirements

- Photo must be new and recent (taken within 3 months of your STEM OPT application submission)
- Photo cannot be the same photo used for OPT, F-1 Visa, or Passport
- Photos must be 2 inches by 2 inches
- White background only
- Neutral expression only
- Eyes and ears must be visible
- No glasses or eyewear
- Photos must be on photo stock papers and pre-cut (to 2 inches by 2 inches)

Recommended locations to have your photo taken:

Campus Photo Studio
Ackerman Union A-Level
310-206-8433

FedEx Office Ship & Ship Center
Westwood Location:
10924 Weyburn Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90024 • 310-443-5501

Wilshire South Location:
1520 Westwood Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024 • 310-475-0789

Write LAST NAME, First Name and SEVIS ID Number on back side of photos.
USCIS Mailing Instructions

Once you have prepared all of your STEM OPT Extension application forms and supporting documents using the STEM OPT Extension Application Submission Instructions, please ship your application to the USCIS Chicago Lockbox.

- Please ship your application to USCIS using a courier service with mail tracking
- If you need USCIS’ phone number to process your STEM OPT Extension application shipment, please use: 800-375-5283
Next Steps After Submitting Your Application to USCIS

- Applicants who mailed their STEM OPT Extension application to USCIS will receive an I-797 Notice of Action Receipt Notice from USCIS approximately 2-4 weeks from the date their STEM OPT Extension application was received by USCIS.

- Applicants who filed their STEM OPT Extension application online will be issued an application receipt number immediately after submitting their application and will be able to access their application receipt notice through their USCIS account.

- Applicants can check the status of their STEM OPT Extension application online using the receipt number in their I-797 Notice of Action Receipt Notice on the USCIS Case Status page.

- Applicants will receive a Notice of Approval from USCIS approximately 3-4 months from the date their STEM OPT Extension application was received by USCIS.

- Applicants will receive their Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card by mail to the Mailing Address provided on the I-765 Form approximately 3-5 months from the date the STEM OPT Extension application was received by USCIS.

- Students with a timely filed STEM OPT Extension application may continue working beyond their initial, 12-month OPT EAD card end date while their STEM OPT Extension application is pending, up to 180 days.

  - If you do not receive your STEM OPT Extension EAD card by your initial, 12-month OPT EAD card end date, you will have to update your I-9 with your employer to continue employment beyond your current EAD card end date while your STEM OPT Extension application is pending. For information on how to update your I-9 with your employer, please visit the USCIS Foreign Academic Students page.
Sample Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

After you receive your STEM OPT Extension EAD card, submit PDF copies of the front and back of your card to OPT@saonet.ucla.edu (include your UID in your email)
STEM OPT Unemployment

- Students on the STEM OPT Extension have an additional 60 days—including weekends and holidays—of allowed unemployment time for a total of 150 calendar days during their 36-month (12 months initial + 24 months STEM) OPT period.
Students with STEM OPT Extension authorization must report the following information to maintain valid F-1 status during their STEM OPT Extension period:

1. Every 6 months:
   - their legal name
   - U.S. residential address
   - employer name and address
   - status of current employment
2. Self Evaluations
3. Unemployment
4. Material Changes to an Existing Form I-983
5. Changing Employers
6. Employer Non-compliance
Reporting Requirements

Students engaging in the STEM OPT Extension must submit validation reports at the 6, 12, 18 and 24-month marks of their STEM OPT Extension period.

To submit a validation report, please submit the following documents via email to OPT@saonet.ucla.edu:

- 6-month: submit [STEM OPT Extension Reporting Form](#)
- 12-month: submit [STEM OPT Extension Reporting Form](#) and 12-month self-evaluation (top half of page 5 of [Form I-983](#))
- 18-month: submit [STEM OPT Extension Reporting Form](#)
- 24-month: submit [STEM OPT Extension Reporting Form](#) and final self-evaluation (bottom half of page 5 of [Form I-983](#))
Reporting Requirements

**Unemployment:** Report unemployment by submitting a final self-evaluation (bottom half of page 5 of Form I-983) for your previous employment to OPT@saonet.ucla.edu within 10 days of your last day of employment.

**Material Changes:** Report material changes to an existing Form I-983 by submitting an updated Form I-983 to OPT@saonet.ucla.edu within 10 days of the change.

- Material changes include (but are not limited to): any change of the employer’s EIN, any reduction in student compensation that is not tied to a reduction in hours worked, any significant decrease in hours per week that a student engages in a STEM training opportunity, changes to the employer’s commitments or student’s learning objectives as documented on the Form I-983.
Reporting Requirements

Changing Employment

Students who change employment during their STEM OPT Extension period must submit the following within 10 days of the change to OPT@saonet.ucla.edu:

- A final self evaluation (bottom half of page 5 of Form I-983) to report their previous employment end date
- A new, completed Form I-983 to report their new employment start date
- Copy of verification of employment letter from new employer (must include: job title, supervisor’s name, employer’s contact information, and employer’s E-Verify ID)
Reporting Requirements

Reporting Employer Non-Compliance

If a STEM OPT student believes that their employer is not complying with the terms and conditions of the 24-month STEM OPT Extension regulations, the Form I-983 Instructions, and the completed Form I-983 on file with their Designated School Official (DSO), the student may:

- Contact the Student and Exchange Visitor Program at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) by following the instructions found on ICE.gov.
- Report violations through the Homeland Security Investigations tip submission form.

(A period of student unemployment, caused by an employer’s failure to comply with program requirements, on its own will not affect the STEM OPT student’s status so long as the student reports changes in employment status and adheres to the overall unemployment limits.)
Travel Abroad During STEM OPT

F-1 students who have applied for the STEM OPT Extension are able to travel overseas and return to the U.S. in F-1 status as long as they have their required travel documents.

Documents required to re-enter the U.S. in valid F-1 status AFTER initial 12-month OPT EAD end date:

- Valid Passport
- Valid F-1 Visa
- Endorsed STEM OPT I-20 (each travel authorization signature is valid for 6 months from the date it was last signed and must be valid at the time of re-entry to the U.S.)
- STEM OPT EAD Card
- Proof of Employment or Offer Letter (Verification document from an employer confirming your job title, job duties, duration and start date of employment written on company letterhead)

We do not recommend that students make plans to travel internationally and re-enter the U.S. after their initial 12-month OPT EAD end date until they have received their new, STEM OPT Extension EAD card.
Visa Status During STEM OPT

- F-1 students engaging in the STEM OPT Extension will still hold F-1 status in the U.S.

- The Dashew Center will still maintain and update an F-1 student’s SEVIS record while the student engages in the STEM OPT Extension.

- Dashew Center services such as advising appointments, support letters, and travel requests are still available to F-1 students engaging in the STEM OPT Extension.

- F-1 students engaging in the STEM OPT Extension are still required to obtain a travel signature from the Dashew Center on their I-20 to re-enter the U.S. in valid F-1 status after traveling abroad.
Questions?
Schedule an appointment with an F-1 Counselor:

To schedule an appointment, email: oissassi@saonet.ucla.edu with the following:

• First and last name
• Bruin UID (if applicable)
• Reason for appointment

*Please include “Appointment Request” in the subject line.*