

What is a STEM Extension? A 24-month extension of post-completion OPT for students with a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) degree.

Am I eligible for Stem Extension? A qualified student may apply for an extension of OPT while in a valid period of post-completion OPT. The extension will be for 24 additional months, for a total of 36 months of OPT. The following requirements must be met:

1. The student has not previously received a 24-month OPT extension after earning a STEM degree.

OPT STEM EXTENSION

Once all of the required documents have been received and reviewed, ISS will create a new I-20 and mail it to you. Once you have received the new I-20 you should send the following items to the USCIS Service Center:

- o! Photocopies of your Passport, visa, I-94 (front and back) and your new OPT I-20 (make sure you sign the original I-20, send only a photocopy, do not send your original I-20).
- o! Original completed form I-765 (make sure you sign it)
- o! Photocopy of your current EAD card, front/back of Letter from current employer requesting OPT extension (please see example), must be original letter on company letterhead.
- o! Copy of diploma or original transcripts
- o! Original passports photos taken in the last six months.
- o! Original check or money order in the amount of \$410, made to Department of Homeland Security (In the memo line of check write I-765 and your I-94 number).

Please remember to make a copy of all documents for your records. We highly recommend that you send your package by certified mail, return receipt requested. Please send your package to the following place:

If you live in:	File your application at:
Alaska	Montana
Arizona	Nebraska
California	Nevada
Colorado	North Dakota
Guam	Ohio
Hawaii	South Dakota
Idaho	Utah
Illinois	Washington
Indiana	Wisconsin
Iowa	Wyoming
Kansas	Commonwealth of the
Northern	Mariana Islands
Michigan	Minnesota
Missouri	
Alabama	New Jersey
Arkansas	New Mexico
Connecticut	New York
Delaware	Pennsylvania
District of Columbia	Puerto Rico
Florida	Rhode Island
Georgia	South Carolina
Kentucky	Oklahoma
Louisiana	Texas
Maine	Virginia
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