

24-Month STEM OPT Extension Form

Family/Last Name:	Given/First Name:
Student ID Number:	Non-Drexel Email:
Student Phone Number:	Current Residential/Mailing Address:
How would you like to receive your STEM OPT I-20? ○ Email the I-20 to me ○ Printed – I will pick up from ISSS Office ○ Printed – Mail the I-20 to my address → 	Address Line 2:

STEM Employer Name:	E-Verify Number*:
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*All employers while on STEM OPT Extension must be enrolled in the E-Verify program. <u>E-Verify</u> is an electronic employment eligibility verification system under which employers commit to using an electronic database to check whether the name and social security number presented by new hires match the records in the Social Security database, and whether any immigration documents presented by the employee match information in the Department of Homeland Security database. If you do not know your company's E-Verify number, ask your supervisor or the company's Human Resources (HR) department.

Please carefully read and check the following statements acknowledging your understanding:

- □ I have gathered all required documents for my STEM OPT application listed in the instructions on the <u>STEM OPT webpage</u>.
- □ I am responsible for submitting my STEM OPT application to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
- □ USCIS must receive my application before my Post-Completion OPT expiry date.
- USCIS must receive my application within 60 days of the date that my STEM OPT Request I-20 is created.
- □ I must be physically present in the US when my STEM OPT application is filed with USCIS.
- Assuming USCIS receives my application on time, I may continue to work up to 180 days beyond the expiration date on my existing OPT EAD card while my STEM OPT application is pending.
- □ I am responsible for the accuracy of the forms and documents in my STEM OPT Extension application.
- □ I am responsible for keeping copies of any documents related to my F-1 non-immigrant status, including the packet documents related to this STEM OPT extension application.
- □ The outcome of this petition is determined by USCIS, and ISSS has no influence over their decision or the time it takes USCIS to process the application.
- □ ISSS is not responsible for any items lost in the mail or by courier. If my EAD card is lost in the mail, I will follow the guidance provided on the ISSS website and request a new I-20 from ISSS if warranted by my situation.
- □ I will update ISSS of any changes in address, contact information, or immigration status within 10 days of the change by emailing isss@drexel.edu.
- □ I will report new employment, termination of employment, or changes to employment within 10 days of the change by completing a <u>STEM OPT Extension Employment Update Form</u> and submitting it with any additional required documents.
- □ I am granted an additional 60 unemployment days once I am approved for the STEM OPT Extension in addition to any of the 90 unemployment days remaining from my first year of OPT.
- □ I am still in F-1 status sponsored by Drexel University, and my F-1 status ends after the 60-day grace period following my STEM OPT Extension authorization or on my last unemployment day (whichever comes first).
- □ I must depart the US or take some other action to remain legally in the US before my F-1 status ends.
- □ If I choose to begin a new program of study at Drexel or another institution, my STEM OPT authorization will end on the date of the transfer or change of education level in my SEVIS record.

Student's Signature: ____

Today's Date: