

OPT STEM Extension FORM for both 24 month extensions AND 7 month Extensions

Student information:

A# _____ Name _____ DOB (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Email address _____ Degree level _____ STEM major _____

Have you previously had STEM OPT? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, dates _____

Employer Information:

Employer Name _____ Hours per week _____

Employer Address (street name) _____

City, State _____ Zip code _____ Employment start date _____

Supervisor name _____ Email _____ E-verify _____

Relevance to field of study – explain how your employment is related to your field of study

Student responsibility (by signing below, I agree to the following):

- I will file for STEM OPT no more than 90 days before my current OPT end date.
- To work in a paid position related to the STEM degree for an E-verify employer at least 20 hrs per wk.
- Report to ISSS within 10 days of any legal name change, change in residential address, changes in employer or loss of employment.
- Report changes to or deviations from the Form I-983, Training Plan for STEM OPT outlined above.
- Submit a six-month validation report.
- Complete the annual evaluation on Form I-983, Training Plan for STEM OPT outlined above.
- Will not accrue more than 150 days of unemployment time during the entire period of OPT (including standard and STEM OPT).

Student Signature _____ **Student printed name** _____ **Date** _____

Employer responsibility (by signing below, I agree to the following):

- Be enrolled in and remain in good-standing with E-verify.
- Implement a formal training plan, documented on Form I-983, Training Plan for STEM OPT students, to strengthen students' academic learning through practical experience. Existing training plans may be utilized to meet this requirement.
- Confirm that the student will not replace a full-time, part-time, temporary, or U.S. worker.
- Confirm that the training opportunity helps the student meet their training objectives.
- Report changes to the student's employment to the ISSS (iss@uah.edu) within 10 business days.
- Give the student an evaluation at the first 12 months of employment and a final evaluation prior to the end of their STEM OPT extension on Form I-983, Training Plan for STEM OPT students. This requirement is separate from any internal performance evaluation set by the employer.

Employer Signature _____ **Employers Printed Name** _____ **Date** _____