



International Student and Scholar Services

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STEM OPT Extension Information

STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) OPT extension eligibility requirements:

1. Earn a degree in an approved STEM major
2. Apply for and receive Post Completion OPT
3. Accrue less than 90 days of unemployment during initial OPT
4. Be employed by, or have a job offer from, an E-verify employer

If you are eligible for the STEM extension, complete the STEM OPT Extension Request Form (below) and submit it to NMSU International Student & Scholar Services via email – iss@nmsu.edu

The deadline to submit the online STEM OPT Extension application is the end date of your current OPT as stated on the EAD. If you meet this deadline you can continue working for up to 180 days pending receipt of the new EAD.

Check list for your online application

- Digital color U.S. style passport photo of yourself taken within the last 6 months
- Most recent Form I-94
- Scan of passport identification page (plus extension page, if applicable)
- A clear PDF copy (front and back) of your current post-completion OPT Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card
- Scan of STEM OPT Requested I-20 from NMSU ISSS issued within 60 days of filing the STEM OPT application with USCIS
- A clear PDF copy of your diploma and/or official transcript for STEM degree
- Institution Accreditation for previously earned STEM degree - If your previously earned STEM degree was not from NMSU, please search for documentation of your academic institution's accreditation online or contact your previous academic institution to verify how to obtain evidence of school accreditation.



STEM OPT Extension Request Form

Personal information:

Name: _____

NMSU Aggie ID#: _____

Permanent (NON-NMSU)
email address: _____

SEVIS ID #: _____

Current U.S. address: _____

Employer Information:

Company name: _____

Address: _____

Supervisor's name,
email & phone#: _____

Employment start date
at this company: _____

Your job title: _____

Is there previous employment that was not reported to ISSS? Yes No

If yes, please use this link to provide unreported previous employment

<https://forms.office.com/r/epbUjxZSfG> .

Conditions:

I understand the eligibility requirements to receive a STEM OPT Extension I-29.

I understand the requirements for maintaining my F-1 status during OPT.

I understand that it is my responsibility to, immediately inform NMSU ISSS of any changes or updates to my employment or U.S. address.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email this form to ISSS at iss@nmsu.edu