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[Apply for OPT STEM Extension](#)

Students with degrees in the STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathem

Students interested in applying for the STEM Extension please read thoroughly and carefu

To Apply:

Students must submit the following documents to the International Services Office to req

1. STEM OPT Request Form
2. Copy of completed Form I-983

Instructions for filling out a Form I-983 can be found here: [Official Government Tutorial H](#)

3. Copy of completed Form I-765

Please look at this sample of a STEM OPT I-765

4. Copy of current EAD card
5. Copy of Offer Letter (dated within the last 4 months)
6. Mailing your STEM OPT packet

Please email all items as PDFs in a signal email to ISO@newhaven.edu. It will take five bu

Completing your application packet:

In the following order (from top to bottom) you will need to collect and arrange the following:

A check or money order for \$410 made payable to the "U.S. Department of Homeland Security"

Two (2) recent Passport size photographs with your name and I-94 number printed on the back

Completed G-1145

Completed I-765

Copy of your new I-20 with your STEM Extension request on page 2, signed and dated. (Do not sign the back)

Copies of ALL previous I-20's issued to you from the University of New Haven

Copy of your current EAD card (OPT Card)

Copy of an offer letter (dated within the last 4 months)

Copy of passport

Copy of your visa

I-94 number (found [here](#))

Sealed, official transcripts from the University of New Haven

Copy of diploma

Changing Jobs on STEM OPT

While your STEM OPT application is processing, you cannot change jobs until you receive your new I-20.

If a student wishes to change employer once they have been authorized for STEM OPT and have received their new I-20, they must:

Submit the STEM OPT Employment Information Form

Upload the new offer letter

Upload the EAD card

ADDITIONALLY, students on STEM OPT who are changing jobs must upload the following to the SEVP Portal:

New Form I-983 completed with the new employer

Copy of "Final Evaluation On Student Progress" found on pg. 5 of the Form I-983 completed by the new employer

Reporting on STEM OPT

Students on STEM OPT are required to report every six months. The SEVP Portal will remind you when it is time to report.

6-Month Report: Submit the STEM OPT Employment Update Form, with an upload of your

12-Month Report/Annual Self-Evaluation: Fill out the first part ("Evaluation of Student Pro

18-Month Report: Submit the STEM OPT Employment Update Form, with an upload of your

24-Month Report/Annual Self-Evaluation: Fill out the second part ("Final Evaluation On Stu

Important Notes:

Once your application is in process you cannot change jobs until you receive your new ST

Do not send your Form I-983 to USCIS with the rest of your documents. You will submit yo

The ISO is able to provide you with general guidance. However, any advice provided to yo

REMINDER

Review the important information on this page regarding reporting and changing employ

1. Change of Address and Contact Information

2. Change of Employer

3. Six-month Reporting

4. Self-evaluation Forms (12-month and 24-month)

5. Change of Status (H-1B, F-2, etc.)

Questions? Email the ISO at iso@newhaven.edu

CURRENT STUDENTS

Currently enrolled international students will find all the ISO resources in myCharger.

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