

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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TRAINING PLAN FOR STEM OPT STUDENTS

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Optional Practical Training (OPT)

SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION (Completed by Student)			
Student Name (Surname/Primary Name, Given Name): Shao, Yu		Student Email Address: Yu.Shao@ey.com	
Name of School Recommending STEM OPT: Boston University	Name of School Where STEM Degree Was Earned: Boston University	SEVIS School Code of School Recommending STEM OPT (including 3-digit suffix): BOS214F00056000	
Designated School Official (DSO) Name and Contact Information: Christopher Moca, 888 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA - 02215, isso@bu.edu		Student SEVIS ID No.: N0025244066	STEM OPT Requested Period (mm-dd-yyyy): From: 7/18/2025 To: 7/17/2027
Qualifying Major and Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: Statistics, General 27.0501			
Level/Type of Qualifying Degree: PhD			
Date Awarded (mm-dd-yyyy): 5/19/2024			
Based on Prior Degree? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Employment Authorization Number: 141-456-446			
SECTION 2: STUDENT CERTIFICATION			
I declare and affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements and information made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that the law provides severe penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact, or using any false document in the submission of this form.			
I certify that:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I have reviewed, understand, and will adhere to this Training Plan for STEM OPT Students ("Plan");2. I will notify the DSO at the earliest available opportunity if I believe that my employer is not providing me with appropriate training as delineated on this Plan;3. I understand that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may deny, revoke, or terminate the STEM OPT of students whom DHS determines are not engaging in OPT in compliance with the law, including the STEM OPT of students who are not, or whose employers are not, complying with this Plan;4. My practical training opportunity is directly related to the STEM degree that qualifies me for the STEM OPT extension; and5. I will notify the DSO at the earliest available opportunity regarding any material changes to or deviations from this Plan, including but not limited to, any change of Employer Identification Number resulting from a corporate restructuring, any nontrivial reduction in compensation from the amount previously submitted on the Plan that is not tied to a reduction in hours worked, any significant decrease in hours per week that I engage in a STEM training opportunity, and any decrease in hours below the 20-hours-per-week minimum required under this rule.			
Signature of Student: <u>Yu Shao</u>			
Printed Name of Student: Yu Shao Date (mm-dd-yyyy): 03-26-2025			

SECTION 3: EMPLOYER INFORMATION (Completed by Employer)

Employer Name: Ernst and Young U.S. LLP		Street Address: 200 Plaza Drive		Suite:	
Employer Website URL: www.ey.com		City: Secaucus		State: NJ	ZIP Code: 07094
Employer ID Number (EIN): 34-6565596	Number of Full-Time Employees in U.S.: 49,000	North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code: 541211			
OPT Hours Per Week (must be at least 20 hours/week): 40	Compensation: A. Salary Amount and Frequency: \$150,000.01 per annum, bi-weekly				
Start Date of Employment (mm-dd-yyyy): 7/18/2025	B. Other Compensation (Type and Estimated Amount or Value): 1. Discretionary Performance-based bonus-variable 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____				

SECTION 4: EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION

I declare and affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements and information made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that the law provides severe penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact, or using any false document in the submission of this form.

I certify on behalf of the employer that this Training Plan for STEM OPT Students ("Plan") is approved and that:

1. I have reviewed and understand this Plan, and I will ensure that the supervising Official follows this Plan;
2. I will notify the DSO at the earliest available opportunity regarding any material changes to this Plan, including but not limited to, any change of Employer Identification Number resulting from a corporate restructuring, any reduction in compensation from the amount previously submitted on the Plan that is not tied to a reduction in hours worked, any significant decrease in hours per week that a student engages in a STEM training opportunity, and any decrease in hours below the 20-hours-per-week minimum required under this rule;
3. Within five business days of the termination or departure of the student during the authorized period of OPT, I will report such termination or departure to the DSO (*Note*: business days do not include federal holidays or weekend days; and an employer shall consider a student to have departed when the employer knows the student has left the practical training opportunity, or when the student has not reported for practical training for a period of five consecutive business days without the consent of the employer); and
4. I will adhere to all applicable regulatory provisions that govern this program (*see 8 CFR Part 214*), which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. The student's practical training opportunity is directly related to the STEM degree that qualifies the student for the STEM OPT extension, and the position offered to the student achieves the objectives of his or her participation in this training program;
 - b. The student will receive on-site supervision and training, consistent with this Plan, by experienced and knowledgeable staff;
 - c. The employer has sufficient resources and personnel to provide the specified training program set forth in this Plan, and the employer is prepared to implement that program, including at the location(s) identified in this Plan;
 - d. The student on a STEM OPT extension will not replace a full- or part-time, temporary or permanent U.S. worker. The terms and conditions of the STEM practical training opportunity—including duties, hours, and compensation—are commensurate with the terms and conditions applicable to the employer's similarly situated U.S. workers or, if the employer does not employ and has not recently employed more than two similarly situated U.S. workers in the area of employment, the terms and conditions of other similarly situated U.S. workers in the area of employment; and
 - e. The training conducted pursuant to this Plan complies with all applicable Federal and State requirements relating to employment.

Note: DHS may, at its discretion, conduct a site visit of the employer to ensure that program requirements are being met, including that the employer possesses and maintains the ability and resources to provide structured and guided work-based learning experiences consistent with this Plan.

Signature of Employer Official with Signatory Authority:



Printed Name and Title of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: **Marina Matura, Services Manager**

Date (mm-dd-yyyy): **03-28-2025** Printed Name of Employing Organization: **Ernst and Young U.S. LLP**

SECTION 5: TRAINING PLAN FOR STEM OPT STUDENTS (Completed by Student and Employer)	
Student Name (Surname/Primary Name, Given Name): Shao, Yu	
Employer Name: Ernst and Young U.S. LLP	
EMPLOYER SITE INFORMATION	
Site Name: Ernst and Young U.S. LLP	Site Address (Street, City, State, ZIP): One Manhattan West, 395 9th Ave, New York, NY - 10001
Name of Official: Marina Matura	Official's Title: Services Manager, People Advisory Services
Official's Email: MARINA.MATURA@EY.COM	Official's Phone Number: +1 (201) 872-1710
Note: for the remaining fields in this section, employers who already have an internal/pre-existing training plan in place may fill in the details based on that plan.	
<p><u>Student Role:</u> Describe the student's role with the employer and how that role is directly related to enhancing the student's knowledge obtained through his or her qualifying STEM degree.</p> <p>As a Senior Consultant within EY's Financial Services Office (FSO) Quantitative Advisory Services (QAS) practice, Yu Shao assists clients with projects that require a deep understanding of quantitative theories and the practical skills to apply these theories to address real-world financial challenges. This position offers Yu Shao valuable opportunities to enhance the statistical knowledge he acquired through his STEM degree, of which the relevant research experience encompasses statistical modeling and inference, Python programming, multivariate data analysis, and machine learning. In his daily responsibilities, Yu Shao leverages this knowledge to analyze client data, perform statistical inference, and develop, implement, and test statistical risk models using Python and other analytical tools, including Microsoft Excel, SAS, and SQL.</p>	
<p><u>Goals and Objectives:</u> Describe how the assignment(s) with the employer will help the student achieve his or her specific objectives for work-based learning related to his or her STEM degree. The description must both specify the student's goals regarding specific knowledge, skills, or techniques as well as the means by which they will be achieved.</p> <p>The assignments within the Quantitative Advisory Services (QAS) practice at EY will provide Yu Shao with practical, real-world experiences in the field of quantitative advisory services, specifically in risk advisory consulting. This experience is essential for achieving his long-term goals and objectives, which include gaining professional and industry knowledge related to quantitative analytical tools and techniques, as well as risk management and assessment. Through internal training and industry engagement, Yu Shao aims to develop strong quantitative and professional skills, including regulatory compliance, risk assessment, and statistical modeling performance review. The assignments he undertakes are carefully selected and closely monitored to ensure they effectively enhance his STEM-based knowledge through this work-based training program.</p>	
<p><u>Employer Oversight:</u> Explain how the employer provides oversight and supervision of individuals filling positions such as that being filled by the named F-1 student. If the employer has a training program or related policy in place that controls such oversight and supervision, please describe.</p> <p>At all times EY maintains a bona fide employer-employee relationship with the student and controls his/her work product. Employees are assigned to internal projects or engagements that are led by an EY Partner/Principal/Executive Director. His/her day to day activities are supervised by an EY Senior Manager or Manager. Every employee is assigned an EY counselor who oversees his/her career journey, development & performance. At the end of each project, feedback is provided on the employee's performance. The counselor meets with the employee every 90 days to review feedback and activities to be completed in the next 90 days cycle</p>	
<p><u>Measures and Assessments:</u> Explain how the employer measures and confirms whether individuals filling positions such as that being filled by the named F-1 student are acquiring new knowledge and skills. If the employer has a training program or related policy in place that controls such measures and assessments, please describe.</p> <p>EY provides the student-employee with all tools needed to perform the role and has developed a structured approach on how this student employee and all employees will be assisted with their career journey, development and performance. Every 90 days, employees meets with his/her counselor to discuss the career journey. The counselor provides insight and helps the employee set activities and goals for the next 90 days. There is an annual Career Development and Performance report that provides a final overview at the end of the year to review progress and identify career and development opportunities.</p>	

Additional Remarks (optional): Provide additional information pertinent to the Plan.

EY hires, pays, & has the ability to terminate student-employee. EY claims this individual for tax purposes and provides benefits. The nature of the professional services industry involves the sale of engagements that can require off-site work at client locations. The employee may be assigned to such off-site engagements. While assigned, the employee will at all times remain an employee of EY, under the direct supervision and control of EY, directly reporting to an EY engagement Partner/Manager. Additionally, beneficiary contributes towards producing an end-product that is directly linked to the petitioner's line of business.

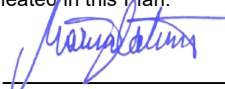
SECTION 6: EMPLOYER OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

I declare and affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements and information made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that the law provides severe penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact, or using any false document in the submission of this form.

Employer Official with Signatory Authority - I certify that:

1. I have reviewed, understand, and will follow this Training Plan for STEM OPT Students (Plan);
2. I will conduct the required periodic evaluations of the student;*
3. I will adhere to all applicable regulatory provisions that govern this program (*see 8 CFR Part 214.2(f)(10)(ii)*); and
4. I will notify the DSO regarding any material changes to or material deviations from this Plan at the earliest available opportunity, including if I believe the student is not receiving appropriate training as delineated in this Plan.

Signature of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____



Printed Name and Title of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____

Marina Matura, Services Manager

Date (mm-dd-yyyy): 03-28-2025

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITIES: Section 101(a)(15)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F), Section 641 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, Div. C, 110 Stat. 3009-546 (codified at 8 U.S.C. 1372), Section 502 of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-173, 116 Stat. 543 (codified at 8 U.S.C. 1762) and Homeland Security Presidential Directive No. 2 (HSPD-2), authorize U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to collect the information requested in this form.

PURPOSE: The information collection on this form is used to assist in the administration of the STEM Optional Practical Training (OPT) extension so that Designated School Officials (DSO) can properly recommend the Student for and review and help coordinate his or her STEM optional practical training opportunity.

ROUTINE USES: The information collected on this form may be shared with: the individuals who signed the Plan, relevant DSOs acting as liaisons with the DHS, Federal, State, local, or foreign government entities for law enforcement purposes, Members of Congress in response to requests on the Student's behalf, or as otherwise authorized pursuant to its published Privacy Act system of records notice - Privacy Act of 1974: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, DHS/ICE-001 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) System of Records (<https://www.dhs.gov/system-records-notices-soms>).

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the information requested on this form may delay or prevent participation in a STEM OPT opportunity.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7.5 hours per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, send them to: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of Policy, 500 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20536

*See evaluation forms that follow for student's first evaluation, to occur before the one year anniversary of the start date of the student's STEM OPT employment authorization, and final program evaluation.

EVALUATION ON STUDENT PROGRESS

Provide a self-evaluation of your performance, using the measures previously identified, in applying and acquiring new knowledge, skills, and competencies identified in the Training Plan for STEM OPT Students. Discuss accomplishments, successful projects, overall contributions, etc., during this review period. Address whether there are any modifications to the objectives and goals for projects, or new areas for skill and competency development.

Range of Evaluation Dates: From (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ To (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

Signature of Student: _____

Printed Name of Student: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

Signature of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____

Printed Name of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

FINAL EVALUATION ON STUDENT PROGRESS

Provide a self-evaluation of your performance, using the measures previously identified, in applying and acquiring new knowledge, skills, and competencies identified in the Training Plan for STEM OPT Students. Discuss accomplishments, successful projects, overall contributions, etc., during this review period. Address whether there are any modifications to the objectives and goals for projects, or new areas for skill and competency development.

Range of Evaluation Dates: From (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ To (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

Signature of Student: _____

Printed Name of Student: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

Signature of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____

Printed Name of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____