BEFORE YOU APPLY

What is the STEM OPT Extension?

Students who completed a degree in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) field are eligible for an additional 24 months of OPT.

How do I know if I am eligible?

A student with a STEM-qualifying bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from an accredited, SEVIS-certified U.S. educational institution, who is in a valid period of standard post-completion OPT, has an offer of paid employment for at least 20 hours per week from an employer enrolled in E-Verify.

When should I apply for OPT?

Your OPT application must be received by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

APPLICATION PROCESS
for the *PAPER* option

1. Gather the following documents:

   A completed I-765 form. Please find the form and instructions at http://www.uscis.gov/i-765. *USCIS wants students to **type** out their applications.*

   Completed *I-983/STEM OPT Training Plan* https://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/i983.pdf

   Completed G-1145 https://www.uscis.gov/g-1145

   A **$410.00** check or money order made payable to the *U.S. Department of Homeland Security.*

   Valid passport

   Most recent I-94 http://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home

   Two (2) 2x2 passport style pictures on a white background taken within the last 6 months. Print your name and SEVIS ID on the back with a pencil

   Photocopies of any previous employment authorization documents (EAD cards), front and back

   Copy of Detroit Mercy diploma or official transcripts showing your conferred degree

   OPT Agreement completed and signed

2. Post/courier or e-mail (if the latter, send directly to advisor) all documents to the address below. **You must include a pre-paid and self-address envelope with your documents so we may send it back to you.**

   University of Detroit Mercy
   c/o International Services Office
   Engineering and Science Building, Rm. 269
   4001 W. McNichols Rd
   Detroit, MI 48221

3. ISO will process your request and will return your documents to you. **NOTE**: ISO will include two copies of your I-20: one to send with your application packet and the other for your records. You must sign and date both copies to validate the I-20. If you want your I-
   send us a pre-paid UPS label.

4. Student is responsible for sending their applications to USCIS. After receiving an STEM Extension OPT recommendation I-20, mail application documents to:

If using U.S. Postal Service (USPS)	**For FedEx, UPS, and DHL deliveries:**
USCIS PO Box 805373 Chicago, IL 60680	USCIS Attn: I-765 C03 131 South Dearborn 3rd Floor Chicago, IL 60603-5517

APPLICATION PROCESS

for the _ONLINE_ option

1. Ensure that you have zero holds or monies owed to your Titan EMC (T)-8 (i)5 (C (T)-ud)5 (en (t)6t)-4 (ac)1Oha