

OPT 24-Month STEM Extension Request for F-1 International Students at UTC

Please *TYPE* your responses on this form. The Office of International Student and Scholar Services does *NOT* accept handwritten forms.

Students who have earned degrees in certain science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields may be eligible for a 24-month extension of their post-completion Optional Practical Training. To apply for such an extension, type your answers into the required fields and email this form as a PDF attachment to international@utc.edu using your UTC email address.

Student Information

First Name: _____ Family Name: _____
Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Phone Number: _____
UTCID _____ SEVIS ID: _____
UTC Degree: _____ Graduation Year (MM/YYYY): _____

Employer Information

Current Employer Name: _____
Job Title: _____
Office Address: _____
Office Phone Number: _____
Supervisor's Name: _____
Supervisor's Email: _____
Supervisor's Phone Number: _____

Please write a short paragraph explaining how your current employment relates to your major field of study:

Acknowledgement

It is the F-1 visa holder's responsibility to understand and comply with the reporting requirements outlined below while on STEM OPT. Failure to comply with these federal regulations may result in the termination of your OPT eligibility. By signing below, you agree to the following conditions:

- I will update my contact information with ISSS within 10 days of any change (e.g. to my address, email, or phone number).
- I will update my employer information within 10 days of any change (e.g. getting a new employer, adding a second employer, or leaving employment).
- I will submit a new Form I-983 completed and signed by my new employer to ISSS within 10 days of beginning new employment.
- If I decide to leave the U.S. and abandon OPT, I will notify ISSS.
- I understand that I may not be unemployed for a cumulative period of more than 150 days while on post-completion OPT and the OPT extension, and that SEVIS will terminate my record if I exceed this maximum.
- I will report any material changes to or deviations from my initial Form I-983 formal training plan to ISSS. These changes may include but are not limited to: any change of my employer's Employer Identification Number; any reduction in my compensation that is not tied to a reduction in hours worked; any significant decrease in hours worked per week; or any changes to the employer's commitments or my learning objectives.
- If I receive a change of status approval notice (to a U.S. permanent resident, H-1B, or other visa type), I will email a copy of the approval notice to ISSS so that my F-1 SEVIS record may be ended properly.

I certify that the preceding statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understand the requirements listed above, and I understand that the consequences of failure to comply will include a SEVIS record termination, the immediate loss of my OPT authorization, and having to depart the U.S. I understand that the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at UTC is unable to advise employers. Employers which have concerns about their responsibilities regarding STEM OPT extensions should consult their legal advisors before making a decision.

Student Signature: _____ Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Center for Global Education Signature: _____ Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____