



24 Month STEM OPT Extension Eligibility Checklist

You must meet the following requirements to qualify for an OPT STEM Extension:

1. Have obtained a bachelor degree in an [eligible STEM field](#)
2. F-1 students must pursue their STEM OPT extension through an employer that is enrolled in USCIS's [E-verify employment eligibility program](#). Consult with your HR representative to ensure your employer meets this standard.
3. Work a minimum of 20 hours per week per employer. Volunteer hours or hours total 20+ through multiple part-time positions are **not** allowed for the OPT STEM Extension.
4. Work with employer that provides student with formal training and learning objectives as required by [Form I-983 Training Plan for STEM OPT Students](#) (must be submitted).
5. Must be in valid F-1 visa status, and abiding by all conditions of status
6. Must be within 90 days of OPT end date.