Completing the Form 1-983

TRAINING PLAN FOR STEM OPT STUDENTS

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

STEM OPT students and their employers are subject to the terms of the Form 1-983, Training Plan for STEM OPT Students, effective as of the start date requested for STEM OPT on the Form 1-983.

- **Section 1: Student Information (Completed by Student):**
  - *Student Name:* Enter your full name (Surname/Primary Name, Given Name) exactly as it appears on your SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) issued Form 1-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status — For Academic and Language Students."
  - *Student Email Address:* Enter the email address where you can be contacted.
  - *Name of School Recommending STEM OPT:* Enter the name of your school of most recent enrollment, from which the Designated School Official (DSO) will be recommending STEM OPT.
  - *Name of School Where STEM Degree Was Earned:* Enter the name of the school from which you earned the degree upon which the STEM OPT is based. This may or may not be the same school recommending the STEM OPT if you are using a prior STEM degree.
  - *SEVIS School Code of School Recommending STEM OPT:* Enter the SEVIS School code of the school recommending the STEM OPT (including the 3-digit suffix). This would be your current school or school of most recent enrollment.
  - *DSO Name and Contact Information:* Enter the full name and contact information, including official address, phone, and email, of the DSO who is recommending this STEM OPT and processed this Form 1-983.
  - *Student SEVIS ID Number:* Enter your SEVIS identification (ID) number.
  - *STEM OPT Requested Period:* Enter the period during which you are requesting to work on STEM OPT (regardless of whether the authorized dates match actual training dates). Note that the STEM OPT extension may not end more than 24 months after the scheduled termination of the student's Employment Authorization Document for the current period of post-completion OPT. For a student on 12-month OPT requesting a STEM OPT extension, the start date should be the day after your current 12-month OPT ends. For a student on 17-month STEM OPT requesting conversion to the terms and conditions of a 24-month STEM OPT extension, the F-1 student and the student's employer will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Form 1-983, "Training Plan for STEM OPT Students," as of the date of receipt at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and thus the requested period should identify a start date on or before proper filing at USCIS.
  - *Qualifying Major and Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code:* Enter your STEM major that qualifies you for the STEM OPT extension, as well as the degree's (CIP) code. The information is on your current I-20 under MAJOR 1.