

All students applying for the 24-month STEM extension should read the information available on our website prior to submitting any documentation to the Office of Global Initiatives or USCIS. Contact an international student adviser if you have any questions.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

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- ✓ Have **successfully completed** a degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) included in the Department of Homeland Security's [STEM Designated Degree Program List](#). Please note that not all NJIT degrees are eligible for the STEM extension.
- ✓ **Currently be participating** in a 12-month period of approved post-completion OPT.
- ✓ **Be working for a U.S. employer** in a job directly related to the student's major area of study.
- ✓ **Be working for, or accepted employment with, an employer enrolled in USCIS' E-Verify program.**
- ✓ **Be properly maintaining F-1 status.**
- ✓ **If you change employers after being approved, you must submit a new I-983 to OGI and update the Highlander Pipeline.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

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To apply for the 24-month extension, students must submit the following documentation to the Office of Global Initiatives as early as 90 days prior to the end of their current OPT period. Employer information in the I-983 must match the information most recently entered in the Highlander Pipeline.

- 1) 24-month STEM OPT Extension Request Form
- 2) Original I-765. Item#16 should show (c) (3) (C). Do not use OGI's address on the I-765. You must use your own address. Keep a copy of this form for your records.
- 3) Original I-983, signed by you and your supervisor. Keep a copy for your records. Additional information about filling out this form can be found at <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/form-i-983-overview>
- 4) Money order payable to NJIT in the amount of \$200
- 5) Copy of current EAD card (both sides)
- 6) Copy of I-94 print-out

Applications for extensions can be submitted to Office of Global Initiatives in Fenster Hall – Room 140. **Please allow up to 7 business days for processing.** If approved, OGI will issue a new I-20 with the OPT recommendation. You must pick up your new I-20 and mail a complete application to USCIS within 60 days of the day your new I-20 was issued. USCIS may take 2-3 months to process your application. USCIS must receive your application before the expiration of your current OPT or cap gap.



Office of Global Initiatives  
**24-MONTH STEM EXTENSION  
REQUEST FORM**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@njit.edu Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current OPT start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Current OPT end date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYER INFORMATION**

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Name of employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ STEM extension start date: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how this job is directly related to your major (max. 600 characters):

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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