



OPT STEM EXTENSION

Deadline: OPT STEM extension applications can be submitted no more than 90 days before the end of original OPT period, and must be **received by** the last day of OPT period.

Step 1: Verify that you are eligible

- Is the degree listed on your I-20 eligible for the STEM extension? The CIP code is found on page 1 of the I-20, in the Program of Study section, listed next to Major 1. Find the list of eligible degrees and their CIP codes here: <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/stemList2024.pdf>
- Is your employer e-verified? Search for e-verified employers here: <https://www.e-verify.gov/about-e-verify/e-verify-data/how-to-find-participating-employers>
- Have you previously applied for STEM using the same degree?

If your degree is eligible, your employer is e-verified, and you have not completed a STEM extension in the past, please proceed to step 2

Step 2: Complete Application and Supplementary Materials (in this order)

- **I-983** (<https://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/i983.pdf>)
 - Must be complete, with original signatures, for STEM I-20 to be issued
 - SEVIS SCHOOL Code for RMU: **PHI214F10069000**
 - DSO Name/Contact: Tabitha Slater/Slater@rmu.edu, 412-397-5943
 - Qualifying Major Code: listed under “Major 1” in the “Program of Study” section of the I-20
 - If you are using a prior degree for your STEM extension, disregard previous instructions and contact Tabitha Slater (slater@rmu.edu).



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Applying Online:

1. Gather the following Items and save them as PDFs or JPGs on your computer:
 - a. Photo of you that meet U.S. passport standards. You can get this at Walgreen's and we can scan it for you.
 - b. Copies of ALL current and previous immigration documents [All previous I-20's, Passport, Visa, I-94, EAD card, etc]

2. Inform Tabitha Slater@rmu.edu that you are applying for STEM OPT and submit your completed I983 form to her via email. You can meet with her to complete the following steps or complete them on your own **after** you have the STEM OPT I20.

3. Go to USCIS and create an account: <https://myaccount.uscis.gov/>
 - a. After you create an account click on myUSCIS
 - b. Click on File a form Online
 - c. Select the I-765 Application for Employment form
 - d. Select (c)(3)(c) STEM OPT
 - e. Answer the questions, upload your documents, review your application, and finalize it by paying the \$470 fee.