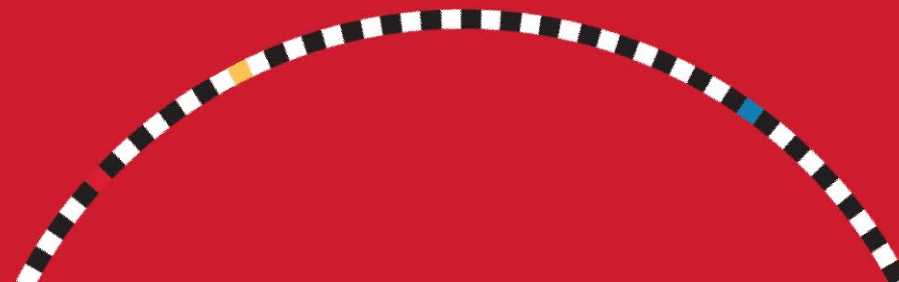


Completing the Electronic STEM OPT Application





IMPORTANT REMINDER

All eligible F-1 students must receive a STEM *OPT Recommendation I-20* from ISSO **BEFORE** submitting a STEM OPT application to USCIS.

To request the STEM OPT Recommendation I-20, go to Cystart and submit the Optional Practical Training STEM Extension Checklist.

Do not proceed with the online STEM OPT application until you have received the STEM OPT Recommendation I-20.



Create myUSCIS Account





Create your MyUSCIS Account

Create or sign into your MyUSCIS account at myaccount.uscis.gov



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

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One account for all of your USCIS needs.

[Create an account.](#)



Log into MyUSCIS

Select MyUSCIS to get start



Edit My Profile

Editing your profile includes email, password, phone number, security questions, two-step verification and backup code.

myUSCIS

Apply for immigration benefits, find tools and resources to assist in preparation for naturalization, and search for doctors in your local community.

FIRST

Submit, manage and receive Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

myE-Verify

Confirm your records for employment eligibility, track E-Verify or Self-Check case status, and protect your identity by locking your Social Security Number (SSN).

Not sure what service you need? Start at [USCIS.gov](https://uscis.gov)



Select Account Type

Select that you are an applicant, petitioner or requestor



Account Type

Select an account type:

☐ I am an applicant, petitioner, or requestor.

- USCIS only offers certain benefit types for online filing. Please refer to uscis.gov for further guidance.
- You cannot file an H-1B Registration with this account type.

☐ I am a Legal Representative.

- I am an attorney eligible to practice law in the United States.
- I am an accredited representative of a qualified organization that is recognized by the Department of Justice in accordance with 8 CFR part 1292.




What do you want to do?


Select File a Form Online

Welcome To Your USCIS Account


Select What You Want To Do




Add a paper-filed case
View your case status and case history by adding your case to your account



File a form online
Start a new form, upload evidence, and pay and submit online



Enter a representative passcode
Review and sign forms prepared for you by your attorney or representative



Verify your identity
Answer questions about your immigration history to verify your personal identity





Select a form

Select Application for Employment Authorization.

The electronic I-765 can be submitted by students applying for pre-completion OPT, Post-completion OPT, and STEM OPT

File a Form

Select the form you want to file online. Once you start, we will automatically save your information for 30 days, or from the last time you worked on the form.

Select the form you want to file online.





Section 1: Getting Started





Select your eligibility category

Select c(3)(C) STEM Extension

What is your eligibility category?



You can file your request online only for certain eligibility categories

If your eligibility category does not appear on the drop-down list, you must file a paper [Form I-765](#). If you submit online and are not eligible for one of the listed categories, your application may be denied.

c(3)(C) STEM Extension





Degree & Employer Information

Enter information about your degree level and major, such as, Master's in Mathematics

Enter information about your employer's name listed in E-Verify, and their E-Verify number.

If you will be employed at Iowa State during your STEM OPT, Iowa State's E-verify number is 1272655

What is your degree?

What is your employer's name as listed in E-Verify?

What is your employer's E-Verify company identification number or a valid E-Verify client company identification number?



Select Reason for Applying

ISSO recommends selecting Initial permission to accept employment when applying for the STEM extension

Select yes to having previously filed an I-765. You will need to provide evidence of that application, including a previous OPT recommendation I-20 and previous EAD card.



What is your reason for applying?

- ☒ Initial permission to accept employment
 - ☐ Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged employment authorization document or correction of my employment authorization document NOT DUE to US Citizenship and Immigration Services error
 - ☐ Renewal of permission to accept employment
-

Have you previously filed Form I-765?

- ☒ Yes
 - ☐ No
-



Who is completing the form

Select no if you are the person completing the form.

Is someone assisting you with completing this application?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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Section 2: About You





Name

Enter your name in the fields provided.

Your name should be entered as it appears on your immigration documents.

If you have used other names, select yes, and list the other names that you have used.

What is your current legal name?

Your current legal name is the name on your birth certificate, unless it changed after birth by a legal action such as marriage or court order. Do not provide any nicknames here.

Given name (first name)

Middle name

Family name (last name)

Have you used any other names since birth?

Other names used may include nicknames, aliases and maiden names.

☐ Yes

☒ No



Contact Information

Enter your daytime and mobile phone number, and current email address. The email address may be your ISU or personal email address.

How may we contact you?

Daytime telephone number

Mobile telephone number (if any)

☐

This is the same as my daytime telephone number.

Email address



Current Mailing Address

Enter your address where you would like your OPT EAD card to be sent.

You can use your personal address if you will have safe and secure access to receive mail there for next 3-4 months. If your address is unreliable or if you will move, we recommend using ISSO's address.

If you enter an address that is not the address where you live, select no, and enter your personal address.

What is your current U.S. mailing address?

We will use your current mailing address to contact you throughout the application process. We may not be able to contact you if you do not provide a complete and valid address. Please provide a U.S. address only.

In care of name (if any)

International Students and Scholars Office

Address line 1

2229 LINCOLN WAY

Street number and name

Address line 2

STE 4530MU

Apartment, suite, unit, or floor

City or town

AMES

State

Iowa

ZIP code

50014-7163

Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address?

☐ Yes

☒ No



Personal Information

Select your gender and marital status

What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

What is your marital status?

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed



Birth Information

Enter information about your birth as applicable

What is your city, town, or village of birth?

What is your state or province of birth?

What is your country of birth?

What is your date of birth?

 You must provide a response.



Entry Information

If you are a citizen of more than one country be sure to add that information

Retrieve your I-94 at i94.cbp.dhs.gov.

Your place of arrival is where you went through U.S. Customs.

What is your country of citizenship or nationality?

List all countries where you are currently a citizen or national.

+ Add country

What is your Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number (if any)?

When did you last arrive in the United States?

List your arrival date, place of arrival, and status at arrival.

Date of arrival

Place of arrival

Status at last arrival



Passport Information

Enter information related to your passport

What is the passport number of your most recently issued passport?

What is your travel document number (if any)?

What is the expiration date of your passport or travel document?

What country issued your passport or travel document?



Immigration Status

Confirm your immigration status and SEVIS ID number.

Your SEVIS ID number can be found on the top left of your Form I-20.

What is your current immigration status or category?

What is your Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number (if any)?

Use the "Additional Information" section to include all previously used SEVIS numbers.



USCIS Numbers

Enter your A-Number or Online Account number, if applicable

What is your A-Number?

☐ I do not have or know my A-Number.

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What is your USCIS Online Account Number?

Providing your unique USCIS Online Account Number (OAN) helps us manage your account. You may already have an OAN if you previously filed [certain paper forms](#) and received an Account Access Notice in the mail. You can find the OAN at the top of the notice; it is not the same as an A-Number.

☐ I do not have or know my USCIS Online Account Number.



Social Security Number

Add your Social Security Number, as applicable

Has the Social Security Administration (SSA) ever officially issued a Social Security card to you?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

What is your Social Security number (if known)?

123-33-3456

Do you want the SSA to issue you a Social Security card?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

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Section 3: Evidence





Passport Photo

Upload a passport photo, and make sure that it meets the requirements listed on the site.

2 X 2 Photo Of You

Upload a recent color photograph of yourself that measures 2 inches by 2 inches, with your face measuring 1 inch to 1 3/8 inch from your chin to the top of your head. Your eyes should be between 1 1/8 inch and 1 3/8 inch from the bottom of the photo.

Make sure your whole face is visible, you are facing the camera directly, and the background is white or off-white. Your head must be bare, unless contrary to your religious beliefs.

If you need help understanding the photo requirements or want to resize, rotate, or crop your photo, you can use the Department of State's [photo composition tools](#). Please note that we cannot approve your application without your photos.

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PNG
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Accepted characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 6MB per file

[Choose](#) or drop files here to upload



I-94 or Passport

Upload your most recent I-94, most recently issued passport, and passport used to enter the United States (if different)

Retrieve your I-94 at i94.cbp.dhs.gov.

Form I-94, Arrival And Departure Record Or Passport

Upload a copy of one of the following:

- Your Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record (front and back);
- A printout of your electronic Form I-94 ; or
- Your passport or other travel document.

Choose or drop files here to upload

File name	Document	Action
I-94.pdf	Form I-94 ▾	Delete
Passport.pdf	Passport, an ▾	Delete



Government ID

Upload a copy of visa used to enter the United States.

Upload a copy of the front and back of your Employment Authorization Document (EAD).

Employment Authorization Document Or Government ID

Upload a copy of your last Employment Authorization document (EAD) (front and back). If you were not previously issued an EAD, you must upload a copy of a government-issued identity document (such as a passport) showing your picture, name, and date of birth; a birth certificate with photo ID; a visa issued by a foreign consulate; or a national ID document with photo and/or fingerprint. The identity document photocopy must clearly show your facial features and contain your biographical information.

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF or TIFF
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Upload no more than five documents at a time
- Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 12MB per file

Choose or drop files here to upload

File name	Document	Action
Visa.pdf	Employment authorization or Government issue ID	Delete
EAD.pdf	Employment authorization or Government issue ID	Delete



STEM OPT I-20

Upload a copy your STEM OPT Recommendation I-20

Make sure you have signed and dated the I-20 in blue ink pen

I-20, Certificate Of Eligibility For Nonimmigrant Student Status

Upload a copy of the Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status endorsed by the Designated School Official (DSO). For the (c)(3)(B) eligibility category, your DSO must have entered the recommendation for OPT into your SEVIS record within 30 days of you submitting Form I-765. If you fail to do so, we will deny your OPT request. For the (c)(3)(C) eligibility category, the Form I-20 must have been endorsed by the DSO within 60 days of submitting Form I-765.

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, or TIFF
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Accepted characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 6MB per file

Choose or drop files here to upload

File name	Document	Action
STEM OPT I-20.pdf	Form I-20	Delete



STEM Eligible Degree

Upload your transcripts and/or diploma showing that you have earned a STEM eligible degree

Graduate students who haven't given their oral defense yet should speak with an International Student Advisor about documentation to upload



College Degree

Upload evidence the degree that is the basis for the STEM OPT extension is in one of the degree programs currently listed on the [STEM Designated Degree Program List](#) or a copy of your prior STEM degree.

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, or TIFF
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Accepted characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 6MB per file

[Choose](#) or drop files here to upload

File name	Document	Action
Diploma.pdf	College degree	 Delete
Transcripts.pdf	College degree	 Delete



Previous OPT Authorization

Upload your I-20s showing previous OPT recommendations

If applying for STEM OPT based on a previously earned STEM degree, upload proof of accreditation and SEVIS certification for the university where you earned the degree.


Institution Accreditation

Upload evidence that the institution that granted your STEM degree is currently accredited by the U.S. Department of Education and certified by the Student Exchange and Visitor Program (SEVP), if this STEM OPT extension is based on a previously earned STEM degree.

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, or TIFF
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Accepted characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 6MB per file

[Choose](#) or drop files here to upload

File name	Document	Action
Previous OPT I-...0.pdf	Institution accreditation	 Delete



Section 4: Additional Information





Additional Information

Additional information will be needed in the following situations.

- Previously used OPT
- Previous SEVIS ID number
- Your current visa is in a previous passport or you entered U.S. on old passport

Additional Information

If you need to provide any additional information for any of your answers to the questions in this form, enter it into the space below. You should include the questions that you are referencing.

If you do not need to provide any additional information, you may leave this section blank.

[+ Add a response](#)

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Previous OPT

If you have previously used OPT enter information about it including:

- Degree level
- Dates
- Receipt number

Additional Information

If you need to provide any additional information for any of your answers to the questions in this form, enter it into the space below. You should include the questions that you are referencing.

If you do not need to provide any additional information, you may leave this section blank.

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Reason for applying

Question

Have you previously filed Form I-765?

Additional information

OPT
Master's
01.08.2018 to 01.07.2019
Receipt: YSC181630192

Only English language characters accepted.

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Save response

Cancel



Previous SEVIS ID Number

If you had a previous SEVIS ID number, add information about the previous number.

Additional Information

If you need to provide any additional information for any of your answers to the questions in this form, enter it into the space below. You should include the questions that you are referencing.

If you do not need to provide any additional information, you may leave this section blank.

Section

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Your immigration information

Question

What is your Student and Exchange Visitor Inform...

Additional information

N0009428476

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Previous Passport

If your visa is in a previous passport, you will want to include information about the passport that your visa is in.

If you entered the U.S. on a different passport, you will want to include the information about the passport that you used for entry to the U.S.

Additional Information

If you need to provide any additional information for any of your answers to the questions in this form, enter it into the space below. You should include the questions that you are referencing.

If you do not need to provide any additional information, you may leave this section blank.

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Question

What is the passport number of your most recentl... ▾

Additional information

Passport used to enter the U.S.
Passport#:
Issuing Country:
Passport Expiration Date:

Only English language characters accepted.

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Save response

Cancel



Filing Fee and Alerts

Confirm filing fee and check for alerts or warnings

Check your application before you submit

We will review your application to check for accuracy and completeness before you submit it.

We encourage you to provide as many responses as you can throughout the application, to the best of your knowledge. Missing information can slow down the review process after you submit your application.


You can return to this page to review your application as many times as you want before you submit it.

Your fee

 Your form filing fee is: \$410

Refund Policy: USCIS does not refund fees, regardless of any action we take on your application, petition or request, or how long USCIS takes to reach a decision. By continuing this transaction, you acknowledge that you must submit fees in the exact amount and that you are paying the fees for a government service.

Alerts and warnings

 We found no alerts or warnings in your application

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Application Review





Application Review

Request a review of your application from ISSO before you submit your application to USCIS by paying the \$410 fee.

To have ISSO review your application, do the following:



1. Download the View Draft Snapshot of your application.
2. Upload all OPT application materials in Cystart using the OPT Application Review form found in Optional Practical Training Checklist.

Review the I-765 form information

Here is a summary of all the information you provided in your application.

Make sure you have provided responses for everything that applies to you before you submit your application. You can edit your responses by going to each application section using the site navigation.

We also prepared a draft case snapshot with your responses, which you can download below.

 [View draft snapshot](#)  [Print](#)

Getting Started

Basis of eligibility

What is your eligibility category?

(c)(3)(C) STEM Extension



**Do NOT submit your application to USCIS
until after it has been reviewed by ISSO.**



Submitting Application After Review





Applicant's Statement

After having your application reviewed, confirm that you read and understood the application.

Applicant's statement

You must read and agree to the statement below.

- ☐ I can read and understand English, and have read and understand every question and instruction on this application, as well as my answer to every question.

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Applicant's Declaration & Certification

Submit the application to USCIS by certifying the application and paying the application fee.

Applicant's Declaration and Certification

You must read and agree to the certification below. If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your application, we can deny your application and may deny any other immigration benefit. You may also face criminal prosecution and penalties provided by the law.



Tracking Your Application

Upon submitting your application, your receipt notice will be generated. A hard copy receipt notice will also be mailed to the mailing address you provided.

Viewing Janna Evans ((Guest))...

Tracking Your Case

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Your Cases

I-765 Application for Employment Authorization
Submitted on April 13, 2021 | Receipt # I030803688031
[View PDF](#)

Case status Case history Documents

USCIS Notices

File	Date Sent	Action
Receipt notice.pdf	April 13, 2021	N/A

Your uploads

You may upload additional evidence that you wish to assist USCIS in adjudicating your application, even if the evidence was not specifically requested. USCIS will consider the timeliness and relevance of unrequested evidence when making a decision about your case.

File	Document	Date added
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Unsolicited evidence

Unsolicited evidence is any additional information or evidence that we did not request from you. If you upload evidence that we did not request from you, USCIS will consider the timeliness and relevance of this information when making a decision about your case.

[Upload evidence](#)

All notices are posted to your account

- Receipt notice
- Biometrics notice
- Request for Evidence (RFE)
- PDF of completed form
- Decision letter

* Notices are also mailed to the mailing address on file

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