STEM EXTENSION PROCESS

Eligibility

- Major with an approved STEM CIP code (http://www.ice.gov/sevis)
- Current employment related to STEM CIP code with an E-Verified employer
- Employer agrees to notify KU International Office within 48 hours of termination or departure of employees on STEM extension.

Application

- The student and the employer complete a Form I-983 Training Plan, and the student submits the completed plan to the International Office.
- Make request to International Office no later than 30 days before your OPT end date. Your new I-20 will be mailed to you if the STEM extension is approved by the DSO.
- Within 60 days of the DSO's recommendation in SEVIS, and before the expiration of the student's post-completion OPT, the student files with USCIS: Form I-765, the Form I-765 filing fee, the STEM OPT Form I-20, and documentation of the STEM degree.

After Approval

- Follow all requirements on pages one and two of this document and:
  - Reporting Requirements: Report to International Office (international@kutztown.edu) every 6 months with the following information:
    - Full legal name
    - SEVIS identification number (if requested by the school)
    - Current mailing and residential address
    - Name and address of the current employer
    - Date the student began working for the current employer
  - Unemployment: Additional 60 days of unemployment granted during STEM extension. Do not accrue 150 days of total unemployment for post-completion OPT or OPT STEM extension will end.