

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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TRAINING PLAN FOR STEM OPT STUDENTS

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

SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION (Completed by Student)			
Student Name (Surname/Primary Name, Given Name): Last Name, First Name Middle Name		Student Email Address: example@binghamton.edu	
Name of School Recommending STEM OPT: Binghamton University	Name of School Where STEM Degree Was Earned: Binghamton University	SEVIS School Code of School Recommending STEM OPT (including 3-digit suffix): BUF214F10042000	
Designated School Official (DSO) Name and Contact Information: Use DSO name listed under "Student Attestation" on current I-20 4400 Vestal Pkwy/Binghamton, NY 13902 607-777-2510, iss@binghamton.edu		Student SEVIS ID No.: Listed in top left corner of I-20 N00XXXXXXXX	STEM OPT Requested Period (mm-dd-yyyy): From: <u>Should be day after the expiration date listed on current EAD card</u> To: <u>Two years from start date - For example, if start date is 09/30/2023, then the end date should be 09/29/2025</u>
Qualifying Major and Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: <u>Major name listed on I-20 AND CIP Code (Listed next to major on I-20, Ex 11.0701)</u>			
Level/Type of Qualifying Degree: <u>Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate</u>			
Date Awarded (mm-dd-yyyy): <u>"Degree Date" listed on transcript - If applying as ABD, type "ABD"</u>			
Based on Prior Degree? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <u>← If you are applying for STEM OPT based on your most current degree from Binghamton, check "No". Only answer "Yes" if you are applying based on a previous degree you earned.</u>			
Employment Authorization Number: <u>USCIS# listed on EAD card (9 digits)</u>			
SECTION 2: STUDENT CERTIFICATION			
I declare and affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements and information made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that the law provides severe penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact, or using any false document in the submission of this form.			
I certify that:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I have reviewed, understand, and will adhere to this Training Plan for STEM OPT Students ("Plan");2. I will notify the DSO at the earliest available opportunity if I believe that my employer is not providing me with appropriate training as delineated on this Plan;3. I understand that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may deny, revoke, or terminate the STEM OPT of students whom DHS determines are not engaging in OPT in compliance with the law, including the STEM OPT of students who are not, or whose employers are not, complying with this Plan;4. My practical training opportunity is directly related to the STEM degree that qualifies me for the STEM OPT extension; and5. I will notify the DSO at the earliest available opportunity regarding any material changes to or deviations from this Plan, including but not limited to, any change of Employer Identification Number resulting from a corporate restructuring, any nontrivial reduction in compensation from the amount previously submitted on the Plan that is not tied to a reduction in hours worked, any significant decrease in hours per week that I engage in a STEM training opportunity, and any decrease in hours below the 20-hours-per-week minimum required under this rule.			
Signature of Student: <u>Signature can be an ink, electronic or digital signature. DO NOT type your signature or use a cursive font.</u>			
Printed Name of Student: <u>Your Name</u> Date (mm-dd-yyyy): <u>MM-DD-YYYY</u>			

SECTION 3: EMPLOYER INFORMATION (Completed by Employer)

Employer Name: <u>Employer Name - Should mirror how employer is listed in e-verify system</u>		Street Address: <u>Employer Street Address</u>		Suite: <u>Suite, Building, Floor</u>	
Employer Website URL: <u>Employer website - If no website, type N/A</u>		City: <u>Employer City</u>		State: <u>State</u>	ZIP Code: <u>Zip Code</u>
Employer ID Number (EIN): <u>XX-XXXXXX - Should be 9 digits - Obtain from employer</u>	Number of Full-Time Employees in U.S.: <u># of FT employees in the US</u>	North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code: <u>NAICS Code - Obtain from employer</u>			
OPT Hours Per Week (must be at least 20 hours/week): <u>Hours worked per week</u>	Compensation:				
Start Date of Employment (mm-dd-yyyy): <u>MM-DD-YYYY</u>	A. Salary Amount and Frequency: <u>\$ - Salary AND frequency (Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Monthly, Yearly)</u>				
<p style="color: green; font-size: small;">This should be the date after the expiration date listed on your current EAD card (should match the "From" date listed on page one of the I-983 form). DO NOT put the date that you started working during your 12-month OPT period.</p>	B. Other Compensation (Type and Estimated Amount or Value):				
	1. <u>If Applicable</u>				
	2. _____				
	3. _____				
	4. _____				

SECTION 4: EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION

I declare and affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements and information made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that the law provides severe penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact, or using any false document in the submission of this form.

I certify on behalf of the employer that this Training Plan for STEM OPT Students ("Plan") is approved and that:

1. I have reviewed and understand this Plan, and I will ensure that the supervising Official follows this Plan;
2. I will notify the DSO at the earliest available opportunity regarding any material changes to this Plan, including but not limited to, any change of Employer Identification Number resulting from a corporate restructuring, any reduction in compensation from the amount previously submitted on the Plan that is not tied to a reduction in hours worked, any significant decrease in hours per week that a student engages in a STEM training opportunity, and any decrease in hours below the 20-hours-per-week minimum required under this rule;
3. Within five business days of the termination or departure of the student during the authorized period of OPT, I will report such termination or departure to the DSO (*Note: business days do not include federal holidays or weekend days; and an employer shall consider a student to have departed when the employer knows the student has left the practical training opportunity, or when the student has not reported for practical training for a period of five consecutive business days without the consent of the employer*); and
4. I will adhere to all applicable regulatory provisions that govern this program (*see 8 CFR Part 214*), which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. The student's practical training opportunity is directly related to the STEM degree that qualifies the student for the STEM OPT extension, and the position offered to the student achieves the objectives of his or her participation in this training program;
 - b. The student will receive on-site supervision and training, consistent with this Plan, by experienced and knowledgeable staff;
 - c. The employer has sufficient resources and personnel to provide the specified training program set forth in this Plan, and the employer is prepared to implement that program, including at the location(s) identified in this Plan;
 - d. The student on a STEM OPT extension will not replace a full- or part-time, temporary or permanent U.S. worker. The terms and conditions of the STEM practical training opportunity—including duties, hours, and compensation—are commensurate with the terms and conditions applicable to the employer's similarly situated U.S. workers or, if the employer does not employ and has not recently employed more than two similarly situated U.S. workers in the area of employment, the terms and conditions of other similarly situated U.S. workers in the area of employment; and
 - e. The training conducted pursuant to this Plan complies with all applicable Federal and State requirements relating to employment.

Note: DHS may, at its discretion, conduct a site visit of the employer to ensure that program requirements are being met, including that the employer possesses and maintains the ability and resources to provide structured and guided work-based learning experiences consistent with this Plan.

Signature of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: Signature can be an ink, electronic or digital signature. DO NOT type your signature or use a cursive font.

Printed Name and Title of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: Printed Name AND Title of Employer Official

Date (mm-dd-yyyy): MM-DD-YYYY Printed Name of Employing Organization: Printed Name of Company

SECTION 5: TRAINING PLAN FOR STEM OPT STUDENTS (Completed by Student and Employer)

Student Name (*Surname/Primary Name, Given Name*):

Last Name, First Name Middle Name

Employer Name:

Employer's Name - Should match what is listed in "Section 3: Employer Information"

EMPLOYER SITE INFORMATION

Site Name:

If you are working anywhere other than the address provided in Section 3, provide the name of this work site here.

Site Address (Street, City, State, ZIP):

If you are working on-site or partially remote, provide the employer's address where you are physically working. If you are working 100% remotely, list your home address as your employment site.

Name of Official: Should be an individual within the employer's organization who is familiar with and will monitor the student's goals and performance.

Official's Title:
Official's Title

Official's Email:
Official's Email

Official's Phone Number:
Official's Phone Number (Including Area Code)

Note: for the remaining fields in this section, employers who already have an internal/pre-existing training plan in place may fill in the details based on that plan.

Student Role: Describe the student's role with the employer and how that role is directly related to enhancing the student's knowledge obtained through his or her qualifying STEM degree.

Answer above question fully

Goals and Objectives: Describe how the assignment(s) with the employer will help the student achieve his or her specific objectives for work-based learning related to his or her STEM degree. The description must both specify the student's goals regarding specific knowledge, skills, or techniques as well as the means by which they will be achieved.

Answer above question fully

Employer Oversight: Explain how the employer provides oversight and supervision of individuals filling positions such as that being filled by the named F-1 student. If the employer has a training program or related policy in place that controls such oversight and supervision, please describe.

Answer above question fully

Measures and Assessments: Explain how the employer measures and confirms whether individuals filling positions such as that being filled by the named F-1 student are acquiring new knowledge and skills. If the employer has a training program or related policy in place that controls such measures and assessments, please describe.

Answer above question fully

Additional Remarks (optional): Provide additional information pertinent to the Plan.

Provide any additional information, if needed

SECTION 6: EMPLOYER OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

I declare and affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements and information made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that the law provides severe penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact, or using any false document in the submission of this form.

Employer Official with Signatory Authority - I certify that:

1. I have reviewed, understand, and will follow this Training Plan for STEM OPT Students (Plan);
2. I will conduct the required periodic evaluations of the student;*
3. I will adhere to all applicable regulatory provisions that govern this program (*see 8 CFR Part 214.2(f)(10)(ii)*); and
4. I will notify the DSO regarding any material changes to or material deviations from this Plan at the earliest available opportunity, including if I believe the student is not receiving appropriate training as delineated in this Plan.

Signature of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____

Signature can be an ink, electronic or digital signature.
DO NOT type your signature or use a cursive font.

Printed Name and Title of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____

Printed Name **AND** Title of Employer Official

Date (mm-dd-yyyy): MM-DD-YYYY

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITIES: Section 101(a)(15)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F), Section 641 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, Div. C, 110 Stat. 3009-546 (codified at 8 U.S.C. 1372), Section 502 of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-173, 116 Stat. 543 (codified at 8 U.S.C. 1762) and Homeland Security Presidential Directive No. 2 (HSPD-2), authorize U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to collect the information requested in this form.

PURPOSE: The information collection on this form is used to assist in the administration of the STEM Optional Practical Training (OPT) extension so that Designated School Officials (DSO) can properly recommend the Student for and review and help coordinate his or her STEM optional practical training opportunity.

ROUTINE USES: The information collected on this form may be shared with: the individuals who signed the Plan, relevant DSOs acting as liaisons with the DHS, Federal, State, local, or foreign government entities for law enforcement purposes, Members of Congress in response to requests on the Student's behalf, or as otherwise authorized pursuant to its published Privacy Act system of records notice - Privacy Act of 1974: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, DHS/ICE-001 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) System of Records (<https://www.dhs.gov/system-records-notices-sorns>).

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the information requested on this form may delay or prevent participation in a STEM OPT opportunity.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7.5 hours per response, including time required for searching existing data sources, gathering the necessary documentation, providing the information and/or documents required, and reviewing the final collection. You do not have to supply this information unless this collection displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. If you have comments on the accuracy of this burden estimate and/or recommendations for reducing it, send them to: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of Policy, 500 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20536

*See evaluation forms that follow for student's first evaluation, to occur before the one year anniversary of the start date of the student's STEM OPT employment authorization, and final program evaluation.

If you are applying for your STEM OPT I-20, DO NOT fill out page 5! Only complete page 5 when your self evaluations are due OR when you end employment with your STEM OPT employer.

EVALUATION ON STUDENT PROGRESS

Provide a self-evaluation of your performance, using the measures previously identified, in applying and acquiring new knowledge, skills, and competencies identified in the Training Plan for STEM OPT Students. Discuss accomplishments, successful projects, overall contributions, etc., during this review period. Address whether there are any modifications to the objectives and goals for projects, or new areas for skill and competency development.

Range of Evaluation Dates: From (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ To (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

↑
Should be the first date of your STEM OPT employment **NOT** the date you started working for your employer during the 12-month OPT period.

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Should be one year from STEM OPT start date.

Use this box for the one year self-evaluation due 12 months after the STEM OPT start date.

Signature of Student: _____ Signature can be an ink, electronic or digital signature. **DO NOT** type your signature or use a cursive font.

Printed Name of Student: Your Name _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): MM-DD-YYYY _____

Signature of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____ Signature can be an ink, electronic or digital signature. **DO NOT** type your signature or use a cursive font.

Printed Name of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: Printed Name of Employer Official _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): MM-DD-YYYY _____

FINAL EVALUATION ON STUDENT PROGRESS

Provide a self-evaluation of your performance, using the measures previously identified, in applying and acquiring new knowledge, skills, and competencies identified in the Training Plan for STEM OPT Students. Discuss accomplishments, successful projects, overall contributions, etc., during this review period. Address whether there are any modifications to the objectives and goals for projects, or new areas for skill and competency development.

Range of Evaluation Dates: From (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ To (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

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Should be the first date of your STEM OPT employment **NOT** the date you started working for your employer during the 12-month OPT period.

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Should be 24 months from STEM OPT start date **OR** the day you end employment with your STEM OPT employer.

Use this box for the final self-evaluation due 24 months after the STEM OPT start date OR when you end employment with your STEM OPT employer.

Signature of Student: _____ Signature can be an ink, electronic or digital signature. **DO NOT** type your signature or use a cursive font.

Printed Name of Student: Your Name _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): MM-DD-YYYY _____

Signature of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____ Signature can be an ink, electronic or digital signature. **DO NOT** type your signature or use a cursive font.

Printed Name of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: Printed Name of Employer Official _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): MM-DD-YYYY _____