STEM OPT APPLICATION MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Important Information:

- Attached to this sheet is your STEM Optional Practical Training (OPT) Requested I-20. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) must receive your STEM OPT application within 60 days of your STEM OPT Requested I-20 print date and before your OPT end date, otherwise, your STEM OPT will be denied.
- Please make photocopies of all these documents for your records before mailing.
- Keep your STEM OPT Request Form, original I-20, Form I-983 and this instruction sheet with you. Do not send them to USCIS. OIP will upload your Form I-983 to your SEVIS record.
- If you change your mind and decide not to proceed with your STEM OPT application, you must inform OIP.
- F-1 regulations require you to report your employment information at oip.sfsu.edu/optreporting during STEM OPT.

STEP 1: Prepare Your STEM OPT Application

Required:

- Completed and signed Form I-765.
  - Use the instruction sheet on our website for reference: oip.sfsu.edu/f1/current/employment/24stemopt
- Two U.S. Passport-Style Photos:
  - Write your full name and I-94 number gently at back of your photos and place the photos in a small envelope. Your application will be denied if you fail to submit photos.
- Filing Fee $410:
  - Click on the link for the USCIS Payment Options: www.uscis.gov/forms/paying-uscis-fees. Follow the instructions carefully. Your application will be denied if you fail to submit payment correctly.
- Photocopies of the STEM OPT Requested I-20:
  - Make photocopies of your new I-20 first. Sign and date under the “Student Attestation” section at the bottom of page 1 with a blue ink pen of the copy and the original I-20. Keep the Original I-20.
- Most Recent I-94:
  - Print from www.cbp.gov/i94 OR provide copies of both the front and back sides of your I-94 card.
- Photocopy of your passport:
  - The photocopy must include name, current expiration date, and your photo
- Photocopy of your current EAD
  - Include the front and back page of your EAD
- Copy of your degree:
  - Unofficial transcripts or copy of the diploma showing the level and program of study.

Recommended (optional):

- Form G-1145, E-Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance. Click on the link: www.uscis.gov/g-1145

Additional Documents (if applicable):

- Photocopies of the I-20(s) with Curricular Practical Training (CPT) authorization
- Photocopies of your previous Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

STEP 2: Mail Your OPT Application to USCIS

See https://www.uscis.gov/i-765-addresses
(Click “Foreign students” tab”) for the most current filling address

STEP 3: Follow Up with Your STEM OPT Application

USCIS will mail Form I-797C Notice of Action to you after they received your OPT application. Your receipt number is printed on this I-797C. You can check the status of your OPT application by entering your receipt number under “Check your case status” at www.uscis.gov.