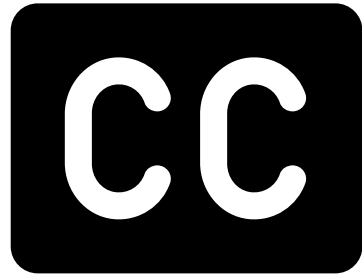


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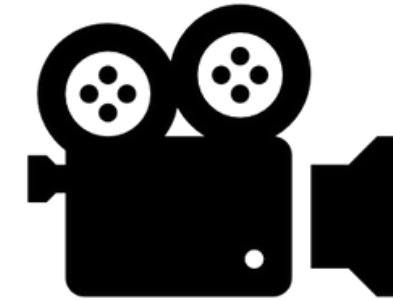
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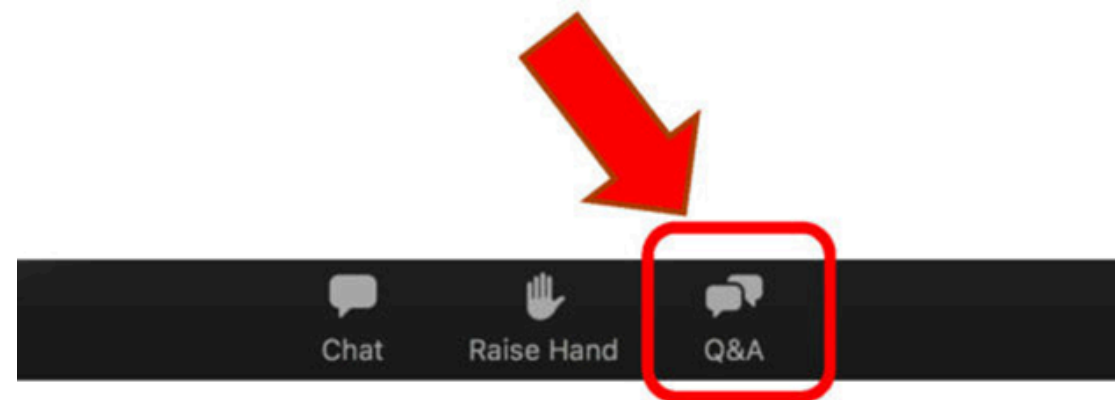
Workshop Basics



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This workshop is being recorded and will be published at ois.jhu.edu.



Use the Q&A feature to submit a question.

Learning Objectives



- Address the reporting requirements while on a 24-month STEM Extension
- Understand the method to report to the Office of International Services
- Become familiar with travel requirements while on a STEM Extension
- Review the options following the expiration of a STEM Extension

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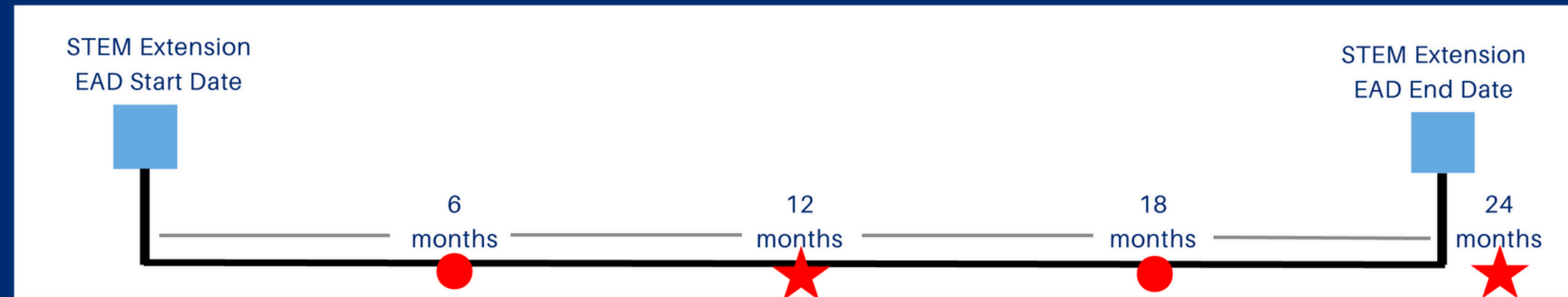
STEM Extension Reporting

The 24-month STEM Extension is a continuation of your F-1 status. Johns Hopkins University is still responsible for managing your immigration record.

Failure to report STEM Extension updates to OIS in a timely manner is considered a violation of your F-1 status. This can jeopardize your legal status in the United States. OIS will email you when standard reporting requirements are due.



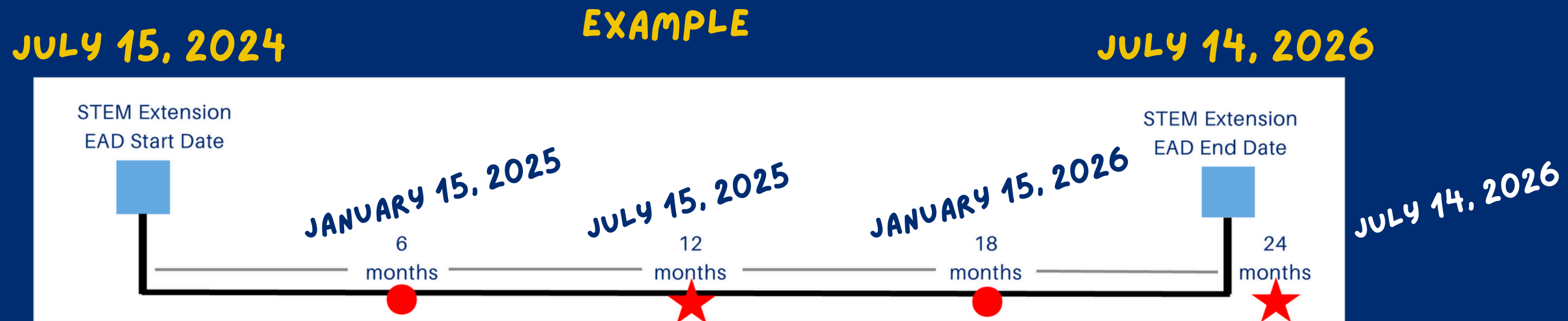
Mandatory Reporting Dates



Students are required to report at least every 6-months during a STEM Extension period, regardless of the existence of any changes.

- 6 months: Validity report verifying basic information about employment status
- ★ 12 months: Page 5 of Form I-983 "Evaluation on Student Progress"
- 18 months: Validity report verifying basic information about employment status
- ★ 24 months: Page 5 of Form I-983 "Final Evaluation on Student Progress"

Mandatory Reporting Dates



You will have a mandatory report to submit via iHopkins every 6-months while on a STEM Extension, even if nothing has changed.

Students are required to submit the STEM OPT Reporting eForm before each reporting deadline. Mark your calendar for the mandatory reporting dates that apply to you. Routinely check your email for alerts from OIS about your STEM Extension reporting obligations.

If you miss a reporting deadline, we still encourage you to submit a reporting eForm.

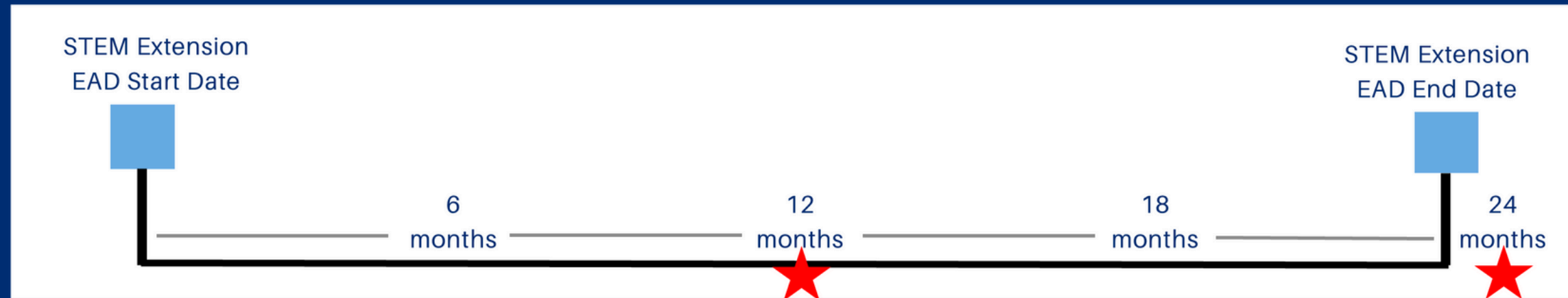
Mandatory Reporting - Validity Reports



The 6- and 18-month “validity” reports (●) do not require any signatures nor action by your employer. However, they still require your reporting to OIS via iHopkins.

Think of these validity reports as mandatory “checkpoints” where you are obligated to report back to OIS, regardless of any changes.

Mandatory Reporting - Evaluations



The evaluations (★) on student progress (Page 5 of Form I-983) must be completed and signed by you and your employer at the 12- and 24-month marks.

They will be uploaded as a part of your reporting to OIS via iHopkins.

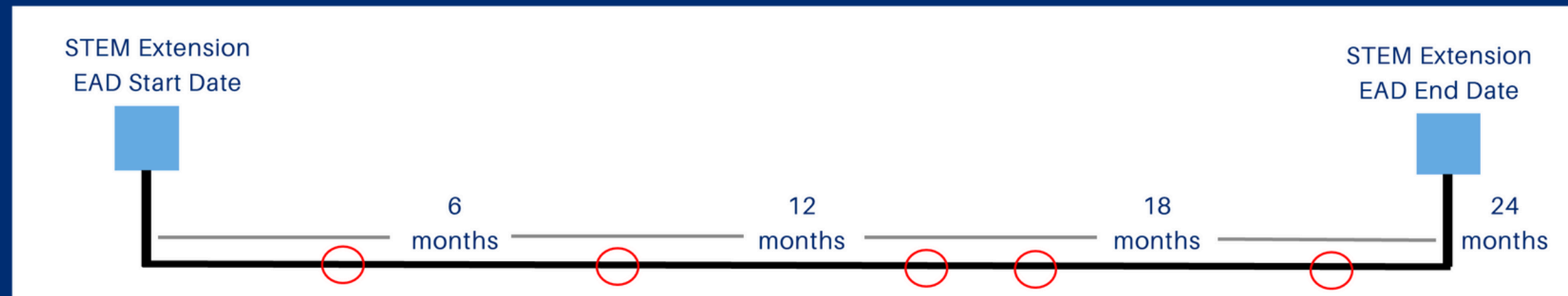
★ 12-month evaluation on student progress

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★ Final evaluation on student progress

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Mandatory Reporting - Other Changes



In addition to the mandatory reporting marks, there could be other changes (○) during the STEM Extension period. See examples below.

- New Employment
- End Employment
- Change of personal address, phone number, or immigration status (H-1b, F-2, Permanent Resident, etc.)
- Change of employer address, employer EIN, or other company information recorded on Form I-983
- Company mergers or acquisitions

Mandatory Reporting - Ending Employment

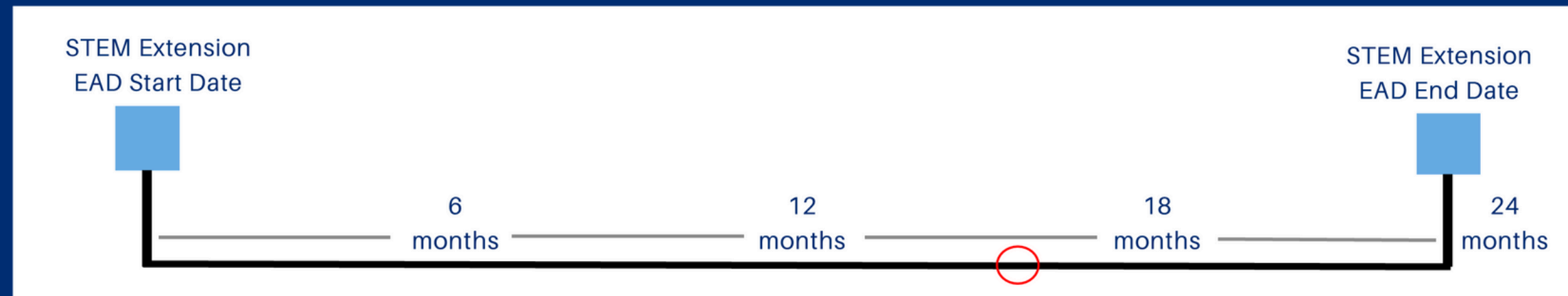


If employment with a STEM Extension employer ends *prior* to the standard 24-month final evaluation mark, a final evaluation with that employer is required.

The signed final evaluation (Page 5 of Form I-983) must be uploaded as part of your reporting to OIS via iHopkins.

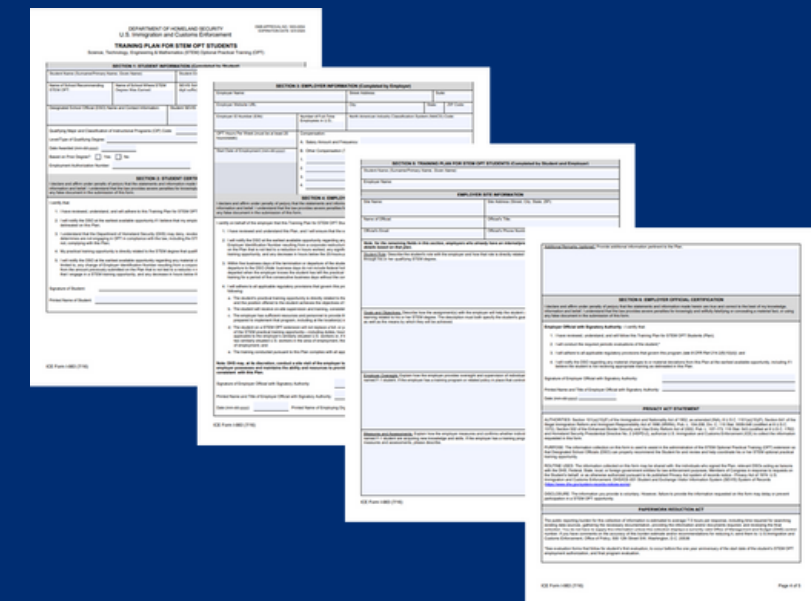
The image shows a sample of the 'FINAL EVALUATION ON STUDENT PROGRESS' section of Form I-983 (716), Page 5 of 5. The form contains two identical sections for student self-evaluation. Each section includes a 'Range of Evaluation Dates' field, a signature line for the student, and a signature line for the employer official with signatory authority. A large red star is placed over the second section, with the text 'Final evaluation on student progress' written in red next to it.

Mandatory Reporting - New Employment



If employment begins with a *new* STEM Extension employer, an entirely new Form I-983 must be completed by you and your new employer.

The new Form I-983 must be uploaded as part of your reporting to OIS via iHopkins.



Mandatory Reporting - New Employment

Remember, any new employment during the STEM Extension must meet the eligibility requirements of the original STEM Extension employment. A new, completed Form I-983 will also be required.

- Directly related to your STEM major/field of study
- Must be paid
- Must be at least 20 hours per week
- Must be a bona fide employer-employee relationship
- Employer must be registered in e-Verify and have an IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
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/First Name, Class Name) _____ Student Email Address _____

Name of School Recommending STEM OPT _____ Name of School Where STEM Degree Was Earned _____ STEM School Code of School Recommending STEM OPT (including 3-digit suffix) _____

Designated School Officer (DSO) Name and Contact Information _____ School Section ID No. _____ (STEM OPT Requested Period (mm/dd/yyyy))
From: _____ To: _____

Qualifying Major and Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: _____

Level/Year of Qualifying Degree: _____

Date Awarded (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Based on Prior Degree? Yes No

Employment Authorization Number: _____

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 this 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:

- I have reviewed, understood, and will adhere to the Training Plan for STEM OPT Students ("Plan").
- I will notify the DSO of the earliest available opportunity if I believe that my employer is not providing me with appropriate training as intended on the Plan.
- I understand that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may deny, revoke, or terminate the STEM OPT of students when DHS determines an employer is not engaging in OPT in compliance with the law, including the STEM OPT of students who enroll, or whose employers are not complying with the Plan.
- My practical training opportunity is directly related to the STEM degree that qualifies me for the STEM OPT extension, and
- I will notify the DSO of 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 material 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-hour-per-week minimum required under the rule.

Signature of Student: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Printed Name of Student: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

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SECTION 3 EMPLOYER INFORMATION (Completed by Employer)

Employer Name _____ Street Address _____ Suite _____

Employer Address (City, State, ZIP Code) _____

Employer ID Number (EIN) _____ Number of Full-Time Employees in U.S. _____ North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code _____

Qualifying Major _____ Compensation _____

A. Salary Amount and Frequency _____

B. Other Compensation (Type and Estimated Amount or Value) _____

SECTION 4 EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION

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

- I have reviewed and understood this Plan, and I will ensure that the supervising Official follows this Plan.
- I will notify the DSO of 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 material 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 engaged in a STEM training opportunity, and any decrease in hours below the 20-hour-per-week minimum required under this rule.
- Within the 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 (Other 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
- 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:
 - 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 affords the student advances the objectives of the law or her participation in the training program.
 - The student will maintain on-site supervision and training consistent with this Plan, by experienced and knowledgeable staff.
 - 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 the resources identified in this Plan.
 - The student on a STEM OPT extension will not receive a full- or part-time, temporary or permanent U.S. worker. The terms and conditions of a STEM OPT extension include, including salary, 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 ten 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
 - The training described 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.

Signature of Employer Official with Regulatory Authority: _____

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

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Printed Name of Employing Organization: _____

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

Student Name (Surname/First Name, Class Name) _____

Employer Name: _____

EMPLOYER SITE INFORMATION

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

Name of Office: _____ Office's Title: _____

Official's Email: _____ Official's Phone Number: _____

Plan: For the remaining length of this position, employees who already have an internship/practical training plan in place may fill in the details based on that plan.

Objectives: Describe how the student will be trained, and how that role is directly related to enhancing the student's knowledge, skills, or technical abilities for her qualifying STEM degree.

Skills and Objectives: Describe how the organization, with the employer will help the student achieve his or her specific objectives for work-based learning pursuant to this or her STEM degree. The description must both specify the student's goals regarding specific knowledge, skills, or technical abilities and the means by which they will be achieved.

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

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

Signature of Student: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Signature of Employer Official with Regulatory Authority: _____

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

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Printed Name of Employing Organization: _____

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SECTION 6 EMPLOYER OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

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Employer Official with Regulatory Authority: _____

Signature of Employer Official with Regulatory Authority: _____

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

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

ACCOMPLISHED: Section 101(a)(1)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended (INA), is U.S.C. 1482(a)(1)(B). Section 601 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, Div. C, 110 Stat. 3059-441 (codified at 8 U.S.C. 1275). Section 502 of the Employment Security and Wage Earners Act of 1952, Pub. L. 102-178, 116 Stat. 543 (codified at 5 U.S.C. 1102), and Executive Order 12812, 51 FR 26501 (1986).

PURPOSE: The information collected on this form is used to assist in the administration of the STEM Optional Practical Training (OPT) extension as authorized by DHS. The information collected on this form may be shared with the individuals who signed the Plan, relevant DHS offices acting in accordance with the INA, 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 rules - Privacy Act of 1974, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, DHS/ICE/EO: Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), System of Records.

DISCLOSURE: This 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.

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*This evaluation form that follows 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.

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Changing Employers - Special Considerations

In some cases, your employment may be terminated or you may change employers while the STEM Extension application is still pending with USCIS. Such cases require careful advising by an OIS immigration advisor.

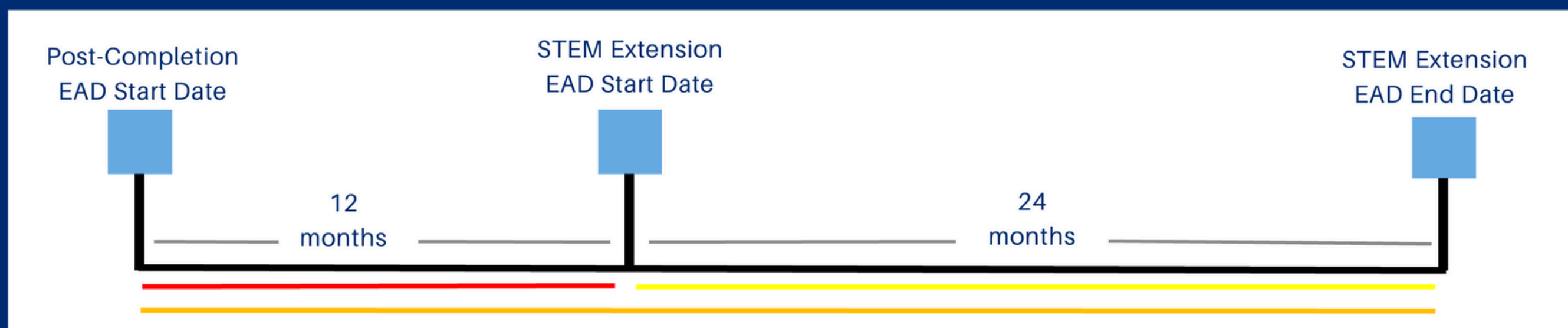


Any changes in employment status, even before the STEM Extension is approved, must be reported to OIS via iHopkins so that we may carefully guide you through required steps.

Unemployment Allowance

Upon approval of a STEM Extension, students receive 60 unemployment days in addition to the 90 days granted during the standard, post-completion period.

Any unemployment days that were not used during the standard post-completion OPT period will carry over and be available for use during the STEM Extension. Unemployment accrual does not reset!



90 days granted at approval of standard, post-completion OPT



60 days granted at approval of STEM Extension



150 days total unemployment allowed, across entire 36 month period

Unemployment Allowance - Case Study



Aditi was unemployed for 45 days during her standard post-completion OPT period, but is now on an approved STEM Extension. Unfortunately, Aditi's STEM Extension employment is prematurely ending and she's concerned about being unemployed while on the STEM Extension. How many more days is Aditi allowed to be unemployed?

- A. 45 days remaining
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- C. 150 days remaining
- D. 105 days remaining

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- C. 150 days remaining
- D. 105 days remaining

The answer is 105 days. Aditi has been approved for a STEM Extension, and therefore she has a total of 150 days of unemployment allowance. Having already used 45 days of unemployment during the standard, post-completion period, Aditi has 105 days of total unemployment remaining.

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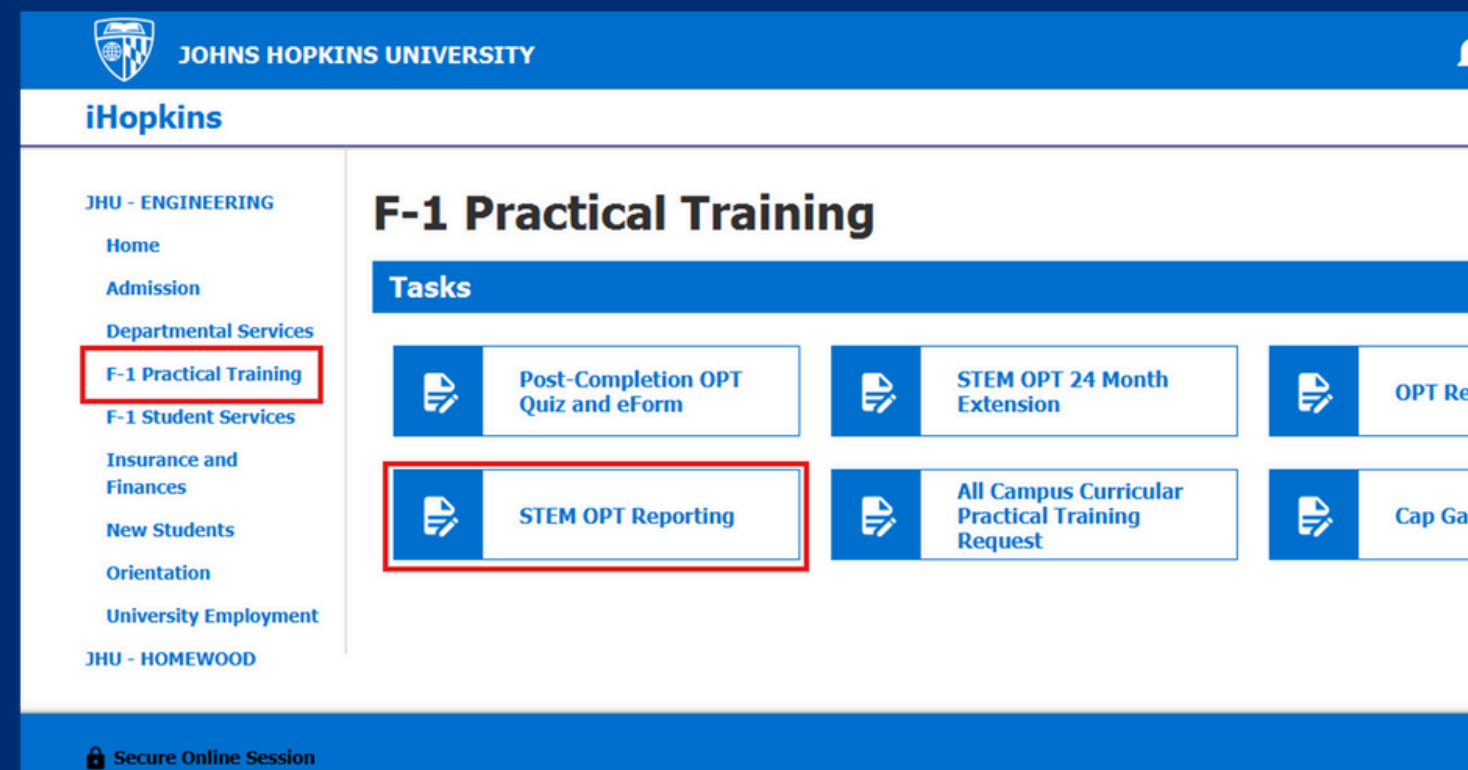
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iHopkins STEM OPT Reporting eForm

The process to report information to OIS during a STEM Extension is similar to reporting during the standard post-completion OPT period.

All reporting must be completed using iHopkins. OIS will email you when standard reporting requirements are due.



The screenshot shows the iHopkins website interface. At the top, it says "JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY" and "iHopkins". On the left, there is a navigation menu with "JHU - ENGINEERING" and "JHU - HOMEWOOD" sections. Under "Departmental Services", "F-1 Practical Training" is highlighted with a red box. The main content area is titled "F-1 Practical Training" and contains a "Tasks" section with several buttons: "Post-Completion OPT Quiz and eForm", "STEM OPT 24 Month Extension", "OPT Rep", "STEM OPT Reporting" (highlighted with a red box), "All Campus Curricular Practical Training Request", and "Cap Gap". At the bottom, it says "Secure Online Session".



Note: Please allow OIS 10 business days to process your STEM Extension update.

iHopkins STEM OPT Reporting eForm

In many cases, reporting during a STEM Extension will require an upload of the Form I-983. This will be required when any material change to the Form I-983 occurs, or when the evaluations on student progress is due.

Uploading other documentation may also be required if a change in immigration status occurs.

Please submit an updated I-983: *

Select File

Upload a PDF of supporting documentation of your current immigration status (such as a copy of your I-797 approval notice if you are in H-1B status): *

Select File

The screenshot displays the 'EVALUATION ON STUDENT PROGRESS' section of the Form I-983. It features two main evaluation areas, each marked with a red star icon. The first area is titled '12-month evaluation on student progress' and includes a 'Range of Evaluation Dates' field, a 'Signature of Student' line, and a 'Printed Name of Student' line. The second area is titled 'Final evaluation on student progress' and includes a 'Range of Evaluation Dates' field, a 'Signature of Employer Official with Signatory Authority' line, and a 'Printed Name of Employer Official with Signatory Authority' line. The form also includes a 'Page 1 of 5' indicator in the bottom right corner.

iHopkins STEM OPT Reporting eForm

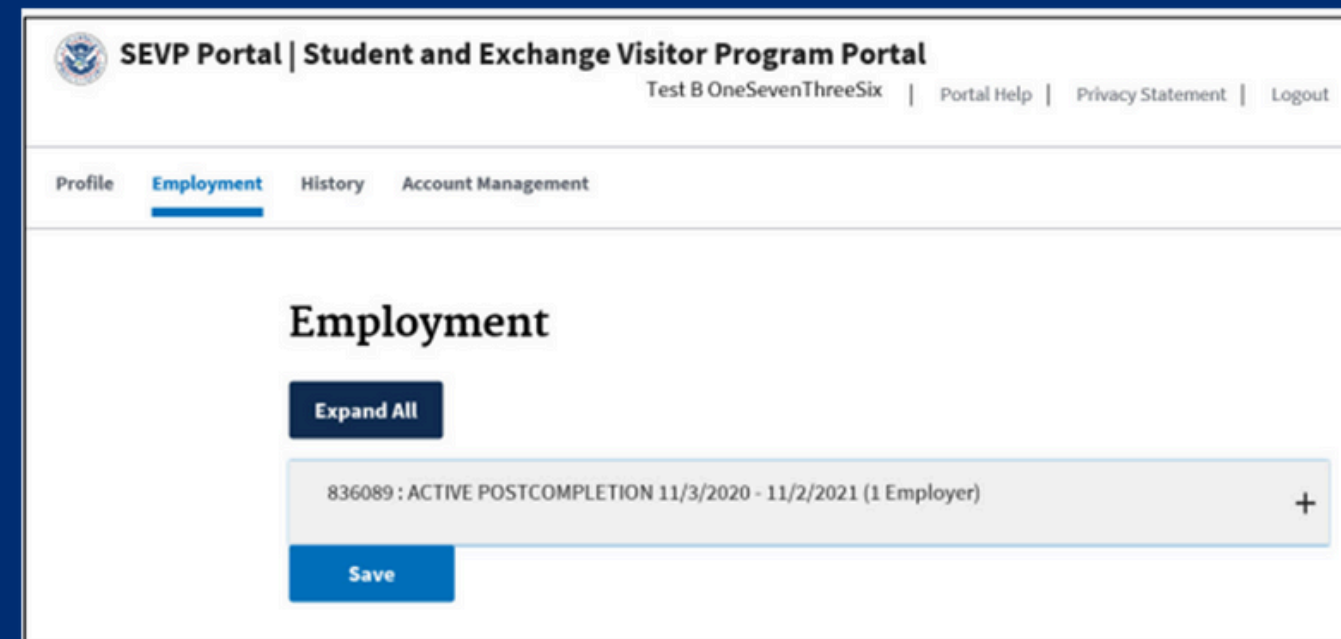
As a student, you are required to submit the STEM OPT Reporting eForm before your reporting deadlines. Mark your mandatory reporting dates on your calendar as reminders and routinely check your email for alerts from OIS about your STEM Extension reporting obligations.

OIS has 30 days to relay your reported information into your SEVIS record, but OIS standard processing time is 10 business days. As long as you submit your report ahead of your deadline, you should remain compliant.



The SEVP Portal

Students may receive email reminders from SEVP on reporting requirements. These emails will instruct students to contact their Designated School Official (DSO) to confirm the information in the SEVP Portal is accurate.



OIS will email you when standard reporting requirements are due. Check your email regularly for OIS reminders.

Report all STEM Extension updates via iHopkins. Use the SEVP portal for viewing purposes only.

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Travel While on STEM Extension



Standard, post-completion OPT expired? Still awaiting STEM Extension approval?

Do not travel. There is little justification for return travel into the United States.



Standard, post-completion OPT is valid? Still awaiting STEM Extension approval?

Travel is permissible.

Students are welcome to consult with OIS before arranging international travel.

Travel While on STEM Extension

Below is a list of required travel documents, if travelling internationally on a STEM Extension

- Valid passport
- Valid F-1 visa
- Valid Form I-20, with travel signature applied on Page 2 within the preceding 6 months
- Valid STEM Extension EAD card
- Employment confirmation letter, employment offer letter, or other proof of employment
- *Copy of Form I-983 Training Plan**

**Recommended*

Please visit ois.jhu.edu for further details on traveling while on a STEM Extension

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After a STEM Extension - Options

At the end of a STEM Extension, students have several immigration options:



- Depart the United States within the 60-day grace period



- Change education level or begin a new academic program at JHU



- Transfer SEVIS record to another U.S. school



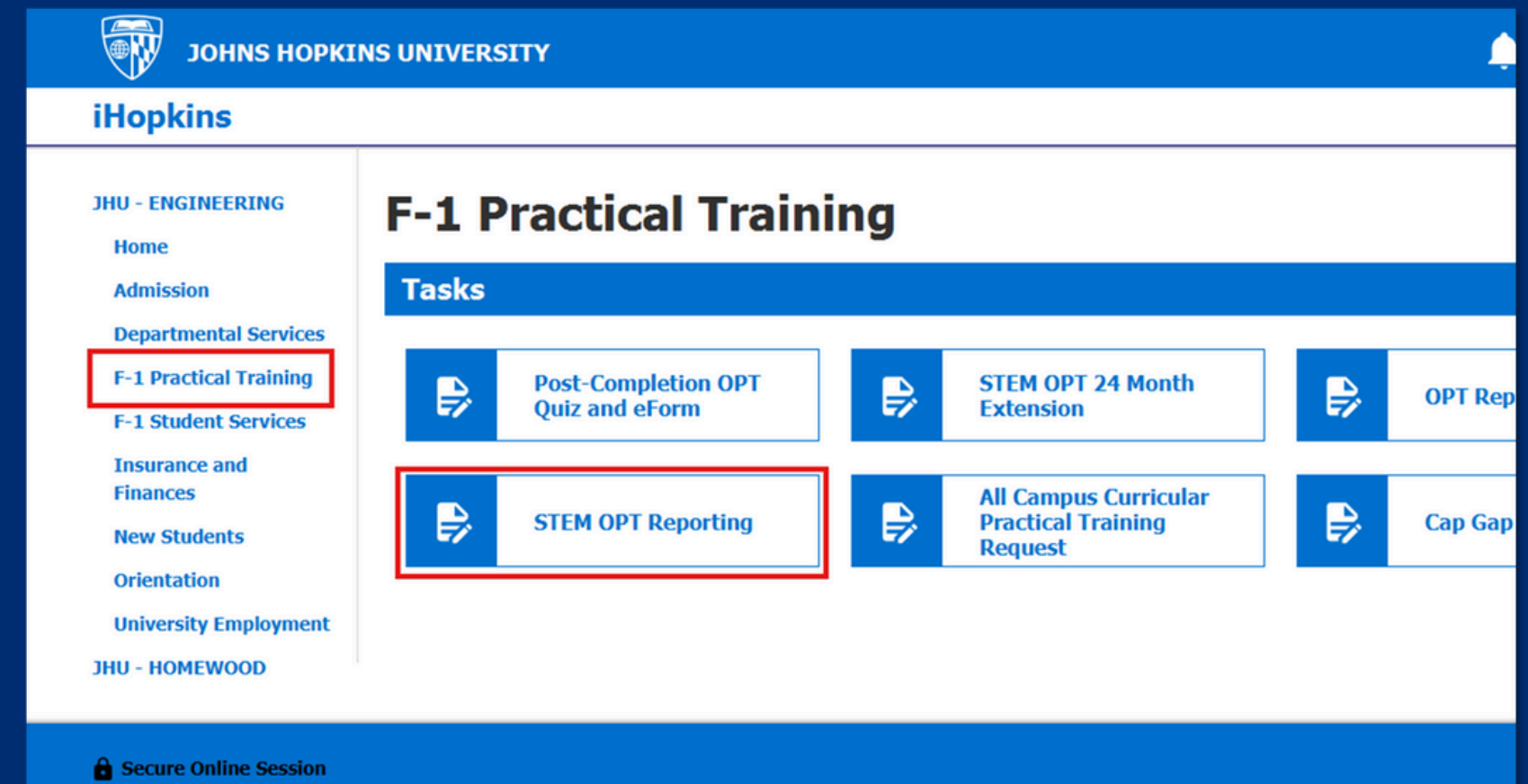
- Change nonimmigrant status through USCIS filing (H-1b, F-2, L-1, Permanent Resident, etc.)

After a STEM Extension - Departing the U.S.

During the 60-day grace period, a student may choose to depart the U.S. and end their F-1 status.



- Submit STEM Extension reporting eForm via iHopkins to provide Form I-983 final evaluation
- Depart within the 60-day grace period



The screenshot shows the iHopkins portal interface for Johns Hopkins University. The header includes the university logo and name. The main content area is titled "F-1 Practical Training" and lists several tasks. The "F-1 Practical Training" link in the left sidebar and the "STEM OPT Reporting" task in the main content area are highlighted with red boxes.

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F-1 Practical Training

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- STEM OPT 24 Month Extension
- OPT Rep
- STEM OPT Reporting**
- All Campus Curricular Practical Training Request
- Cap Gap

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After a STEM Extension - Change of Level

During the 60-day grace period, a student may choose to begin a new degree program at Johns Hopkins University.



- Submit a “Change of Level” eForm via iHopkins
- New Form I-20 must be generated within the 60-day grace period
- New academic program must begin within 5 months of STEM Extension EAD end date

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STEM Extensions automatically end when a student submits the check-in eForm for their new program at JHU if submitted before the STEM Extension EAD card end date.

After a STEM Extension - Transfer Out

During the 60-day grace period, a student may choose to transfer out and begin a new degree program at another university.



- Submit an “F-1 SEVIS Transfer Out” eForm via iHopkins
- SEVIS record must be released within the 60-day grace period
- New program at new school must begin within 5 months of STEM Extension EAD end date

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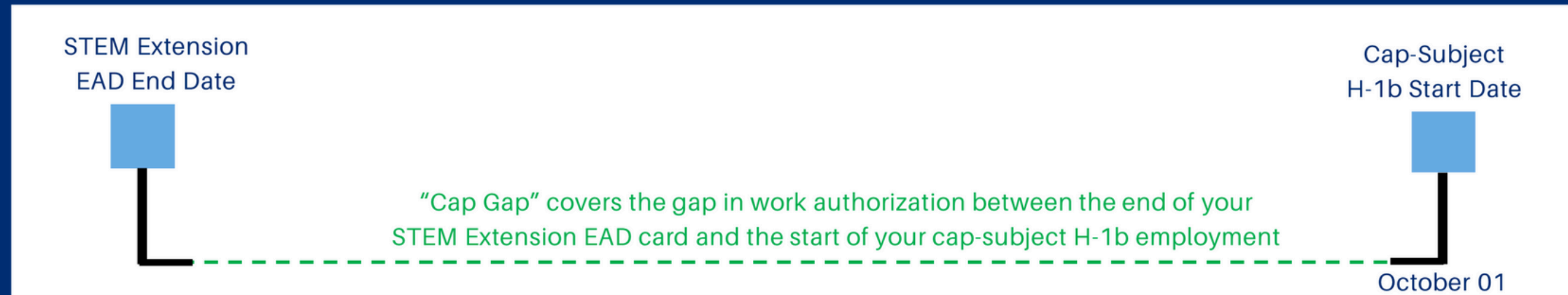
After a STEM Extension - H-1B “Cap Gap”

Your employer may wish to file an H-1B petition with you as the beneficiary. In such cases, it may be possible to further extend the 24-month STEM Extension period to cover the gap between the original STEM Extension EAD Card end date and the start date of a cap-subject H-1B (October 01).



Every April, OIS will begin an outreach campaign to those on the STEM Extension whose employers have filed a cap-subject H-1B petition.

After a STEM Extension - H-1B “Cap Gap”



All cap-subject H-1B employment begins on October 01. However, STEM Extension EAD Card end date may not grant authorization to work up to October 01.

The “Cap Gap” extension offers a way to cover the gap between the end date on the EAD Card and the start of the cap-subject H-1B (October 01).

After a STEM Extension - H-1B “Cap Gap”

“Cap Gap” extensions come in the form of a new Form I-20 which automatically extends employment authorization through September 30. A new EAD card is NOT required.

| EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|
| TYPE | FULL/PART-TIME | STATUS | START DATE | END DATE |
| POST-COMPLETION OPT | FULL TIME | APPROVED | 15 MAY 2020 | 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 |

| CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| REQUESTED VISA TYPE | REQUEST/PETITION STATUS | RECEIPT NUMBER | BENEFIT START DATE/REQUEST DATE |
| H1-B | PENDING | WAS3487093870 | |

COMMENT
F-1 status and employment authorization for this student have been automatically extended to September 30, 2021. The student is authorized to remain in the United States and continue employment with an expired employment authorization document. This is pursuant to 9 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(iv) and 9 CFR 274a.12(b)(4)(iv), as updated April 9, 2009 in a rule published in the Federal Register (73 FR 18944). Additional information about the automatic extension can be found on the Student and Exchange Visitor Program Website at www.ice.gov/sevis.

AUTHORIZED REDUCED COURSE LOAD

A new Form I-20 may be requested by students who qualify for a “Cap Gap” extension. To request a “Cap Gap” extension I-20, follow these steps:

- Submit a “Cap Gap I-20 Request” eForm via iHopkins
- Upload proof of the H-1B receipt or approval notice

The screenshot shows the Johns Hopkins University iHopkins portal. The main navigation menu on the left includes: Home, Departmental Services, F-1 Practical Training (highlighted with a red box), F-1 Student Services, Insurance and Finances, Orientation, and University Employment. The main content area is titled "F-1 Practical Training" and contains a "Tasks" section with five buttons: "Post-Completion OPT Quiz and eForm", "STEM OPT 24 Month Extension", "OPT Reporting Form", "STEM OPT Reporting", and "All Campus Curricular Practical Training Request". The "Cap Gap I-20 Request" button is highlighted with a red box.

After a STEM Extension - JHU Employees

JHU Employees: Johns Hopkins University is not subject to the H-1b cap.

Speak with your direct supervisor and Human Resources within your department about H-1b sponsorship at JHU.

JHU H-1b cases can be filed at any point in the calendar year, therefore the “cap gap” Form I-20 is unnecessary for JHU H-1b employment sponsorship.



Not all position at JHU qualify for H-1b sponsorship.

Hiring department must contact the H-1b advising team to discuss H-1b sponsorship.

The entire 24-month STEM Extension must be exhausted before JHU provides H-1b sponsorship.

Record Keeping Tips

We recommend that students keep diligent record of all employment records for future reference. Students may be asked to furnish documentation for future immigration benefits later in life. This includes:

- Copies of all Forms I-20 ever issued
- Copies of all Forms I-983 completed by you and employer
- Copies of employment offers/contracts with STEM Extension employers
- Copies of job descriptions with STEM Extension employers
- Evidence of projects with agencies/consultancy clients
- Copies of pay stubs and W-2 forms from STEM Extension employers
- Copies of all EAD cards issued by USCIS



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