OPT Extensions for STEM majors only.

Maintaining your status while on OPT Extension

What you must know and do:

**Note:** If your regular post-completion OPT expires after your STEM OPT application I-765 is properly and timely filed, your previous employment authorization is considered automatically extended for up to 180 days while the STEM EAD application is pending.
Travel:

You may travel and re-enter the U.S. once your OPT STEM extension is pending or approved. You will need an employment letter, a current signed I-20 with current employment information on it, and your previous EAD card or new STEM Extension EAD card.

**Reporting Requirements**

**General student reporting requirements**

During the 24-month STEM OPT extension, you must report within 10 days of any change of the following

- legal name
- residential or mailing address
- employer name
- employer address, and/or
- loss of employment
- Any substantial changes to your I-983 training plan
- Ending your OPT early

**Changes of address must be reported using your MyCLU account**

From the Cal Lutheran home page:

1. Go to MyCLU and enter your username and password
2. Click on WebAdvisor
3. Click on Students
4. Click on Address Change (top left corner)
5. Update "Local" Residential Address (physical presence location)

SEVIS will be automatically updated through our integrated system of your address change.

**To end your STEM OPT early** to return home or to pursue another academic program, please email international@callutheran.edu

**Employer reporting of termination or departure**

Employers of students granted the 24-month STEM OPT extension must also agree to report within 48 hours the termination or departure of a student if the termination or departure is prior to the end of the authorized period of OPT. The employer must make this report "to the DSO at the student's school or through any other means or process identified by DHS."
The regulation defines "departure" as follows: "when the employer knows the student has left the employment or if the student has not reported for work for a period of 5 consecutive business days without the consent of the employer, whichever comes earlier."

Email address is international@callutheran.edu

2 Required Reporting Times – every 6 months!

In a typical full 24-month STEM OPT extension, there will be four report due-dates:

1) 6 months after the STEM OPT employment start date – use the STEM OPT Reporting on the forms menu on the OISS website
2) 12 months after the STEM OPT employment start date and this one also requires the completion of the evaluation on the I-983. This is done using the STEM OPT Reporting on the forms menu on the OISS website
3) 18 months from STEM OPT employment start date - use the STEM OPT Reporting on the forms menu on the OISS website
4) 24 months after the STEM OPT employment start date and this one also requires the completion of the final evaluation on the I-983. This is done using the STEM OPT Reporting on the forms menu on the OISS website

The website address is https://international.callutheran.edu/

The DSO must update SEVIS no sooner than 15 days before and no later than 31 days after each due date

For you, those dates will be:

1: ______/_______/_______
2: ____/_______/_______ (plus I-983 evaluation downloaded through the OISS website https://international.callutheran.edu/)
3.____/_______/_______
4.____/_______/_______ (plus final I-983 evaluation downloaded through the OISS website https://international.callutheran.edu/)
**Changing Employers**

If you change employers during STEM OPT, an evaluation of the old position is immediately due no matter the date and a new I-983 Training Plan must be turned in and approved for the new employer before the new I-20 is issued. Downloaded both through the OISS website https://international.callutheran.edu/

**Failure to report**

Using the information provided by the student, if the PDSO/DSO does not report that the student is participating in the OPT Extension, or does not update the OPT Extension information within the reporting period, the student will automatically be set to Terminated status with a new reason of "Failure to Report while on OPT" 32 days after the reporting due date."