F-1 Student Request for 17-Month OPT Extension I-20
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F-1 Students participating in post-completion OPT may be eligible for one 17-month extension of the standard period of OPT. Eligibility requirements are:

- Currently participating in standard OPT
- Currently within 120 days of the standard OPT end date.
- Graduated with a degree from an eligible designated Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) program.
- Employment or an offer of employment with an E-Verify employer in a position related to the STEM field.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name:_______________________________ UT Tyler Student ID:_______________________________
Major:__________________________Degree: Bachelor's or Master’s Email:_______________________________

Are you in the last 120 days of your post completion OPT? _____ Yes _____No

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT TO THE ISSFS:

_____ Completed F-1 Student Request for 17-month OPT Extension I-20 form
_____ Completed I-765 form. See Instructions for Completing Form I-765 for 17-Month OPT Extension
_____ Copy of your current Optional Practical Training Employment Authorization Card
_____ Completed OPT Student Employment Report form.

STUDENT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

- I understand that it is my responsibility to determine if I am eligible for the 17-month OPT Extension.
- I understand that my 17-month OPT Extension start date will be the day after my current period of post-completion OPT ends and the end date will be 17 later.
- I understand that if my current period of post-completion OPT expires while my application is pending, I will receive an extension of work authorization up to 180 days during which I must meet the job requirements of the extension such as working for an E-Verify employer.
- I understand that in order to maintain F-1 status during my 17-month OPT Extension, I must not be unemployed for more than an aggregate of 120 days during the total 29 month (12 month standard + 17 month extension) OPT period.
- I understand that while on the 17-month Extension of OPT, I may only work for employer registered in E-Verify.
- I understand that while on the 17-month Extension of OPT, I must report any change of legal name, residential or mailing addresses, employer name and address, and/or loss of employment to the ISSFS.
- I understand that during my 17-month OPT Extension, I must make a validation report to the ISSFS every six months starting from the date the extension begins.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to receive my 17-month OPT Extension I-20 and mail it along with all the other required documents to the USCIS Service Center.
- If my 17-month OPT Extension Employment Authorization card is mailed to my address, I will provide a copy of it to the ISSFS as soon as I receive it.

Signature:_________________________________________ Date:__________________________