



Mid Florida Technological Institute

F-1 Student Optional Practical Training STEM Extension Request and Recommendation

Complete this form and submit to your International Student Advisor or the Designated School Official, along with the appropriate supporting documentation, for review and approval in order for a Form I-20 recommending an Optional Practical Training STEM Extension to be issued.

A. Student Information

Student Last / Family Name (printed) _____ Student First Name (printed) _____

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Student SEVIS ID Number _____ Student MFTI ID Number _____ Program Completion Date _____

U.S. Address _____ City / State / ZIP Code _____

U.S. Telephone Number _____ Email _____

B. Supporting Documentation

Please provide copies of the supporting documentation listed below to your International Student Advisor or the Designated School Official with this completed form.

- A copy of your current Employment Authorization Document authorizing your employment for currently approved Post-Completion Optional Practical Training.
- A copy of your offer of employment or letter from your employer confirming your current employment.

C. Employer Information

Please provide the name and address for the employer at which you will be employed during any approved Optional Practical Training STEM Extension. The employer must be a participant in good standing in the US Department of Homeland Security E-Verify program. It is the sole responsibility of the student to confirm that the employer listed is an eligible employer.

Job Title: _____

Start Date of Employment: _____

Employer/Business Name: _____

Employer/Business Address: _____

Employer Identification Number: _____

D. Supervisor Information

Supervisor Name (printed) _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

E. Related Coursework Comment

What skills have you learned in your MFTI degree program that will be used during your employment? Please explain how those skills will be implemented. Provide the job description and describe how it is related to your field of study.

F. Employment Related to Degree Program

Students authorized for employment through the use of Optional Practical Training are only authorized to engage in employment that is related to their degree program. It is the sole responsibility of the student to ensure that their employment is related to their degree program and to provide documented justification of this relationship upon request from the US Department of Homeland Security.

G. Student Reporting Requirements

Students authorized for employment through the use of Post-Completion Optional Practical Training must report to International Student Advisor or the Designated School Official, any change in employer (including the name and address of the employer) and any change in employment status to the International Student Advisor or the Designated School Official within, 10 days of the change.

H. Student Certification and Signature

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the instructions above. I understand that submission of this request is no guarantee of an approval for the issuance of a Form I-20 recommending Optional Practical Training STEM Extension.

I understand that the issuing of a Form I-20 recommending Optional Practical Training STEM Extension does not authorize me to engage in employment activities and that I must still apply for employment authorization with the US Department of Homeland Security. If I should engage in employment activities prior to receiving authorization from the US Department of Homeland Security, unless the employment has been authorized under different F-1 visa benefits, that my F-1 visa status will be terminated.

Student Signature

Date

This Section for Use By Designated School Official Only

I have reviewed this request, all supporting documentation and student eligibility requirements and hereby have made the decision below regarding the request for the issuing of a Form I-20 recommending an Optional Practical Training STEM Extension for the student noted above.

I understand that this decision does not constitute final approval of the request and that such final approval, if granted, will be provided in the form of an updated Form I-20 authorizing this request.

Application Accepted

Application Denied – Reason for Denial: _____

Designated School Official Name (printed)

Designated School Official Signature

Date