



## Request for HIO Recommendation

For STEM OPT based on a Prior Degree (F-1 Students)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security permits schools to recommend an extension of Optional Practical Training (OPT) for students in certain Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) major fields. While OPT must always be for the most recent degree earned, a STEM OPT extension can be recommended on the basis of a prior STEM-major degree earned from an accredited and SEVP-certified institution of higher education earned in the U.S. within the past 10 years.

This form will be used by Harvard University students to request a STEM OPT recommendation based on a prior degree, and to outline the evaluation process which the HIO will use to determine whether your prior degree meets the criteria for a STEM OPT recommendation. Final adjudication of a complete STEM OPT application (including an I-765 application for employment authorization, with application fee and supporting documents) will be made by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Please submit this form along with <u>required</u> supporting documentation to support your request. Documentation may vary, depending on your case.

First Name:   First Name:   Harvard ID Number:	your case.							
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