

24 - MONTH STEM OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (STEM OPT)

Application Process

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Request a recommendation for STEM OPT from ISSS at www.miami.edu/stemoptrequest

Earliest: 90 days before your OPT end date
Latest: 14 days before your OPT end date

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Receive I-20 with STEM OPT recommendation from ISSS and file Form I-765 with USCIS online with eligibility code C3C.

Do not file with USCIS until you have received the I-20 from ISSS. File with USCIS within 60 days of I-20 issue date and no later than your OPT end date.

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Receive Form I-797C Notice of Action (Receipt Notice)

Approximately 30 days after submission to USCIS

USCIS will mail your notice to the address provided on your Form I-765. Check for correctness and upload a copy at www.miami.edu/optdocs.

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Receive Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

Approximately 1.5 to 5 months after submission to USCIS

If STEM OPT is approved, USCIS will mail your EAD to the address provided on your Form I-765. Upload a copy of your EAD (front and back) at www.miami.edu/optdocs. ISSS will email a new I-20 to you.

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Comply with Reporting Requirements

ISSS will provide you with detailed instructions, and SEVP will send you periodic reminders.
