F-1 STEM OPT EXTENSION TIMELINE

END DATE ON I-20

90 days- number of days before OPT end date that you can apply for STEM extension

Window of time for USCIS to receive a STEM extension application

OPT END DATE

12 months from start date on Employment Authorization Document OR 14 months from I-20 program end date: last day for USCIS to receive STEM extension application

180 days- employment authorization continues while STEM extension is pending



24 months from start date on new Employment Authorization Document: STEM extension ends