24-MONTH: FILLING OUT YOUR I-983

INFORMATION ABOUT FORM I-983:

We may not recommend a student for STEM OPT if:

- Employer has not provided the required attestations
- The I-983 does not reflect compliance with the relevant reporting, evaluation and other STEM OPT extension requirements

When we review I-983’s for completeness, we will be looking for confirmation that the training plan:

- Explains how the training is directly related to the student’s qualifying STEM degree.
- Identifies goals for the STEM practical training opportunity, including specific knowledge, skills or techniques that will be imparted to the student and explains how those goals will be achieved through the work-based learning opportunity with the employer.
- Describes a performance evaluation process.
- Describes methods of oversight and supervision.

FILLING OUT SECTION 1 OF THE I-983:

- UMKC’s SEVIS School Code: KAN214F00636000
- Name of school recommending STEM OPT: University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Address of UMKC: 5000 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri 64110
- If your last name (surname) begins with the letters A-F or H-Z your DSO is: Jillian Gotfredson, 816-235-1113, gotfredsonj@umkc.edu.
- If your last name (surname) begins with the letter G, your DSO is: Tara McGuffin, 816-235-1113, mcguffint@umkc.edu

- STEM OPT Requested Period: The duration of your STEM OPT extension is based exclusively on your current OPT end date, regardless of whether the authorized dates match actual training dates.
- 24-Month Extension: For a student currently on 12-month OPT requesting a STEM OPT extension, the start date should be:
  - Start date = date immediately after your current 12-month OPT ends
  - End date = add 24 months from the start date determined above
- 7-month Extension: For a student currently on a 17-month STEM OPT extension requesting an additional 7 months for a maximum of 24-months in STEM OPT, the start date should be:
  - The day after your current 17-month OPT ends and the end date 7 months after the start date.

PLEASE REVIEW USCIS’ I-983 INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

CHANGE EMPLOYERS WHILE STEM OPT APPLICATION IS PENDING?

If you would like to change employers but your STEM application is still pending, you will need to submit the following documents to USCIS:

- Updated I-20 (use the Employer Update Form found here: http://info.umkc.edu/ISAO/current-students/opt/)
- Amended form I-765 with updated employer/e-verify number
- Receipt notice from the first form I-765 submitted
- A letter very clearly explaining why you are submitting a revised I-765. Include your name and SEVIS ID.
- Updated I-983 form