**STEM Extension Updates**

The International Center is advising all students that are STEM eligible and currently on Post-Completion OPT to apply for the 17-month STEM extension as normal (120 days before Post-Completion OPT end date). The new OPT STEM Extension rule will be effective on May 10, 2016.

**Students with STEM OPT Applications Pending on May 10, 2016**

Students with an application still pending with USCIS on May 10, 2016 will likely receive a Request Further Evidence (RFE) asking that the student submit the remaining documentation required by DHS for the 24-month extension. See more [here](#).

**Students with Existing 17-Month STEM OPT EAD Cards on May 10, 2016**

In order to qualify for the 7-month extension (to advance from 17-month to 24-month), students must have at least 150 calendar days remaining before the end of the student’s 17-month OPT period at the time the new Form I-765 is filed, and must otherwise meet all requirements of 24-month extension. See more [here](#).

The I-Center has no further information.

For more information please visit the [Study in the States](#) website.