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**Optional Practical Training
STEM Extension Request**

To be completed by STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) degree holder who is currently on a 12-month period of OPT

(Family/Last) _____ (Given/First) _____ (Middle) _____

Major (s) _____

Date of Birth Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Date of STEM degree completion: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Current OPT End Date Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Residential Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Employer's Name _____

Employer's Address _____

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

- I understand the 17-month OPT STEM extension information provided to me.
- I have not previously received a 17-month OPT extension after earning the STEM degree. I have maintained valid F-1 status since I began my study at Manchester University.
- My employment is directly related to the qualifying STEM degree/field list.
- I understand it is not advisable to change employers while the OPT STEM extension is pending with USCIS and I will consult with an immigration attorney regarding the effect of changing to an employer not named on the I-765 form.
- I understand that while on the 17-month STEM extension, I am only allowed to be employed by employers who are registered with E-Verify.
- I understand I must report to the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Manchester University (OMA@manchester.edu) any change to the following within 10 days:
 - Legal name change
 - Mailing or residential address Employer name, address
 - Employment change or loss of employment
- I understand I am to make a validation report to the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Manchester University (OMA@Manchester.edu) every six (6) months starting from the date the extension begins and ending when my F-1 status ends. I must contact OMA if I change educational levels or transfer to another school. The validation report is a confirmation my name & address, employer name & address and/or loss of employment are current and accurate.
- I understand accruing an aggregate of more than 120 days of unemployment during the total 29-month OPT period will result in violation of the requirements to remain in valid F-1 status.

Student's signature _____ Date _____