

# STEM OPT Extension I-765 Guide International Student Services



# Form I-765: Application for Employment Authorization

The I-765 is an application with USCIS. If approved, you will receive a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card for your STEM OPT period.

- Submit the I-765 **after you receive your STEM OPT I-20 from ISS.**
  - You must submit your I-765 **within 60 days** of receiving your STEM OPT I-20.
- The final deadline to submit the I-765 is the last day of your Post-Completion OPT period
- Apply online or by paper.
  - ISS highly recommends you file online.
- Review the [ISS STEM OPT Extension webpage](#) for information regarding the OPT application process and timeline.
- If you are applying for Post-Completion OPT, please refer to the Post-Completion OPT I-765 guide.

# Disclaimer



- This is a general guide for the Form I-765.
- It is your responsibility to ensure your I-765 is completed correctly and accurately.
- It is your responsibility to submit the Form I-765 to USCIS before the deadline.
- **Following this guide does not guarantee approval of your OPT by USCIS and should not be construed as legal advice.**
- Please read the USCIS I-765 instructions [HERE](#).





Accessing the I-765



# Access your USCIS Account

- Visit <https://myaccount.uscis.gov/>.
- Log in using your existing USCIS account credentials.
  - If you forgot your password, click “Forgot Password”.
- If you are unable to access your existing USCIS account, you can use [these USCIS resources](#).

## Sign In

Email Address \*

Password \*

[Forgot Password?](#)

☐ Show Password

Sign In

Don't have a USCIS online account?





[Create an account](#)

[Didn't receive confirmation instructions?](#)

# Access myUSCIS

Welcome to your USCIS Account

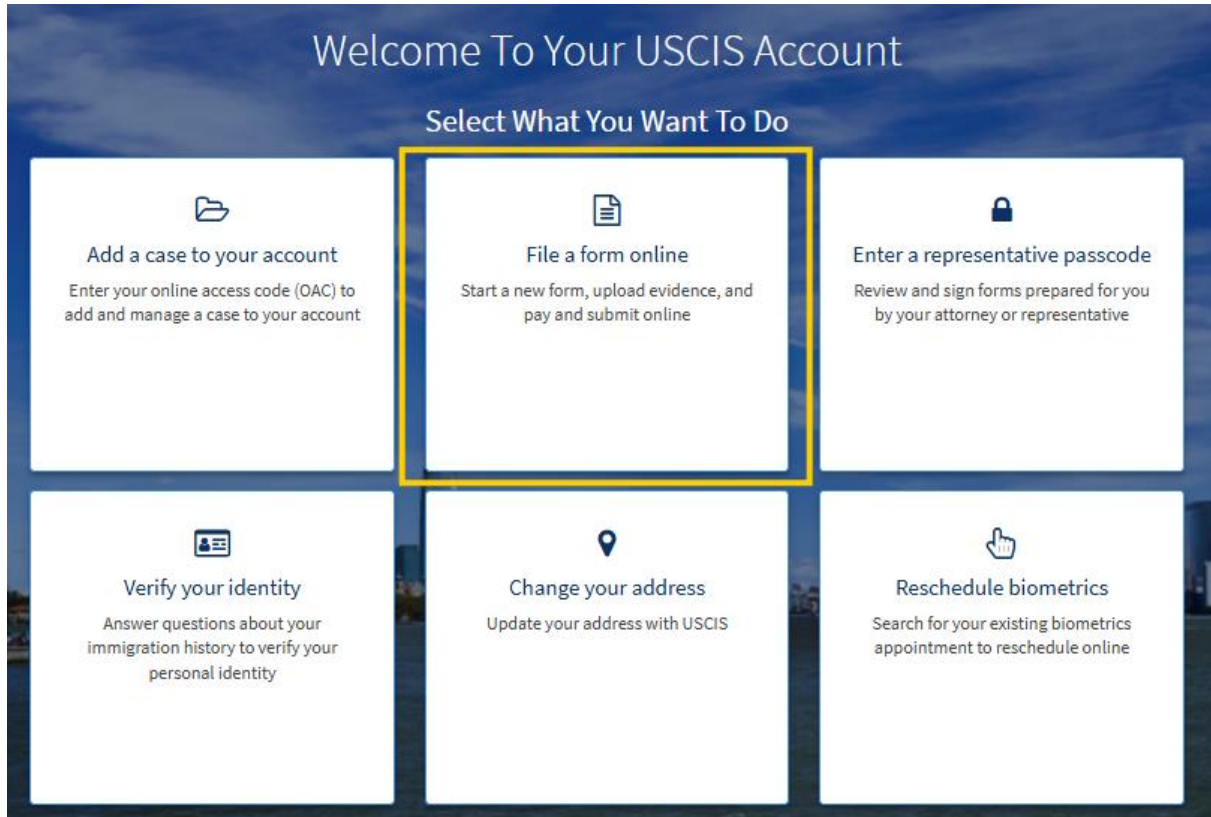
Please select what you want to do.

<b>Edit My Account Profile</b>	Editing your profile includes making changes to your email, password, phone number, security questions, or the two-step verification method and backup code. <a href="#">Edit My Account</a>	 Apply for immigration benefits, find tools and resources to assist in preparation for naturalization, and search for doctors in your local community. <a href="#">Go to myUSCIS</a>
 Submit, manage and receive Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. <a href="#">Go to FIRST</a>	 Confirm your records for employment eligibility, track E-Verify or Self-Check case status, and protect your identity by locking your Social Security Number (SSN) <a href="#">Go to myE-Verify</a>	
 E-Verify+ is only for newly hired employees contacted by their employer to complete the Employment Eligibility		

- Click “Go to myUSCIS”.
- “myUSCIS” is where you can file online applications with USCIS.

# Start your Application

- Click “File a form online”



Welcome To Your USCIS Account

Select What You Want To Do

- Add a case to your account**  
Enter your online access code (OAC) to add and manage a case to your account
- File a form online**  
Start a new form, upload evidence, and pay and submit online
- Enter a representative passcode**  
Review and sign forms prepared for you by your attorney or representative
- Verify your identity**  
Answer questions about your immigration history to verify your personal identity
- Change your address**  
Update your address with USCIS
- Reschedule biometrics**  
Search for your existing biometrics appointment to reschedule online

- Select “I-765, Application for Employment Authorization”.
- Select “(c)(3)(C) STEM Extension”.

Select the form you want to file online

I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

What is your eligibility category?

If your eligibility category is not listed in the drop down menu, you can submit a paper form by mail.

(c)(3)(C) STEM Extension

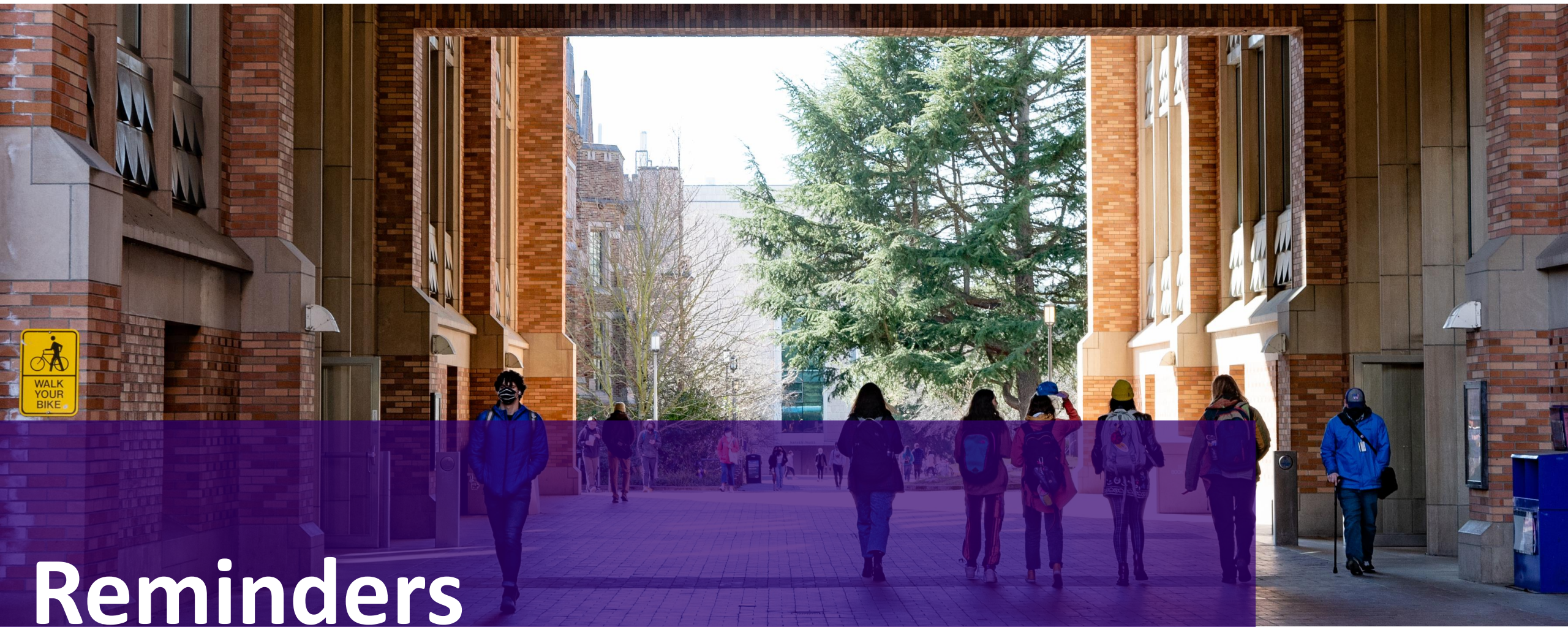
Use this form to request employment authorization and an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) if your immigration status allows you to work in the United States.

**Note:** You may apply online if your eligibility category is:

- (a)(12) - Temporary Protected Status (You are submitting an initial Form I-821 or you have an approved Form I-821);
- (c)(3)(A) - F-1 student, pre-completion OPT;
- (c)(3)(B) - F-1 student, post-completion OPT;
- (c)(3)(C) - F-1 student, 24-month extension for STEM students (students holding a degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics);
- (c)(8) - Applicants for Asylum under the ABC Settlement Agreement;
- (c)(8) - Application for Employment Authorization Based on Pending Form I-589, Application for Asylum or for Withholding of Removal;
- (c)(11) - Parole;
- (c)(19) - Temporary Protected Status (You have a pending Form I-821); or
- (c)(33) - Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) (You must have a pending or approved Form I-821D in order to file Form I-765).

All other applicants must submit a paper [Form I-765](#).



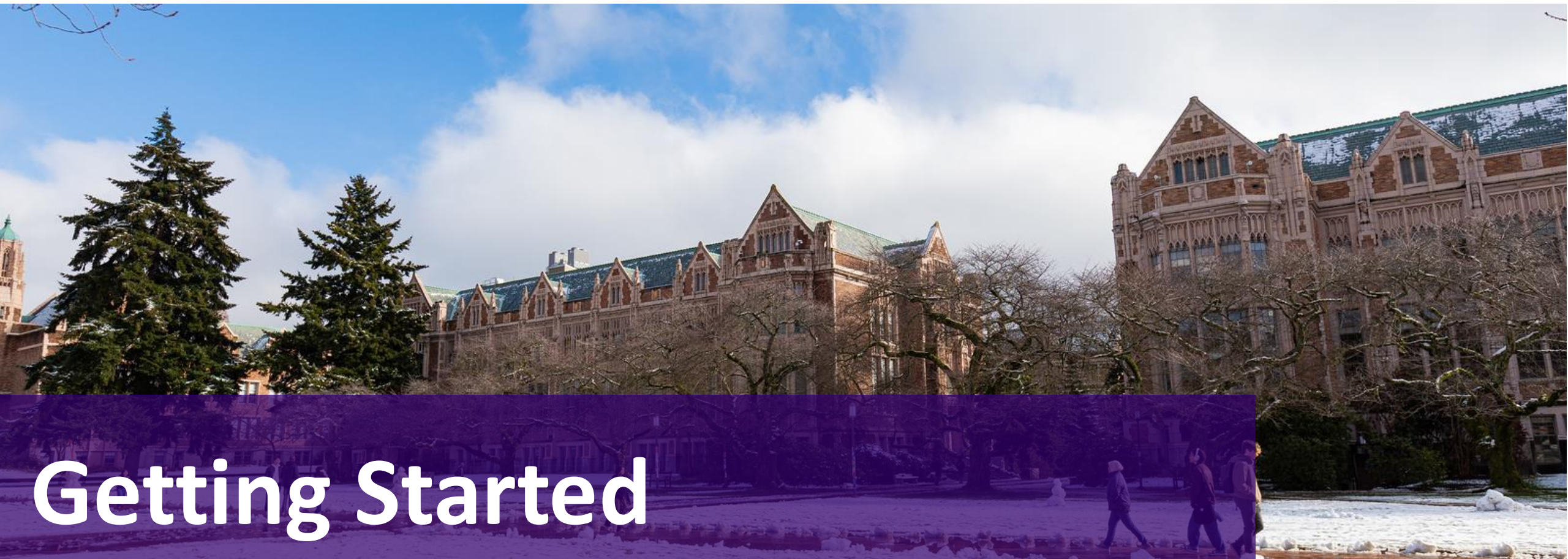


Reminders



# Keep in Mind

- **You must have your STEM OPT I-20 from ISS before submitting the I-765.**
  - You must submit your I-765 within 60 days of receiving your STEM OPT I-20.
- You must be **physically inside the U.S.** when submitting the I-765.
- ISS recommends you include all information that is applicable to you.
  - Even if it is not marked with an asterisk (\*).
- If you do not work on your I-765 draft for more than 30 days, USCIS will delete it.
- The final step in the I-765 is to pay the application fee. Do not pay the I-765 fee if you are not ready to submit your application to USCIS. You can find the most up-to-date fee information [HERE](#).



# Getting Started



# Getting Started: Basis of eligibility

- Select “(c)(3)(C) STEM Extension”.
- Write your degree as stated on your official transcript.
- Provide your employer details.
- Premium Processing
  - Premium Processing is optional.
  - If you want premium processing, you can choose to apply for it when you submit your I-765 or add it later while your I-765 is pending.
  - If you choose to apply for premium when submitting the I-765, you will pay the I-765 fee and premium processing fee together.
  - View the premium processing fee information [HERE](#).

The screenshot shows the 'Basis of eligibility' section of a USCIS online application. On the left is a navigation menu with options: 'Getting Started', 'Basis of eligibility' (selected), 'Reason for applying', 'Preparer and interpreter information', 'About You', 'Evidence', 'Additional information', and 'Review and Submit'. The main content area has the heading 'What is your eligibility category? \*'. Below this is a warning box stating that online filing is only for certain categories and that those not on the drop-down list must file a paper Form I-765. A dropdown menu is set to '(c)(3)(C) STEM Extension'. Below this are three text input fields for 'What is your degree?', 'What is your employer's name as listed in E-Verify?', and 'What is your employer's E-Verify company identification number or a valid E-Verify client company identification number?'. The last field has a note: 'Provide a 4 to 7-digit employer identification number.' At the bottom, there is a question 'Would you like to request Premium Processing Service?' with explanatory text about the service and radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'.

Getting Started ^

Basis of eligibility

Reason for applying

Preparer and interpreter information

About You v

Evidence v

Additional information v

Review and Submit v

What is your eligibility category? \*

You can file your request online only for certain eligibility categories. If your eligibility category does not appear on the drop-down list, you must file a paper Form I-765. If you submit online and are not eligible for one of the listed categories, your application may be denied.

(c)(3)(C) STEM Extension v

What is your degree?

What is your employer's name as listed in E-Verify?

What is your employer's E-Verify company identification number or a valid E-Verify client company identification number?

Provide a 4 to 7-digit employer identification number.

Would you like to request Premium Processing Service?

Premium Processing Service guarantees that USCIS will take one of several possible actions (issue an approval notice, a denial notice, a notice of intent to deny, or a request for evidence or open an investigation for fraud or misrepresentation) on your Form I-765 within 30 days.

If you request premium processing, you will be asked to complete the Form I-907 after you sign your Form I-765. You will then be able to pay for and submit both forms at the same time.

☐ Yes

☐ No

# Getting Started: Reason for Applying

The screenshot shows a web form interface. On the left is a vertical sidebar with a list of steps: 'Getting Started' (expanded), 'Basis of eligibility', 'Reason for applying' (current step), 'Preparer and interpreter information', 'About You', 'Evidence', 'Additional Information', and 'Review and Submit'. The main content area has the heading 'What is your reason for applying? \*'. Below this are three radio button options: 'Initial permission to accept employment', 'Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged employment authorization document or correction of my employment authorization document NOT DUE to US Citizenship and Immigration Services error', and 'Renewal of permission to accept employment' (which is selected). A horizontal line separates this from the next question, 'Have you previously filed Form I-765?'. Below this are two radio button options: 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. At the bottom are two buttons: 'Back' and 'Next'.

Getting Started ^

Basis of eligibility

Reason for applying

Preparer and interpreter information

About You v

Evidence v

Additional Information v

Review and Submit v

What is your reason for applying? \*

☐ Initial permission to accept employment

☐ Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged employment authorization document or correction of my employment authorization document NOT DUE to US Citizenship and Immigration Services error

☒ Renewal of permission to accept employment

Have you previously filed Form I-765?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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## Reason for Applying:

- Select "Renewal".
- Replacement: If you were authorized for STEM OPT, but your EAD was lost, stolen, damaged, or needs to be corrected.

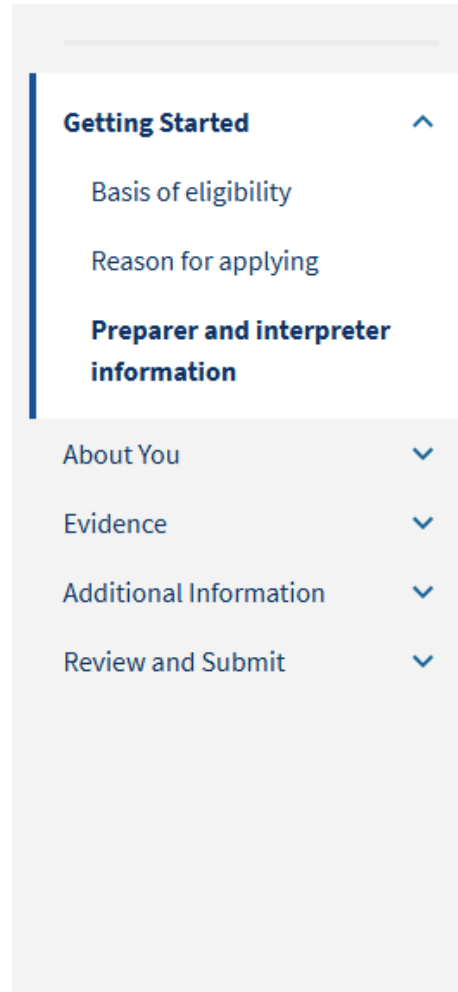
## Previously Filed Form I-765:

- Select "Yes".



# Getting Started: Preparer and Interpreter

- If someone is helping you complete your application, you will need to enter information about them.



A screenshot of a sidebar menu from a web application. The menu is light gray with a blue vertical bar on the left. It contains several items: 'Getting Started' with an upward arrow, 'Basis of eligibility', 'Reason for applying', 'Preparer and interpreter information' (which is bolded and has a blue bar to its left), 'About You' with a downward arrow, 'Evidence' with a downward arrow, 'Additional Information' with a downward arrow, and 'Review and Submit' with a downward arrow.

- Getting Started ^
- Basis of eligibility
- Reason for applying
- Preparer and interpreter information**
- About You v
- Evidence v
- Additional Information v
- Review and Submit v

You must complete all items that are indicated by a blue dot.

Is someone assisting you with completing this application?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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# About You



Getting Started

About You

Your name

Your contact information

Describe yourself

When and where you were born

Your immigration information

Other information

Evidence

Additional Information

Review and Submit

What is your current legal name?

Your current legal name is the name on your birth certificate, unless it changed after birth by a legal action such as marriage or court order. Do not provide any nicknames here.

Given name (first name)

Middle name

Family name (last name) \*

Have you used any other names since birth?

Other names used may include nicknames, aliases, and maiden names.

Yes

No

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Next

# About You: Your Name

- Type in your name as it appears on your I-20.
- If you have used any other names on official records, please include those (i.e., maiden names, preferred names).

# About You:

## Contact Information

- Provide your contact information.
- Your EAD card and any notices will be sent to the mailing address on file. Please use a secure address that will be valid throughout your I-765 processing.
- “In Care of Name”
  - If you are not physically residing at the mailing address, indicate the name of the person who is.
- If your mailing address and physical address are different, provide your current physical address here.

### What is your current U.S. mailing address?

We will use your current mailing address to contact you throughout the application process. We may not be able to contact you if you do not provide a complete and valid address. Please provide a U.S. address only.

In care of name (if any)

Address line 1 \*

Street number and name

Address line 2

Apartment, suite, unit, or floor

City or town \*

State \*

ZIP code \*

Provide a 5 or 9-digit ZIP code.

Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No



# About You: Describe Yourself

- Provide your gender and marital status.

Getting Started 

**About You** 

Your name


Your contact information

**Describe yourself**


When and where you were born

Your immigration information

Other information

Evidence 

Additional Information 

Review and Submit 

What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

What is your marital status?

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed

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# About You: When and Where you Were Born

- Provide your location of birth as indicated on your birth certificate.
- If the country's name has changed or no longer exists, select the name of the country as it was named when you were born. If that name is not listed, select the name of the country as it is today.
- Date of Birth: Use the U.S. date formatting (Month/Day/Year)

Getting Started

About You

Your name

Your contact information

Describe yourself

When and where you were born

Your immigration information

Other information

Evidence

Additional Information

Review and Submit

What is your city, town, or village of birth?

What is your state or province of birth?

What is your country of birth?

What is your date of birth? \*

MM/DD/YYYY

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Getting Started



About You



Your name

Your contact information

Describe yourself

When and where you were born

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Additional Information



Review and Submit



What is your country of citizenship or nationality?

List all countries where you are currently a citizen or national.

+ Add country

What is your Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number (if any)?

Provide an 11 character I-94 Number.

When did you last arrive in the United States?

List your arrival date, place of arrival, and status at arrival.

Date of arrival (on or about)

Place of arrival

Status at last arrival

# About You: Your Immigration Information

- List all countries you are a citizen or national of.
- Follow the steps outlined [HERE](#) to get your I-94.
  - If you did an in-country change of status and have not left the country since, your most recent I-94 will be on the bottom of your approval notice.
- Use your I-94 record/travel history to fill out your most recent arrival information.

# About You: Your Immigration Information

What is the passport number of your most recently issued passport?

What is your travel document number (if any)?

What is the expiration date of your passport or travel document?

What country issued your passport or travel document?

What is your current immigration status or category?

What is your Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number (if any)?

Use the "Additional Information" section to include all previously used SEVIS numbers.

Provide a 10, 11, or 12-digit SEVIS number.

- Provide your most recent passport information.
- Travel Document Number
  - Most students do not have a travel document number. If you do not, skip this question.
- Current Immigration Status or Category
  - Select "F-1".
- Your SEVIS Number is written at the top of your I-20.



# About You: Other Information

- Provide the USCIS# written on your Post-Completion OPT EAD card.
- If you do not know your USCIS Online Account Number, please indicate that.
- If you do not have an SSN, ISS recommends you select "Yes".
  - If you select "Yes", you will be prompted to provide your parent's names.

The screenshot shows the 'About You' section of a USCIS form. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with the following items: 'Getting Started' (with a dropdown arrow), 'About You' (with an up arrow), 'Your name', 'Your contact information', 'Describe yourself', 'When and where you were born', 'Your immigration information', 'Other information', 'Evidence' (with a dropdown arrow), 'Additional Information' (with a dropdown arrow), and 'Review and Submit' (with a dropdown arrow). Three black arrows originate from the text on the left and point to the form: one points to the 'Describe yourself' section, another points to the 'What is your USCIS Online Account Number?' section, and a third points to the 'Has the Social Security Administration (SSA) ever officially issued a Social Security card to you?' section.

**What is your A-Number?**

☐ I do not have or know my A-Number.

A-

Provide a 7, 8, or 9-digit number. If the A-Number is fewer than 9 digits, the system will automatically add zero(s) after the "A" and before the first digit so there is a total of 9 digits, for example: A-001234567.

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**What is your USCIS Online Account Number?**

Providing your unique USCIS Online Account Number (OAN) helps us manage your account. You may already have an OAN if you previously filed certain paper forms and received an Account Access Notice in the mail. You can find the OAN at the top of the notice; it is not the same as an A-Number.

☐ I do not have or know my USCIS Online Account Number.

Provide a 12-digit Online Account Number.

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**Has the Social Security Administration (SSA) ever officially issued a Social Security card to you?**

☐ Yes

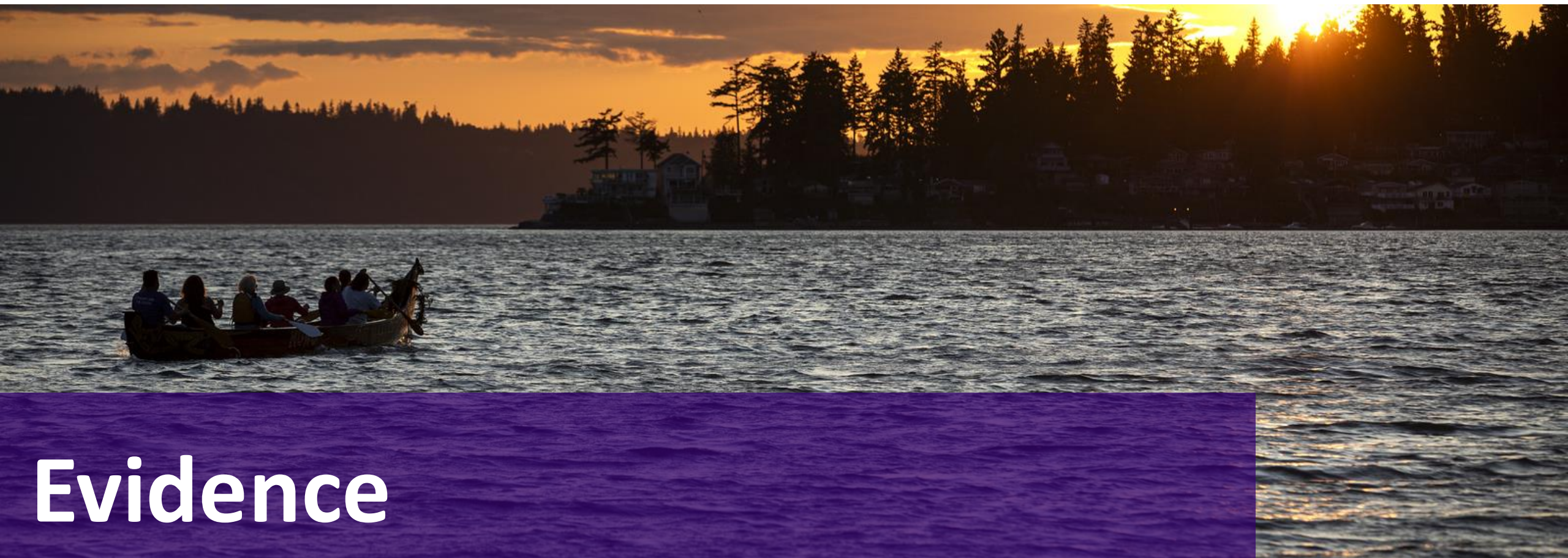
☐ No

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**Do you want the SSA to issue you a Social Security card?**

☐ Yes

☐ No



**Evidence**



Getting Started

About You

Evidence

2" x 2" photo of you

Form I-94 or passport

Employment Authorization Document

Form I-20

College degree

Institution accreditation

Additional Information

Review and Submit

2" X 2" Photo Of You

Upload a recent color photograph of yourself that measures 2 inches by 2 inches, with your face measuring 1 inch to 1 3/8 inch from your chin to the top of your head. Your eyes should be between 1 1/8 inch and 1 3/8 inch from the bottom of the photo.

Make sure your whole face is visible, you are facing the camera directly, and the background is white or off-white. Your head must be bare, unless contrary to your religious beliefs.

If you need help understanding the photo requirements or want to resize, rotate, or crop your photo, you can use the Department of State's [photo composition tools](#). Please note that we cannot approve your application without your photo.

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PNG
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Upload no more than one document at a time
- Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 12MB per file

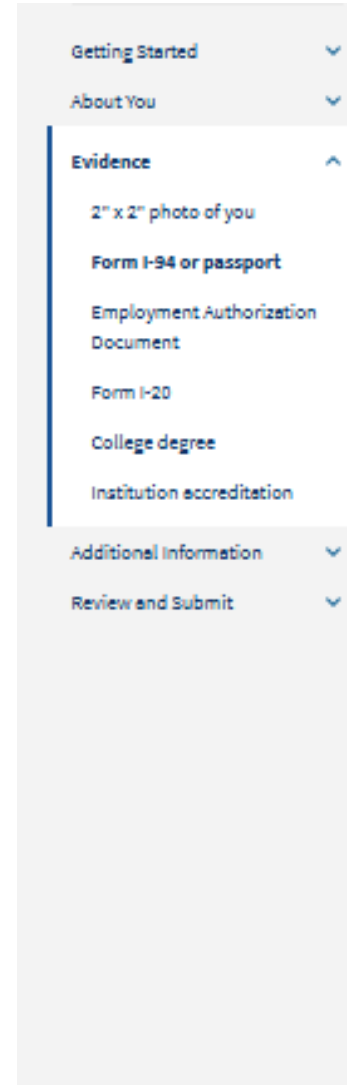
Choose or drop files here to upload

## Evidence: 2 x 2 Photo

- Your photo should be recent (taken within the last 30 days).
- The photo must meet [USCIS standards](#).
  - As of December 12, 2025, USCIS accepts only photographs taken at an Application Support Center (ASC) during a Biometrics Services Appointment (BSA), or by other USCIS-authorized entities.
  - If your submitted photo does not meet their requirements, you may receive a request to attend a Biometrics Services Appointment at an ASC.

# Evidence: Form I-94 or Passport

- Provide your I-94 and/or a photo of your passport (the biographical page).

A screenshot of the USCIS Evidence upload page. The page has a light gray sidebar on the left with a menu. The menu items are: 'Getting Started' (with a downward arrow), 'About You' (with a downward arrow), 'Evidence' (with an upward arrow and a blue highlight bar to its left), 'Employment Authorization Document', 'Form I-20', 'College degree', 'Institution accreditation', 'Additional Information' (with a downward arrow), and 'Review and Submit' (with a downward arrow). Under the 'Evidence' section, there are links for '2" x 2" photo of you', 'Form I-94 or passport', 'Employment Authorization Document', 'Form I-20', 'College degree', and 'Institution accreditation'. The main content area on the right is white and contains text about uploading evidence, including a list of acceptable documents and instructions on how to obtain a replacement Form I-94.

## Form I-94, Arrival And Departure Record Or Passport

Upload a copy of one of the following:

- Your Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record (front and back);
- A printout of your electronic Form I-94; or
- Your passport or other travel document.

If you were admitted to the United States by CBP at an airport or seaport after April 30, 2013, CBP may have issued you an electronic Form I-94 instead of a paper Form I-94. You may visit the [CBP website](#) to obtain a paper version of an electronic Form I-94. CBP does not charge a fee for this service. Some travelers admitted to the United States at a land border, airport, or seaport, after April 30, 2013, with a passport or travel document, who were issued a paper Form I-94 by CBP, may also be able to obtain a replacement Form I-94 from the CBP website without charge.

If your Form I-94 cannot be obtained from the CBP website, it may be obtained by filing [Form I-102, Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record](#), with USCIS. USCIS does charge a fee for this service. For specific information about fees applicable to this form, [see Form G-1033](#).

If you do not have and cannot get a required document, you must demonstrate this and provide secondary evidence. If secondary evidence does not exist or is unavailable, you must demonstrate both the unavailability of the required document and the relevant secondary evidence and submit two or more sworn affidavits by people not named on this application who have direct knowledge of the event and circumstances.

[Learn more about Primary and Secondary evidences.](#)

### File requirements

- Clear and readable

# Evidence: Employment Authorization Document

Getting Started

About You

Evidence

Employment Authorization Document

Additional Information

Review and Submit

2" x 2" photo of you

Form I-94 or passport

Form I-20

College degree

Institution accreditation

Employment Authorization Document Or Government ID

Upload a copy of your last Employment Authorization document (EAD) (front and back). If you were not previously issued an EAD, you must upload a copy of a government-issued identity document (such as a passport) showing your picture, name, and date of birth; a birth certificate with photo ID; a visa issued by a foreign consulate; or a national ID document with photo and/or fingerprint. The identity document photocopy must clearly show your facial features and contain your biographical information.

File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF or TIFF
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Upload no more than five documents at a time
- Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 12MB per file

Choose or drop files here to upload

- Provide your Post-Completion OPT EAD card.
- If you have had multiple EADs in the past, provide photos of all of them.



# Evidence: Form I-20

- Upload your **STEM OPT I-20** from ISS.
- Reminders!
  - You need to sign page 1 by hand.
  - You must apply to USCIS within 60 days of receiving your STEM OPT I-20.
  - Make sure page 2 includes the STEM OPT recommendation from ISS (see example below).



Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status  
OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: [REDACTED] (F-1)

NAME: [REDACTED]

## EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

TYPE	FULL/PART-TIME	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE
POST-COMPLETION OPT	FULL TIME	APPROVED	16 MARCH 2020	15 MARCH 2021
STEM OPT	FULL TIME	REQUESTED	16 MARCH 2021	15 MARCH 2023

## I-20, Certificate Of Eligibility For Nonimmigrant Student Status

**Important information regarding your Form I-20**

Do **NOT** submit this form until you receive a Form I-20 recommendation from your DSO. We will deny your application if you do not include your Form I-20 recommendation when you submit Form I-765. If you need to provide Form I-765 to your DSO, print or download this draft before you submit.

Upload a copy of the Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status endorsed by the Designated School Official (DSO). For the (c)(3)(B) eligibility category, your DSO must have entered the recommendation for OPT into your SEVIS record within 30 days of you submitting Form I-765. If you fail to do so, we will deny your OPT request. For the (c)(3)(C) eligibility category, the Form I-20 must have been endorsed by the DSO within 60 days of submitting Form I-765.

## File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF or TIFF
- No encrypted or password-protected files
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Getting Started	▼
About You	▼
<b>Evidence</b>	▲
2" x 2" photo of you	
Form I-94 or passport	
Employment Authorization Document	
Form I-20	
<b>College degree</b>	
Institution accreditation	
Additional Information	▼
Review and Submit	▼

### College Degree

Upload evidence the degree that is the basis for the STEM OPT extension is in one of the degree programs currently listed on the [STEM Designated Degree Program List](#) or a copy of your prior STEM degree.

#### File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF or TIFF
- No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Upload no more than five documents at a time
- Accepted file name characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 12MB per file

Choose or drop files here to upload

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# Evidence: College Degree

- Upload your diploma and/or transcript showing your STEM degree.
  - An unofficial transcript is okay.

# Evidence: Institution Accreditation

- If you are applying for STEM OPT based on your most recent degree earned from UW, leave this section blank.
- If you are applying for STEM OPT with a previously earned STEM degree, you must upload an accreditation letter from the school where you earned that degree.

Getting Started

About You

**Evidence**

Additional Information

Review and Submit

2" x 2" photo of you

Form I-94 or passport

Employment Authorization Document

Form I-20

College degree

**Institution accreditation**

## Institution Accreditation

Upload evidence that the institution that granted your STEM degree is currently accredited by the U.S. Department of Education and certified by the Student Exchange and Visitor Program (SEVP), if this STEM OPT extension is based on a previously earned STEM degree.

### File requirements

- Clear and readable
- Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF or TIFF
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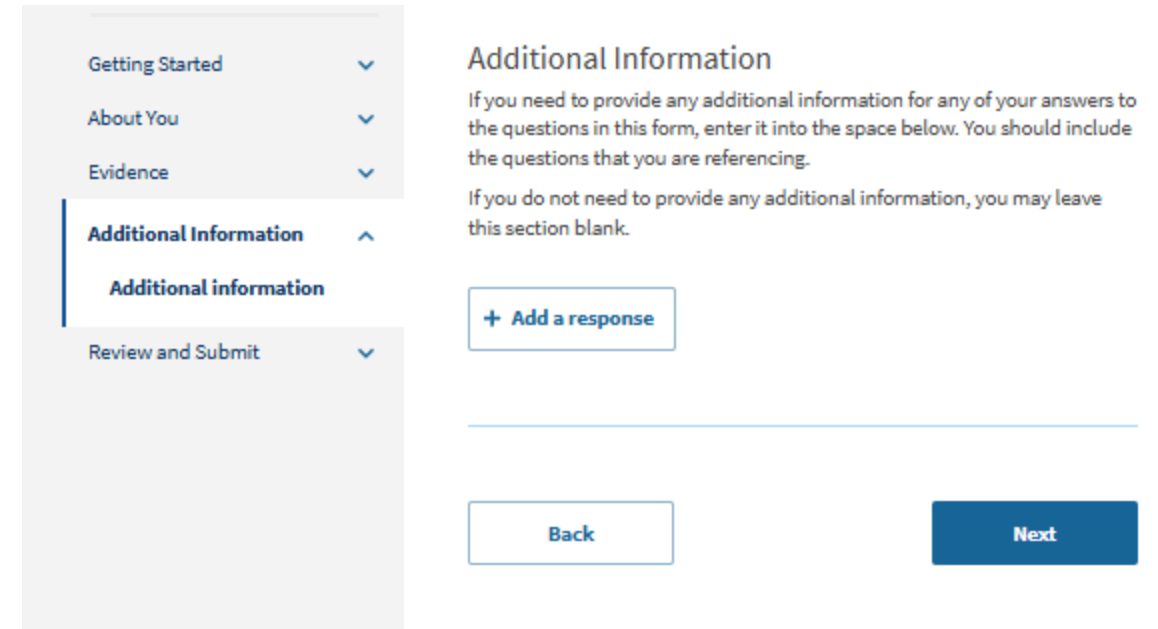




# Final Steps

# Additional Information

- If you need to provide any additional details regarding a previous answer in the I-765, you may provide that information here.



The screenshot shows a sidebar on the left with a list of sections: 'Getting Started', 'About You', 'Evidence', 'Additional Information' (highlighted with a blue bar and an upward arrow), and 'Review and Submit'. The main content area is titled 'Additional Information' and contains two paragraphs of instructions. The first paragraph states that if additional information is needed for any answers, it should be entered in this space, including references to specific questions. The second paragraph states that if no additional information is needed, the section can be left blank. Below the text is a button labeled '+ Add a response'. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Back' and 'Next'.

Getting Started ▼

About You ▼

Evidence ▼

**Additional Information** ▲

Additional information

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### Additional Information

If you need to provide any additional information for any of your answers to the questions in this form, enter it into the space below. You should include the questions that you are referencing.

If you do not need to provide any additional information, you may leave this section blank.

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Check your application before you submit

Please review your application and check it for accuracy and completeness before you submit it.

We encourage you to provide as many responses as you can throughout the application. Missing or incomplete information may slow down the review process after you submit your application.

You can return to this page to review your application as many times as you want before you submit it.

Your fee

Your form filing fee is: \$470

Refund Policy: USCIS does not refund fees, regardless of any action we take on your application, petition or request, or how long USCIS takes to reach a decision. By continuing this transaction, you acknowledge that you must submit fees in the exact amount and that you are paying the fees for a government service.

Alerts and warnings

We found no alerts or warnings in your application.

Review the I-765 form information

Here is a summary of all the information you provided in your application.

Make sure you have provided responses for everything that applies to you before you submit your application. You can edit your responses by going to each application section using the site navigation.

We also prepared a draft case snapshot with your responses, which you can download below.

[View draft snapshot](#)

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What is your eligibility category?

(c)(3)(C) STEM Extension

# Review Your Application

- Review your application.
  - Ensure you answered all questions applicable to you.
  - Ensure you accurately reported all of your information.
  - Ensure you have no alerts or warnings.
- Note: When reviewing the application summary or draft snapshot, there will be questions included that are blank. That is normal – those questions do not apply to F-1 applicants.
- If you would like an ISS advisor to review your application, do not proceed from this step.



# Statement and Signature

- Complete the required statement and signature.

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### Applicant's statement

You must read and agree to the statement below.

☒ I can read and understand English, and have read and understand every question and instruction on this application, as well as my answer to every question.

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### Applicant's Declaration and Certification \*

You must read and agree to the certification below. If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your application, we can deny your application and may deny any other immigration benefit. You may also face criminal prosecution and penalties provided by the law.



Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I

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**Pay and submit**

### Pay for and submit your application

The final step to submit your Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, is to pay the required fee.

Your application fee is: **\$470**.

**Refund policy:** By continuing this transaction, you agree that you are paying for a government service and that the filing fee, biometric services fee and all related financial transactions are final and not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on an application, petition or request, or how long USCIS takes to reach a decision. You must submit all fees in the exact amounts.



We will send you to Pay.gov — our safe, secure payment website — to pay your fees and submit your form online.

Here are the steps in the payment and submission process:

1. Provide your billing information on Pay.gov
2. Provide your credit card or U.S. bank account information
3. Submit your payment

When you have paid your fee, your application will be submitted.

Pay.gov will redirect you to a uscis.gov confirmation screen, which will include your receipt number. Please keep a copy of your receipt number for your records. You can track the status of your application through your USCIS online account.

**Pay and submit**

# Pay the USCIS Fee

- This is the final step in the application
- If you are not ready to submit your application, do not pay the application fee.
- If you opted for premium processing, you will be asked to pay the premium processing (I-907) and I-765 fee together.





**After Submission**



# After Submission

- You should receive a digital receipt notice from USCIS within 24 hours of submitting your application. A paper receipt notice will be mailed to you.
- You are allowed to continue working for 180 days after your Post-Completion OPT EAD expires as long as your STEM OPT I-765 is pending. Please review this [HERE](#).
- If you need to change your mailing address after submitting your application, you must submit an [official change of address to USCIS](#).
- If you need to attach additional evidence to your I-765, you can do so as unsolicited evidence.
- If you receive a Request for Evidence (RFE) or Request for Information (RFI), please notify ISS immediately.
- If approved, USCIS will provide you a digital and paper approval notice. Your EAD card will arrive in the mail.
- Review the ISS page [HERE](#) for additional information.