



Application for Cap-Gap Extension I-20

Students with pending or approved H-1B petitions are permitted to extend their F-1 OPT/STEM work authorization from the end of the OPT/STEM OPT period through September 30. This period, known as the Cap-Gap, only applies to those whose OPT/STEM OPT period ends prior to September 30 and to those with H-1B petitions filed with a request for a change of immigration status, not consular processing. This regulation enables those on OPT/STEM OPT to continue their employment until their H-1B takes effect on October 1. For more information on the Cap-Gap Extension, please review the [ISSS Cap-Gap Extension Webpage](#).

Please e-mail this form and your I-797 Receipt or Approval Notice from USCIS to ISSS.Application@stevens.edu.

SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name:		First Name:	
Stevens ID:	SEVIS ID:	Email Address:	
Street Address:		Suite/Apt/Floor:	
City:	State:	Zip/Postal Code:	

SECTION 2: H-1B INFORMATION

My employer filed an H-1B petition for:	Change of Status (COS)	Consular Processing*
*If your employer filed for consular processing, you are not eligible for a cap-gap I-20. If your SEVIS record shows a change of		
	My H-1B petition is pending and an I-797 Notice of Receipt was issued (I-797 Receipt must be included with submission)	
	My H-1B petition is approved and an I-797 Notice of Receipt was issued (I-797 Receipt must be included with submission)	

SECTION 3: EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Employer Name:
I have confirmed in the SEVP Portal that my employer information is correct and does not need to be updated. YES NO
*If you answered "No," you will need to also provide the Employer Update Form and I-983(s), if applicable.
<i>If you are having trouble accessing your SEVP Portal account, you can submit a request for a Portal reset.</i>

SECTION 4: CAP-GAP EXTENSION STUDENT CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- ◆ I have read and understand the following information:
- ◆ I have read and reviewed the information found on the [ISSS Cap-Gap Extension Webpage](#).
- ◆ The cap-gap extension is an extension of my F-1 status. I must maintain my F-1 status until the end of the cap-gap extension period.
- ◆ I will continue to abide by the reporting requirements of my F-1 status. Any change of employment information, change of address, or contact information must be reported to the ISSS within 10 days of the change.
- ◆ If I am working using the STEM OPT extension, I will continue to submit the 6-month reports on time.
- ◆ The amount of unemployment that I am allowed during OPT (90 days during post-completion OPT with an additional 60 days during the 24-month STEM OPT extension) remains the same during the cap-gap extension; if I have already used my unemployment time, I do not have any additional time.
- ◆ Travel outside of the U.S. during the cap-gap period is not advised. If I need to travel, I will speak with my employer or attorney who filed my H-1B petition prior to any travel.
- ◆ The cap-gap extension ends on September 30. I am not allowed to work past September 30 if my H-1B petition has not been adjudicated and approved by that date. If I have questions, I will reach out to my employer or attorney who filed the H-1B petition.
- ◆ If my H-1B petition is withdrawn, revoked, or denied, my cap-gap extension ends and is no longer valid for employment.
- ◆ I will notify ISSS of any changes to my H-1B petition.
- ◆ I understand that ISSS is not able to advise on the H-1B visa and I will speak with my employer or attorney who filed the H-B petition regarding any questions I have.
- ◆ Once my H-1B status begins, if I am engaged in STEM OPT work authorization, I will submit the entire I-983 with the Final Evaluation (bottom half of page 5) completed to iss@stevens.edu.
- ◆ I understand that if approved for the H-1B Change of Status, my F-1 SEVIS Records will be auto-completed on October 1.
- ◆

Name	Signature	Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy):
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SECTION 5: I-20 DELIVERY / PICK UP OPTIONS (mark only one option)

	Pick up in-person (must have photo ID)
	<p>Email electronic version of I-20 signed by ISSS to the email address listed in SEVIS (typically your Stevens.edu email address)</p> <p>** DHS allows DSOs to electronically send I-20s to student email address in SEVIS. Your new I-20 will be attached as a PDF. The printed I-20 becomes your physical copy for I-20 official use. These I-20s are used in the same way as previously issued I-20s.</p> <p>**You must print out your I-20 in color and sign and date your I-20 in the "Student Attestation" section on page 1.</p>
	Use eShipGlobal (expedited and tracked) to receive my I-20.
	I will create my own express shipping label and e-mail it to iss.application@stevens.edu