F-1 STEM OPT EXTENSION TIMELINE

**END DATE ON I-20**

**OPT END DATE**

- **90 days** - number of days before OPT end date that you can apply for STEM extension
- **12 months** from start date on Employment Authorization Document OR 14 months from I-20 program end date: last day for USCIS to receive STEM extension application
- **180 days** - employment authorization continues while STEM extension is pending
- **24 months** from start date on new Employment Authorization Document: STEM extension ends