

Outreach Bulletin

Connect With Us Through Webinars!

Join the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) for the [SEVP Ask the Experts Webinar: Form I-983](#) on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, from 2 to 3 p.m. EDT. This webinar is part of the SEVP Webinar Series, which is designed to provide stakeholders with program updates and information on hot topics in international education.

During the webinar, SEVP presenters will discuss Form I-983, "Training Plan for STEM OPT Students," requirements laid out in the recent science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) optional practical training (OPT) regulation, as well as resources to assist designated school officials (DSOs), F-1 international students and STEM OPT employers with completing the form. Following the presentation, SEVP representatives will answer questions from the audience.

SEVP invites DSOs, F-1 international students engaged in STEM OPT and STEM OPT employers to tune into the webinar on Oct. 19, 2016. A recording of the webinar, transcript, presentation, and a pre-submitted question and answer document will be available on the Study in the States [Stakeholder Webinars page](#) after the event.

New Form I-17 Filing Evidence Process

SEVP will soon require school officials filing an initial petition or an update to their school's Form I-17, "Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student," to submit the minimum evidence required for filing at the same time they

submit their request in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Until the implementation of this functionality, DSOs are required to email evidence to SEVP beginning Oct. 1, 2016. For more information, please visit [Study in the States](#).

The evidence a school is required to provide to SEVP depends on the type of petition request, the program of study offered and the school's accreditation status. For additional guidance on the type of evidence your school must submit, please visit the [Operating Instructions](#) section of [ICE.gov/SEVP](#), under the Form I-17 Filing Evidence tab.

New Trends and Improvements Section on Study in the States

In October 2016, [Study in the States](#) will launch a new Trends and Improvements section. This section will serve as a central repository for tracking SEVP's progress in responding to feedback received from the academic community.

This section of Study in the States will be updated regularly to increase government transparency and, when possible, provide timelines that will reflect the latest progress made on addressing stakeholder feedback. Stakeholders can learn more about the new Trends and Improvement section in the next [SEVP Spotlight](#).

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If you have any questions or are interested in SEVP participating in your event, email your request to SEVPOutreach@ice.dhs.gov. Did you recently attend an SEVP conference or join in an online webinar? SEVP wants your feedback! Fill out the [Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey](#) on Study in the States to provide feedback on our outreach events.



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