Dear Student,

*Please read this message in its entirety, as it features important updates to the OPT reporting process*

On **March 23, 2018**, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will launch the SEVP Portal. The portal is a tool that F-1 or M-1 students on post-completion optional practical training (OPT) or STEM OPT can choose to use to report changes to their home address, telephone number and employer information. As a student on post-completion or STEM OPT, you will be eligible to use the portal. The portal is accessible from both your mobile device and computer.

You will receive an email with instructions on creating a portal account. This email will come from do-not-reply.sevp@ice.dhs.gov. If you do not see the email, check your spam or junk mail folder. If you still do not see it, contact ISSS to have the email sent again.

The SEVP Portal will allow you to:

- View details about your post-completion or STEM OPT.
- Report changes to your address, telephone and employer information.
- View and update data on all your employers in one place.

Any data updates you make in the portal will be sent directly to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System.

**All students are still required to update their SEVIS USA address, phone number, and email in MyUAlbany. However, you can use the portal to make sure the information you have in MyUAlbany is correct. If the information in the portal does not match your current contact information, please update it in MyUAlbany.**
Students on STEM OPT will not be able to update employer information in the Portal, and must continue to update ISSS directly using the OPT data form. The reason for this is that students on STEM OPT must also submit I-983 updates when changing employers.

SEVP has created an SEVP Portal Help section on Study in the States with:

- Information about the portal.
- SEVP Portal videos.
- A useful one-page reference sheet on the portal.

Use of the portal is voluntary but highly encouraged by SEVP. If you have any questions about the portal or need assistance, call the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400.

Any student may continue to send the OPT data form to ISSS@albany.edu to update information if they prefer. Please note ISSS has made recent updates to the OPT data form. You can find the most recent version here, on the Forms page of our website.

Sincerely,

ISSS Team