

**To:** All SEVIS users

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**Re:** SEVP Portal to Launch on March 23

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## **General Information**

On March 23, 2018, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will launch the SEVP Portal. The portal is a subsystem of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) that allows certain F-1 and M-1 international students to report some information directly to SEVP to fulfill their legal reporting requirements.

The SEVP Portal can be used by the following groups:

- F-1 international students participating in post-completion optional practical training (OPT).
- F-1 international students participating in a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) OPT extension.
- M-1 international students participating in practical training.

Using the SEVP Portal, these students can update their:

- Physical home address.
- Mailing address.
- Telephone number.
- Employment information. \*

\* STEM OPT students are unable to add a new employer or to change the start date with their employer in the SEVP Portal due to the Form I-983, "Training Plan for STEM OPT Students," requirement.

SEVP will email prospective SEVP Portal users the information they need to create a portal account. Students must have a valid email address in SEVIS to gain access to the SEVP Portal and should confirm their email address with their designated school official (DSO). Students will not gain direct access to SEVIS using the SEVP Portal, and DSOs will not lose any SEVIS functionality with the portal launch.

To prepare for the launch of the portal, DSOs can:

1. Review the "Students on Post-completion or STEM Optional Practical Training – Portal Account Status" list in SEVIS to ensure all students listed have a valid email address.
2. Use the attached email template to inform their eligible students of the upcoming launch of the portal.

3. Review the step-by-step instructions, videos and helpful resources found on the [SEVP Portal Help](#) section and the [SEVIS Help Hub](#), and tune in to the [SEVP Portal Webinar](#) on March 20.

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