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Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; Data Harmonization: Curation and Secondary Analysis of Existing Clinical Datasets (R61/R33 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).

Date: July 19, 2023.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Bo-Shiun Chen, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, NINDS/NIH NSC, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-496-9223, bo-shiun.chen@nih.gov.

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.853, Clinical Research Related to Neurological Disorders; 93.854, Biological Basis Research in the Neurosciences, National Institutes of Health, HHS.)

Dated: July 7, 2023.

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Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council.

Date: August 22, 2023.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, NHLBI, Rockledge I, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Laura K Moen, Ph.D., Director Division of Extramural Research Activities, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Room 206-Q, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-827-5517, moenl@mail.nih.gov.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: www.nhlbi.nih.gov/meetings/nhlbac/index.htm, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.233, National Center for Sleep Disorders Research; 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS) for the meeting will be posted when available.

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Melanie J. Pantoja,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; ORWH-Autoimmune R21 NOSI Meeting.

Date: August 2, 2023.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Kan Ma, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, NIH, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Suite 814, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-451-4838, mak2@mail.nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel; NIEHS Outstanding New Environmental Scientist (ONES).

Date: July 25, 2023.

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Keystone Building, 530 Davis Drive, Durham, NC 27709 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Alfonso R. Latoni, Ph.D., Chief and Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Research and Training, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (984) 287-3279, alfonso.latoni@nih.gov.

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation—Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basic Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences; 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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Update to the Department of Homeland Security STEM Designated Degree Program List

AGENCY: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is amending the DHS STEM Designated Degree Program List by adding eight qualifying fields of study and a corresponding Department of Education Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code for each. No CIP codes from the existing list are being removed. The list is used to determine whether a degree obtained by certain F–1 nonimmigrant students following the completion of a program of study qualifies as a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) degree as determined by DHS, as required for the F–1 student to be eligible to apply for a 24-month extension of their post-completion optional practical training (OPT).

DATES: DHS adopts the list announced in this notice as of July 12, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon Snyder, Unit Chief, Policy and Response Center Unit, Student and Exchange Visitor Program; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 500 12th Street SW, Stop 5600, Washington, DC 20536–5600; email: sevp@ice.dhs.gov, telephone: (703) 603–3400. This is not a toll-free number.

Program information is available at <https://www.ice.gov/sevis/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What action is DHS taking under this notice?

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is updating the list of STEM fields of study that fall within the regulatory definition of “STEM field.” The list, known as the DHS STEM Designated Degree Program List (“STEM list”),¹ is used to determine whether a degree obtained by an F–1 nonimmigrant student qualifies as a STEM degree, as required for the F–1 nonimmigrant student to be eligible to apply for a STEM OPT extension. The current format of the STEM list, which consists of four primary CIP code series designated at the two-digit level, and CIP codes in related fields designated at the six-digit level, was established in a final rule issued in 2016.² The STEM list was most recently updated in 2022.³

Why is DHS taking this action?

In 2016, DHS published a final rule providing a 24-month extension of OPT for F–1 nonimmigrant students who majored in a designated STEM field of study. *See* 81 FR 13039 (March 11, 2016) (“Improving and Expanding Training Opportunities for F–1 Nonimmigrant Students With STEM Degrees and Cap-Gap Relief for All Eligible F–1 Students”) (“2016 STEM Rule”). The 2016 STEM Rule stated that DHS will continue to accept for consideration suggested additions or deletions to the STEM list and may publish updates to the STEM list in the **Federal Register**. In 2022, DHS published a **Federal Register** notice announcing the addition of 22 qualifying fields of study to the STEM list. *See* 87 FR 3317 (January 21, 2022) (“Update to the Department of Homeland Security STEM Designated Degree List”). The **Federal Register** notice also included instructions for how interested parties, including members of the public, can nominate CIP codes for potential inclusion on or removal from the STEM list. DHS received from interested parties, including members of the public, a total of 285 nominations, representing 120 unique fields of study, to be added to the STEM list. DHS did not receive any nominations to remove CIP codes currently on the list. DHS is now announcing that a number of the fields

of study submitted for consideration will be added to the STEM list.⁴ Nominators may resubmit a nomination with additional supporting views and evidence, at any time, if their original submission is not addressed in this notice.

What is OPT and STEM OPT?

OPT is one type of work permission available to certain F–1 nonimmigrant students. It allows eligible F–1 students (except those in English language training programs) to obtain real-world work experience directly related to their major area of study.

The STEM OPT extension is a 24-month extension of OPT available to F–1 nonimmigrant students who have completed 12 months of OPT and received a degree in an approved STEM field of study as designated by the STEM list.

Who may be impacted by this notice?

This notice may impact qualifying F–1 nonimmigrant students who seek a 24-month extension of post-completion OPT.

Where can I find the STEM list?

The STEM list can be found in the docket for this notice and on the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) website.⁵

What authority does DHS have to make changes to the STEM list?

The Secretary has broad authority to administer and enforce the Nation’s immigration laws. *See generally* 6 U.S.C. 202; Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended (INA), sec. 103, 8 U.S.C. 1103. The INA establishes the F–1 nonimmigrant classification for individuals who wish to enter the United States temporarily and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full course of study at an academic institution or accredited language training school certified by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) SEVP. *See* INA sec. 101(a)(15)(F)(i), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i). The INA provides the Secretary with broad authority to determine the time and conditions under which nonimmigrants, including F–1 students, may be admitted to the United States. *See* INA sec. 214(a)(1), 8 U.S.C. 1184(a)(1). The Secretary also has broad authority to determine which individuals are authorized for

⁴ While the 2016 STEM Rule provided for “additions or deletions to the list,” no deletions will be made at this time.

⁵ *See* SEVP, Eligible CIP Codes for the STEM OPT Extension, <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/stem-opt-hub/additional-resources/eligible-cip-codes-for-the-stem-opt-extension> (last visited Oct. 25, 2022).

¹ ICE, DHS STEM Designated Degree Program List, <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/stemList2022.pdf> (last visited Oct. 25, 2022).

² *See* 81 FR 13039, Mar. 11, 2016.

³ *See* 87 FR 3317, Jan. 21, 2022.