

ATTRACTION OF INTERNATIONAL STEM STUDENTS TO THE ST. LOUIS WORKFORCE

Key Facts:

17,833 STEM job openings in the St. Louis area from April 2015-April 2016

3000 international STEM students are enrolled in universities in the St. Louis Metropolitan area and Rolla, MO in the 2015-2016 school year

87% of STEM job postings are Math, Computer, and Engineering related

35.7% of SLU international students surveyed would have considered switching to a STEM major had they known about the STEM extension early in their college career

Top Recommendations:

Focus international student recruitment efforts on STEM students

Early intervention with international students to provide information on CPT, OPT and the STEM OPT extension

Coordinate seminars for international students focusing on career planning, networking, and communication skills

Host a STEM international student career fair to allow students more time with recruiters

