Attraction of International STEM Students to the St. Louis Workforce

Key Facts:

- 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.

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

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.