

Optional Practical Training Application

Surname:

Given Name:

A#:

SEVIS ID:

U.S. Phone Number:

Local Address:

Apt:

City/ST/Zip:

Islander Email:

Personal Email:

Requested Start Date:

Do you plan to move before your requested start date?

Yes

No

OPT Type:

Pre-Completion

Post-Completion

STEM OPT Extension

Part-Time

Full-Time

Please read each statement below and initial for agreement

I must complete the OPT Training Course in Homebase before my application materials will be reviewed.

I must have a DSO recommendation for OPT in SEVIS, as shown on the OPT I-20, before submitting my application to USCIS

I, alone, am responsible for the information submitted to USCIS.

International Student Programs and Support offers best practices and advice on completing the documents necessary to apply for OPT.

I will report ALL changes to my passport name, local address, phone number, email addresss, and status of employment, including changes to employer name and address information to the SEVP Portal. The use of this portal is mandatory and routinely reviewed by SEVIS. Once your OPT is approved, you will receive an activation link from SEVP and you must activate your SEVP Portal account within 14 days.

During OPT, F-1 status is dependent upon employment and unemployment cannot exceed a cumulative of more than 90 days.

Employment can begin after receiving the Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card and only on or after the start date on the EAD card.

If I do not complete all coursework by the I-20 Program End Date, I may not work more than 20 hours per week until all coursework has been completed. This does not apply to thesis or dissertation students.

Travel outside the U.S. while my OPT application is PENDING with USCIS is not recommended and I will contact a DSO for further guidance.

OPT must be applied for while in the U.S. If I leave the U.S. before submitting my application to USCIS, I will forfeit my OPT benefit for this program.

Signature:

Date:
