Application Procedures for Post-Graduation Optional Practical Training (OPT)

1. Fill out the form “Request for Optional Practical Training”

2. Have your academic advisor or department chair complete the “Endorsement Form for F-1 Optional Practical Training”


   *Note: Refer to “Instructions for Form I-765”, Section 3 for “Foreign Students”

4. Assemble the required documents, in the following order:

   - $410 via personal check or money order *Note: Make check or money order payable to “U.S. Department of Homeland Security” and attach it to the front of Form I-765
   - Two passport photos (see below) Put the photos in an envelope, and attach it to the front of Form I-765
   - Completed Form I-765 (On Item 16, write (c) (3) (B)
   - OPT I-20 *Keep the original of the OPT I-20 for yourself, but send a copy of your OPT I-20, along with copies of all of your other I-20s to USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services)
   - Front and back copy of your most recent Form I-94
   - Copy of visa and visa pages (including your photograph) in passport
   - Copy of the biographical page of your passport (picture, name, and date of birth, etc)
   - Copy of any previous EAD cards, if applicable

Photo Specifications:

You must submit two identical color photographs of yourself taken within 30 days of filing your application. The photos must have a white to off-white background, be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish, and be unmounted and unretouched.

The passport-style photos must be 2” by 2”. The photos must be in color with full face, frontal view on a white to off-white background. Head height should measure 1” to 1 3/8” from top to bottom of chin, and eye height is between 1 1/8” to 1 3/8” from bottom of photo. Your head must be bare, unless you are wearing headwear as required by a religious order of which you are a member. Using pencil or felt pen, lightly print your name and Alien Receipt Number on the back of the photo.
5. Schedule an appointment with an advisor in the ISSC Office to review your OPT paperwork and obtain an OPT I-20.

6. Send the required documents (Section 6, a-h) to:

   USCIS Phoenix Lockbox

   For U.S. Postal Service (USPS) deliveries:
   
   USCIS
   PO Box 21281
   Phoenix, AZ 85036

   For Express mail and courier deliveries:
   
   USCIS
   Attn: AOS
   1820 E. Skyharbor Circle S
   Suite 100
   Phoenix, AZ 85034

*It is recommended that you use certified return receipt mail

Acceptance: If your application is complete and filed with USCIS, you will be mailed a Form I-765 Receipt Notice. However, an application filed without the required fee, evidence, signature, or photographs will be returned to you as incomplete. You may correct the deficiency and resubmit the application.

* E-Notification: If you want to receive an e-mail and/or a text message that your Form I-765 has been accepted at a USCIS Lockbox facility, complete Form G-1145, E-Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance and clip it to the first page of your application.

7. Once you obtain a job, please submit a letter from your employer to the ISSC (sample included in packet)
Request for Post-Graduation Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Today’s Date: ________________

Name: ______________________________________________________

Student ID #: ________________________

Physical Address: _____________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: ______ Postal Code: _________

Home Phone #: ________________ Cell Phone #: ____________________

WSU Email: ________________________________

Major: ________________________________

Graduation Date: ______________________

OPT Start Date: __________________________ Work Condition: Full-time

*For Office Use Only

Student Status: ______________________________

Eligibility Verified By: ______________________ Date: _____________

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Student, please sign below upon receipt:

I have received my OPT I-20 from the International Student & Scholar Center.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ________________
Endorsement Form for F-1 Optional Practical Training (OPT)

The purpose of this form is to provide the information required by USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services), which is necessary to grant Optional Practical Training to an international student. This form must be completed by the student's academic advisor. The information provided on this document will be used by the International Student & Scholar Center to issue an OPT I-20 for the student.

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________

Student ID #: __________________________

Declared Major: __________________________________________________________

Expected graduation date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____/_____/________

Name of Academic Advisor: _______________________ Extension: ________

Department: __________________________________________________________________

Advisor's Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________

*Please contact the International Student & Scholar Center if you have any questions. We appreciate your assistance.
Sample Letter of Employment
for Post-Graduation Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Note: *Please type the letter on company letterhead

Date

International Student & Scholar Center
3885 West Campus Dr Dept 1130
Ogden, UT 84408-1130

To Whom It May Concern:

______________________________ has been offered employment at our company.

He/She will be employed from ___/___/___ to ___/___/_____. His/Her job title is ____________________, and his/her specific duties are ____________________.

He/She will be working _______ hours per week.

Sincerely,

Name of person within the hiring company
Title
Name of company
Address
Phone
Email