



An I-20 that has been signed for travel by an ISS advisor within the last six months

Your EAD card

A letter from your employer stating your job title, job description, begin and end dates, and verifying that your employer knows you are traveling and expects you to return. If you do not have job, do not travel as you may not be permitted to re-enter the U.S.



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No.

You can apply up to 90 days before your program completion date, or 60 days after your program completion date. Applications received before or after those dates will be denied.

Your program completion date is the last day of the semester in which you complete degree requirements, not your graduation or degree awarded date.

You may start working on the approved date on your EAD card AND when you have received your EAD card.

Yes, for 90 days total. If you are unemployed for 90 cumulative days (does not have to be consecutive), you lose OPT status and will have to return home.

Yes. We do not recommend traveling outside of the U.S., however, if you have not found a job or are unemployed.

Yes—if it is part-time, and not towards a degree. Taking a photography class, for example, or a prerequisite course for a master's program you plan to apply for is allowed. If you are admitted to a new program that would normally require an I-20 for study, you forfeit your OPT.



Optional Practical Training (OPT) Request Form

This form gives the International Student & Scholar Services office the necessary information to approve Optional Practical Training (OPT) for international students on an F-1 visa.

A. _____ :

Name: _____

Email you will use after graduation: _____

When do you expect to graduate (semester/year): _____

Requested OPT authorization dates*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

B. _____ :

The international student is applying to the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services for OPT, which authorizes the student to work for one year in his/her area of study. In order to recommend the student for this benefit, the International Student Services office requires that academic departments certify the date when a student is expected to complete all program requirements for graduation.

Student's major: _____

Expected completion date: _____

Signature: _____

Print name and title: _____

Date _____