



Academic Adviser's Recommendation for OPT

To the Academic Adviser:

SUNY Potsdam F-1 Students are eligible for Optional Practical Training (OPT) under the following U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) regulations:

214.2(f)(10)(ii)(A)

General. Consistent with the application and approval process in paragraph (f)(11) of this section, a student may apply to USCIS for authorization for temporary employment for optional practical training directly related to the student's major area of study. The student may not begin optional practical training until the date indicated on his or her employment authorization document, Form I-766. A student may be granted authorization to engage in temporary employment for optional practical training:

214.2(f)(10)(ii)(A)(3)

“After completion of the course of study, or, for a student in a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree program, after completion of all course requirements for the degree (excluding thesis or equivalent). Continued enrollment, for the school's administrative purposes, after all requirements for the degree have been met does not preclude eligibility for optional practical training. A student must complete all practical training within a 14-month period following the completion of study...”

The following information is required by U.S. Immigration & Citizenship Service for the granting of OPT employment to an international student. The student's academic adviser must complete and sign this entire form. Questions can be directed to the office of International Education & Programs – international@potdam.edu or ext. 2507.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

ADVISER'S NAME, TITLE & DEPARTMENT:

1. When will this student complete all coursework at SUNY Potsdam? (Please fill in date)

_____/_____/_____
(Month/day/year)

2. It is required that the adviser describe the type of employment the student is seeking:

3. To the best of your knowledge, is this type of employment experience related to the student's field of study?

[] Yes [] No

4. _____
Adviser's signature Date Phone Number

Student should return this completed form to: International Education & Programs

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