



Student Acknowledgment of OPT Eligibility

I, _____, understand that my eligibility for post-completion
(Student Name)
of studies Optional Practical Training (OPT) is contingent upon completion of all coursework required for my degree. Additionally, I acknowledge that failure to complete all required coursework by the “Program End Date” listed on my Form I-20 and within the SEVIS database will result in my inability to claim OPT as a benefit to F-1 student status, as prescribed by USCIS regulations:

Furthermore, I understand and am aware that if I have a Form I-765 pending adjudication by USCIS and fail to complete all required coursework before my “Program End Date” I will lose the OPT benefit and will not be refunded the required application fee for Form I-765.

Signature _____ Date _____

Student’s Acknowledgement of Understanding

I understand that I am requesting SUNY Potsdam’s aid and recommendation for Optional Practical Training Employment Authorization. The Office of International Education & Programs will advise and assist me in reviewing my application for completeness and eligibility. Once SUNY Potsdam has recommended me for OPT, I am completely responsible for properly filing my OPT application with USCIS. This includes making sure that all proper documents have been included with Form I-765 and mailing those documents within 30 days of the OPT recommendation date.

First Name (Print) Middle Name Family Name

Signature Date

Self-Selected Dates of OPT authorization

I have chosen the following date to begin my OPT authorization: _____
Month/Day/Year

This date must be between 1 and 59 days after the program end date listed on your I-20. When choosing your start date, please consider that the OPT approval process takes an average of 90 days, and how long it will take you to find employment. Once OPT is granted and the start date has been reached, you are allowed a total of 90 days unemployment for the entire 12 month period.

Signature Date

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