

What is OPT? Optional Practical Training (OPT) is temporary employment that is directly related to an F-1 student's major area of study. Students are eligible to participate in OPT at each higher level of education.

Students who have completed their academic coursework and only have a thesis or dissertation remaining are allowed to apply for OPT.

CAUTION: Student must officially graduate and have their degree in hand before their OPT expires in order to apply for STEM OPT if eligible.

PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Student ID _____

Email Address _____

Current Degree Level: Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

Have you been accepted into the FastTrack Master's Program? Yes No

(Note: FastTrack master's students must enroll in full-time graduate studies in the fall or spring semester immediately following the semester of the bachelor's degree graduation. Failure to enroll will result in the FastTrack master's acceptance decision being rescinded and will require the student to apply for graduate admission as a regular graduate applicant.)

Requested OPT Start Date: ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) **(NOTE: Start date must be within 60 days of graduation date. All appropriate updates will be made in the immigration system to reflect graduation and application of OPT. Start date cannot be changed once the OPT recommended I-20 has been issued.)**

Have you applied for OPT before? Yes No

If YES, attach/scan copy of the previous OPT card/USCIS decision with this new OPT request.

If YES, at what level did you receive OPT? Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

Statement of Understanding:

- I have thoroughly read the OPT information provided.
- I have maintained valid F-1 status since I began my study at Florida Institute of Technology.
- I understand I must report to ISSS (via iss@fit.edu) any change to my name or address, or any interruption of OPT employment within 10 days.
- I understand that accruing an aggregate of more than 90 days of unemployment during my post-completion OPT will result in a violation of the requirements for remaining in valid F-1 status.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY ACADEMIC ADVISOR

The information on this form will be used to update the SEVIS (immigration) record of the above international student.

Student's expected completion term: (Semester) _____ (Year) _____

Graduate students completing thesis/dissertation: Defense Date: ____/____/____

ACADEMIC ADVISOR SIGNATURE

I support this student's wish to gain experience in his/her field of study, and I recommend this student be authorized to pursue practical training after completion of his/her degree.

Name (Print) _____ Title _____

Department _____ Phone/Ext _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____