

F-1 OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT) REQUEST

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 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Student ID _____

Email Address _____

Current Degree Level: Bachelor's Master's Doctoral (If you are a graduate student, a 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 issst@t.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 _____