

## How to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT)

1. Download the instructions and application forms

2. Schedule an OPT group appointment to join the group session

3. Bring the completed forms and required items to the OPT group appointment

4. Follow the instructions provided by the counselor during your OPT group appointment

- Current I-20
- Passport(s) that is valid for six months into the future and most recent visa page,
- I-94 (you can print it out from [here](#) in case you don't have one)
- Change of status approval notice(I-797) if you changed your status in the U.S. and have not left the U.S.
- EAD card if you have any.
- Completed "Academic Verification & Student Responsibility" form signed by your academic advisor
- OPT APPLICATION CHECKLIST
- OPT SELF REPORT
- Form I-765. This form can be downloaded at <http://www.uscis.gov/i-765>
- Form G-1145. This form can be downloaded at <http://www.uscis.gov/g-1145>
- 2 color passport type photos taken within 6 months
- A personal check payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security for \$380.