# Choose start and end dates for the requested OPT: (required)

**Please choose the start OPT date between your official completion date and the 60 days into the future (grace period which granted upon completion of your degree program), i.e. your _earliest_ start employment date would be the next date upon completion of the program and the _latest_ – 60 days after, you may as well choose anywhere between the "earliest" and the "latest" expected start employment date.**

IMPORTANT: *As the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) can take between 2 to 3 months to approve your OPT request, it is important that you file your OPT application in advance so you have the authorization prior to your expected start employment date. However you are not allowed to apply for OPT earlier than 90 days before the program end date.*
***You must mail the OPT packet to the USCIS within 30 days from the OPT I-20 issue date. In the event USCIS will receive an OPT packet 30 days later, your OPT request will be denied***.

Start date: _____     End date: _____

Student's Signature (required): _____

*Note: These dates will be submitted electronically to SEVIS*

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## STUDENT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

**Please read carefully the acknowledgment below, sign and date it.**

I am, _____     _____  _____ the signed below,
             first name            middle        last name

hereby acknowledge current reporting requirements under the new Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulations, effective April 8, 2008 (8 CRF Part 214.2 f(12)(i), while on Optional Practical Training (OPT).

In order for me to comply with the above-stated provision of the law, as an F-1 student who is authorized by DHS to engage in OPT, I agree to report to the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) the following:

☐ Any legal change of name
☐ Change of address
☐ Employer's name, address and the start employment date
☐ Interruption of such employment for the duration of OPT

In order to stay in compliance with the law, I will report the stated-above electronically to the International Students Office through the following email addresses:
jbuland@pace.edu or mkrasnov@pace.edu

Student's signature (required): _____     Date _____

Student's active email address _____