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Doctoral Degree Confirmation Date Form for PhD, DrPH and DDes students

To ensure accurate processing of an OPT application, PhD/DrPH/DDes students must confirm their expected defense date and the date they expect to submit their final dissertation with their academic advisors when they apply for post-completion OPT or post-completion Academic Training.

[F-1 students] often need to apply for post-completion OPT before they have officially scheduled their defense. This form asks you to confirm with your academic advisors your *expected* defense, submission and diploma conferral date to ensure that you are academically eligible for post-completion OPT.

[J-1 students] Your post-completion [**J-1 Academic Training Application Form**](#) must be submitted to HIO **BEFORE** your DS-2019 end date with a secured employment. Your DS-2019 end date will be extended to the post-AT employment end date.

Student Name _____ **HUID** _____

Current US Residential Address

Street Number _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____

Visa Status F-1 **J-1** **Current I-20/DS-2019 End Date** _____

Expected defense date _____

Expected date of final dissertation submission to [ProQuest ETD](#) _____

Expected degree conferral May November February Year

Academic Advisor Name _____ **Signature** _____

Email _____ **Date** _____

Additional required signatures (GSD DDes students only)

Program Director Name _____ **Signature** _____

Email _____ **Date** _____

Program Coordinator Name _____ **Signature** _____

Email _____ **Date** _____

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On-Campus Employment Termination Date

An F-1/J-1 doctoral student's on-campus student employment eligibility benefit ends on the day a student submits the final dissertation to ProQuest ETD. If you wish to continue working for Harvard after you submit your dissertation to ProQuest, **you must have OPT or post-AT employment authorization**. You may need to complete a new I-9 with Human Resources as well.

The information below is not required for the HIO to process your OPT application, but it helps us better advise you as you transition into your OPT period, given how confusing it can be.

Expected last day working on-campus as a student at Harvard (if applicable)

If you already have a job secured after you complete your Doctoral program, please indicate the expected employment start date

Student Signature _____ Date _____

[Note to HIO Advisor - Optional]

If you have any questions, contact your HIO Advisor *BEFORE* submitting this form.

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