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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. Your DS-2019 end date will be extended to the post-AT employment end date.

Student Name _____

HUID _____

Expected defense date

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

Expected degree conferral May November March 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 _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

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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.

On-Campus Employment Termination Date

If you wish to continue working as a postdoc for Harvard after you complete your program, **you must have OPT or post-AT employment authorization.**

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 _____

[Note to HIO Advisor - Optional]

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

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