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Supplemental OPT application information for PhD, DrPH and DDes students

To ensure accurate processing of an OPT application, PhD/DrPH/DDes students must confirm their defense date and the date they expect to submit their final dissertation. Your I-20 immigration document will be shortened to reflect the date you expect to submit your dissertation to ProQuest ETD. You may request an OPT start date anytime within 60 days after your expected submission date.

Please note that once a student submits their dissertation to ProQuest ETD, they are considered to have “completed” their F-1 program for immigration purposes, and no longer have F-1 student on-campus employment eligibility. If you wish to continue working at Harvard (or anywhere in the U.S.) after you submit your dissertation, you must have OPT employment authorization.

Contact your HIO advisor if you would like to discuss the timing of your dissertation submission and OPT start date.

Student Name: _____ HUID: _____

Expected defense date: _____

Expected date of final dissertation submission to ProQuest ETD: _____

Expected degree conferral date: _____

Academic Advisor signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional required signatures, **GSD DDes students only:**

Program Director signature: _____ Date: _____

Program Coordinator signature: _____ Date: _____

The information below is optional for the student to complete. The information is not required in order for the HIO to process your OPT application, but it does assist us to better advise you as you transition into your OPT period.

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 list the employer and expected employment start date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

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