




TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS WHILE ON OPT



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International Office

When are you traveling and re-entering the U.S.?	What is your OPT application status?	Documents you need to re-enter the U.S.:
<u>BEFORE</u> graduation or I-20 program end date	PENDING	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport • Valid F-1 visa • Valid Travel Signature on current I-20 • I-901 SEVIS Fee receipt
<u>AFTER</u> graduation or I-20 program end date	PENDING	 <p>The HIO does <u>NOT</u> recommend travel at this time</p>
<u>AFTER</u> graduation or I-20 program end date	APPROVED	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport • Valid F-1 visa • Valid travel signature* on current I-20 • I-901 SEVIS Fee receipt • EAD • Proof of OPT employment

Important Travel Reminders

- Travel signatures while on OPT are **only valid for 6 months.**
- You may request a new travel signature through the [Travel Signature Request Form](#) OR by requesting a new I-20 when reporting OPT employment through the [HIO's Post-Completion OPT Reporting Form](#).
- Travel and re-entry to the U.S. is permitted with all the necessary documents any time after you have received your EAD from USCIS.
- Do NOT enter the U.S. using another visa status (e.g., ESTA or B tourist visa, etc.) as this will nullify your OPT application and/or F-1 immigration status.

More information about maintaining your status while on OPT can be found on our website:
<https://www.hio.harvard.edu/optional-practical-training-opt>