

OPT Application Check List

STEP 1: Go to OPT workshop and read ALL information on I-Center website.

STEP 2: Prepare and submit required documents to the I-Center

- 1. OPT Cover Page
- 2. Complete OPT Questionnaire
- 3. Complete Form I-765
- 4. Copy of I-94 information, found here.
- 5. Guidelines for Academic Advisors (graduate students only)
- 6. Employment Offer Letter (if applicable)

STEP 3: Mail the following documents to USCIS lockbox:

- 1. Copy of OPT recommendation Form I-20 (signed by you)
- 2. Completed and signed Form I-765
- 3. Copies of <u>ALL Form I-20s</u> that have ever been issued to you, by Tufts and/or previous institutions (do not send originals)
- 4. Copy of most recent <u>I-94 card</u>
- 5. Copy of your most recent <u>F-1 visa</u> stamp
- 6. Copy of your <u>passport</u> identification page
- 7. \$410 filing fee
- 8. Two recent passport size photos
- 9. Form G-1145

STEP 4: For your best interest, scan or photocopy your entire OPT application before sending to USCIS; this will ensure you a have record of what you sent.

STEP 5: Use mailing instructions indicated on the cover letter you receive from your advisor once your paperwork has been reviewed by your international student advisor.

1. Your application <u>must be received by USCIS within 30 days</u> of the date the Form I-20 was issued and signed by your advisor.

STEP 6: Report Employment to International Center once you have receive a job.

*Please Note: Your SEVIS record will automatically terminate after 90-days of consecutive unemployment.