Plymouth State University
Global Engagement Office

Information Sheet for OPT Application

We will enter the immigration advisor recommendation of your OPT in to the SEVIS database and print out a new I-20 for you, which is a requirement of applying for OPT. We need the following information:

NAME (as written on passport): ________________________________

SEVIS ID# (upper right hand corner of your I-20, starts with “N”): N ______________

OPT START DATE: ____________________ * OPT END DATE: ____________________

*Please read section below on choosing your start date.

ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM:

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PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS:

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PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS:

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PREFERRED TELEPHONE:

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INTENDED DATE of GRADUATION:

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Choosing your Start Date: You are allowed to pick a start date within 60 days following your program end date, which may coincide with your graduation date. For a May 2016 graduation (PSU’s commencement date is May 14, 2016), you can pick a start date between May 15 and July 13. There are many overlapping time constraints which affect your OPT application. When choosing the start date for your OPT card, the most important priorities to weigh are:

1. Choose the earliest day that you might want to start working (you cannot begin working BEFORE the start date on the OPT card). What if someone offers you a job with the stipulation that you start the day after graduation? Plan for any possibility.

2. If you want the latest possible day to start your work authorization, the latest day you may choose as your start date for the OPT card is 60 days after your graduation or last day of registration (whichever is earlier).

REMEMBER: You may not change these dates after you apply for OPT.

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