

## OPT – Academic Advisor’s Statement of Program

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is an off-campus employment authorization granted by USCIS and available to international students in F-1 immigration status after completion of their degree program. This form provides the International Student and Scholar Services office with information required by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for issuance of OPT employment authorization.

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY BOTH THE STUDENT AND THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR OR DISSERTATION CHAIR**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

- In this form, the program completion date refers to either the official degree conferral date or, if applicable, the thesis/dissertation defense date for graduate students applying for OPT based on that date.
- Participation in a later commencement ceremony does not change the actual program completion date.
- All on-campus employment must end on or before the program completion date.
- If the defense date is used as the program completion date, students must provide the DSO with an official departmental letter confirming the defense date and stating that on-campus employment will not continue beyond that date without a valid Employment Authorization Document.

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT	
<b>Student’s Name:</b>	<b>R Number:</b>
<b>Requested OPT Start Date:</b> ____ / ____ / ____ (mm/dd/yyyy) *OPT start date must be within 60 days after the program completion date provided by your academic advisor below	
<b>Are you currently employed on-campus?:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ACADEMIC ADVISOR OR DISSERTATION CHAIR	
<b>Student’s Major:</b>	
<b>Student’s Educational Level:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor’s <input type="checkbox"/> Master’s <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate	
<b>Program Completion Date:</b> ____ / ____ / ____ (mm/dd/yyyy)	
<b>Advisor’s Name:</b>	
<b>Advisor’s Title:</b>	<b>Department:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>