

## OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING

### Statement of Understanding

I confirm that I have read and understand the information contained in the Optional Practical Training (OPT) Reference Guide provided to me by the Center for Global Learning & Engagement, University of Central Arkansas.

I understand that I am responsible for complying with all U.S. Custom and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Student & Exchange Visitor Services (SEVIS) regulations pertaining to OPT and STEM OPT as noted in the Code of Federal Regulations and related memos. I further understand that the OPT Reference Guide is only a summary of regulations and does not replace the USCIS or SEVIS regulations themselves.

I understand that it is my responsibility to know and meet all program deadlines and provide requested/required information by those deadlines.

I understand that my OPT authorization will end on the date that my I-20 is released to another university or I begin classes for a new program of study at the University of Central Arkansas.

I understand that my work authorization and my F-1 status will end **immediately** if I am unemployed for more than 90 days during my post-completion OPT or 150 days during OPT/OPT STEM Extension.

I understand that employment during OPT/STEM OPT must be directly related to my major and that I cannot be employed by an employer not listed on my I-20.

I understand that during OPT/STEM OPT I must be working more than a total of 20 hours per week at my job or multiple jobs. This meets the USCIS requirement of full time employment.

I understand that if I end or change employment I must contact the Center for Global Learning & Engagement within 3 working days. I must provide the end date of employment and all required documentation for any new employer.

I understand that it is my responsibility to request a travel authorization signature at least 3 weeks prior to any international travel.

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OPT Applicant's Signature

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Student's Name - Print

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Date