



What's OPT?

OPT is a temporary employment authorization for F-1 students. It allows students to work in the U.S. for up to 12 months after completing their degree. OPT is not a visa, but it is a form of employment authorization. It is available to students who have completed their degree and are currently in the U.S. on an F-1 visa. OPT is a one-time benefit, and students can only use it once. It is a great way for students to gain work experience and earn money to help pay for their education. OPT is also a great way for employers to hire and train students who are interested in their field of study.

How long can a student work on OPT?

12 months. For students with a master's or doctoral degree, OPT is extended to 36 months.

What happens after OPT ends for a student?

After OPT ends, a student must either leave the U.S. or apply for a new visa. If a student is interested in staying in the U.S. to work, they may want to consider applying for a permanent job offer and a green card. If a student is interested in returning to school, they may want to consider applying for a new visa. If a student is interested in returning to their home country, they may want to consider applying for a passport and a return ticket.