



International Student Office

Academic Advisor Recommendation for F-1 Optional Practical Training

International students studying at TMU on an F-1 visa are eligible to remain in the United States for 1 year after the completion of their degree in order to seek employment related to their field of study. This extension of stay is referred to by the INS as Optional Practical Training (OPT).

Before an international student can complete an application for OPT, s/he must be recommended by his/her academic advisor. The academic advisor must indicate that the student's academic program is reaching a certifiable conclusion.

Please note that TMU provides legal authorization for this student to complete his/her application based on your recommendation. Please verify that all information below as to its accuracy.

Student's Name: _____

Advisor's Name: _____

Advisor's Title: _____

Department: _____

1. On which date will the student delineated above complete all his/her coursework? (This date is the final meeting of the last class meeting or the date during exam week by which all assignments must be completed, whichever is latest.)

(MM/DD/YYYY)

2. Is this student currently enrolled in a directed study course? What is the name of the course and the established completion date? (Note: Directed Study courses may **not** be completed after the date established in Question 1.)

(Name of Course)

(Completion Date)

3. Please describe the type of employment the student is seeking.

Advisor's Signature

Date

Registrar's Office Signature

Date