



OPT TIMELINE



Application Window

90 days before program end date – 60 days after

Apply up to 90 days before Graduation

Graduation Date and/or program end date in SEVIS I-20 Form

MANTAINING F1 STATUS IF APPROVED BY USCIS

- Work at least 20 hrs. per week in a job related to your field of study.
- Report Employment/Unemployment and Address updates to CIE
- Cannot accrue more than 90 days aggregate total of unemployment

****Consult with a CIE Advisor for further requirements****

12 months of OPT

GRACE PERIOD

- 60 Days grace period to: depart the U.S., transfer to another school, or change to another visa category
- If you are simply remaining the U.S. for the grace period, you cannot leave and re-enter the U.S.



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90 Days

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60 Days

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- If eligible, apply for 24-month STEM OPT EXTENSION 90 days before Post-Completion OPT ends.
- All forms and applications can be found at ccpe.csulb.edu/forms

Choose any day within 60 days after graduation for OPT *start date* ***
 You cannot choose a start date beyond 60 days after graduation

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60 Days

End date in EAD CARD. Last day to work unless granted extension

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Depart the US

