Post-Completion Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Time Line

Application Window
90 days

Graduation Date

OPT

12 months OPT

End date on EAD card. Last day to work.

60 days

OPT application may be submitted to USCIS no earlier than 90 days prior to graduation; no later than 60 days after end date on I-20.

Start date on EAD must be within 60 day window after graduation.

60 day grace period to either leave US, transfer to another school or change to another visa category.

May apply up to 3 months prior to start date.

OPT applications may be submitted to USCIS no earlier than 90 days prior to graduation; no later than 60 days after end date on I-20.

60 days

End date on EAD card. Last day to work.

Depart U.S. or transfer to grad. school.

Keep in mind:

- It can take up to 90 days to receive your EAD card – plan ahead!
- You cannot begin work until you have the EAD card in hand.
- The application requires an Oxy DSO endorsement.
- While on OPT, you are still connected to Occidental – stay in touch!