

You must file while you are in the US.

- The Form I-765 and the OPT I-20 and other supporting documents must be received by USCIS within 30 days of the DSO's recommendation of OPT in SEVIS (refer to the date the I-20 is issued).
- You may file an OPT application no earlier than 90 days before your program completion date or within 60 days after your program completion date.

Finish your program on time.

Your I-20 and SEVIS record has been shortened to reflect your program completion date.

- If you will not successfully complete your studies in the semester for which you have applied for OPT, contact our office.
- Your F-1 status may be in jeopardy if you wait to notify us of this situation.

Check your case status online.

Health insurance.

Once you are no longer enrolled as a student, you will not have or be required to have UA health insurance. We strongly advise you contact qip-insurance@uakron.edu to purchase a private health insurance plan or contact our office for information on other insurance companies. If you have UA's international student health insurance plan, you will not qualify for extension of the plan during OPT if you have a gap in dates of coverage.

Determine if you are eligible for the 24-Month OPT Extension.

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