Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

CPT Work Permission for F-1 Students with Summer Internships
Here’s what you get from OIE...

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This new I-20 is your work authorization!
CPT I-20

- You *must* have the CPT I-20 **BEFORE** beginning employment.

- CPT *cannot* be backdated.
Adding to your I-20 “collection”

- CPT I-20 is your new I-20
- Valid even after internship dates
- KEEP old I-20s! Needed for OPT.
Collecting CPT I-20

Your new CPT I-20 will be ready for pick-up at OIE front desk in 5 business days.

Office of International Education
3rd floor, Warner Hall
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00
Social Security Number (SSN)

- Use CPT I-20 to apply for an SSN
- Instructions on OIE Website!
- Apply in person at SSN office
- Card mailed in 7-10 days – keep in safe place!
SSN Tips

- Do not apply more than 30 days before the start date of your internship.

- Apply anywhere in the US!

- SSN is not work authorization – you can start work without it.
Travel During Summer 2016

- CPT I-20 will be signed for travel
  - Signatures are good for 12 months
- IF you have to renew your visa – you could face a visa delay!
  - before internship begins...
  - for start of classes in Aug...
Re-entry and I-94

- IF you travel outside of the US– be sure to check your electronic I-94 record after you re-enter
- Don’t worry about travel history section
- Employer needs valid I-94 for payment
- www.cbp.gov/i94
Remember…

- **Update address** in SIO if you will be relocating for your internship.

- **Remember to update SIO again** when you return to Pittsburgh!
Want to work beyond end of summer term? PRE-OPT!

- Pre-Completion OPT: [http://www.cmu.edu/oie/forstu/pdf/pre-opt.pdf](http://www.cmu.edu/oie/forstu/pdf/pre-opt.pdf)
- You can apply 90 days prior to your anticipated start date (for PRE-OPT)
- $380
- About 90 days to process
Internship in Fall?

To continue working in Fall term:

1. Work must be **part time** (< 20 hours per week)
2. No CPT...must apply for **Pre-Completion OPT**
   - Application approved by USCIS
   - Will take **60-90 days** for approval
   - NO WORK until approved & OPT card received
   - [http://www.cmu.edu/oie/forstu/jobs.html](http://www.cmu.edu/oie/forstu/jobs.html)
   - Session NOT required
Good luck with your internship!

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