Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

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

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

- Pick-up new I-20 at the OIE front desk in 3-4 business days.
  - NO email reminder!!
  - 3rd floor, Warner Hall
  - Office hours: Mon-Fri, 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 2015

- CPT I-20 will be signed for travel
  – Don’t have old I-20s signed!

- *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](http://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!
Leaving soon?

- Complete the Mail Request Form
- We will mail your I-20 to you!
Internship in Fall?

To continue working in Fall term:

1. Work can only be part time (< 20 hours per week)

2. No CPT...Must apply for Pre-Completion OPT
   - Application to USCIS
   - Can take 60-90 days to approve
   - No work until approved
   - Must be in residence in Pittsburgh
   - [http://www.cmu.edu/oie/forstu/jobs.html](http://www.cmu.edu/oie/forstu/jobs.html)
   - Session attendance not necessary – all info online
Good luck with your internship!

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