

## **Optional Practical Training**

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## **Legal Advice and ISSS Advising Statement of Understanding**

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Acknowledge the following statements by placing a mark (x) in the box provided.

I understand that:

- International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) offers best practices information on temporary employment authorization such as Optional Practical Training (OPT) as a courtesy to international students under a Texas State University issued Form I-20. **Please note that all information provided is not considered legal advice.****
- Applying for Optional Practical Training (OPT) is my application and my responsibility. I may choose to compile and submit my application for temporary employment authorization on my own. If I choose to compile and submit my OPT application on my own, I will inform ISSS accordingly through email.
- I have reviewed the OPT website, OPT packet, Overview PowerPoint, and have gathered ALL required documents.
- I must receive my OPT I-20 and SEVIS recommendation from the DSO prior to submitting my OPT application to USCIS.
- I cannot begin employment before receiving EAD card from USCIS.

In signing this **Statement of Understanding**, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand this document, and I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers to my satisfaction. **I shall not hold Texas State University liable for any loss or damage to my application for temporary employment authorization, including any costs involved, as a result of any information given to me.**

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Signature

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Name (as per your passport)

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Date (mm/dd/yy)