




TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS WHILE ON OPT

I have applied for Post-OPT, can I travel internationally?

When are you traveling and re-entering the U.S.?	What is your OPT application status?	Documents you need to re-enter the U.S.:
BEFORE graduation or I-20 program end date	PENDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport  • Valid F-1 visa • Valid Travel Signature on current I-20
AFTER graduation or I-20 program end date	PENDING	 The HIO does NOT recommend travel at this time
AFTER graduation or I-20 program end date	APPROVED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport  • Valid F-1 visa • Valid travel signature* on current I-20 • EAD • Proof of OPT employment or evidence of job search

IMPORTANT TRAVEL REMINDERS

- Travel signatures while on OPT are **valid for only 6 months.**
- You may request a new travel signature through the [Travel Signature Request Form](#) OR by requesting a new I-20 when reporting OPT employment through the [HIO's Post-Completion OPT Reporting Form](#).
- Travel and re-entry to the U.S. is permitted with all the necessary documents any time after you have received your EAD from USCIS.
- Do NOT enter the U.S. using another visa status (e.g., ESTA or B tourist visa, etc.) as this will nullify your OPT application and/or F-1 immigration status.