**Optional Practical Training (OPT) Recommendation Form for
Academic Advisor, Department Chair, or Program Coordinator**

The international student listed below is requesting Optional Practical Training employment authorization from the International Student & Scholar Office (ISSO). In order to issue a recommendation, the ISSO must obtain the following information from the student's academic advisor, department chair or program coordinator. Please complete and sign the section below. If further information is advisable or necessary, describe in the blank space below.

This is to confirm that:
Student Name: <u>Deekshith Reddy Kallem</u>   **is expected to
complete degree requirements for** (please select one)

      O bachelor's degree
      ⊙ master's degree
      O doctoral degree

on (semester yyyy) <u>Spring</u> ▾ <u>2017</u> ▾ and has requested Optional Practical training (OPT) to begin on (date: mm/dd/yyyy) <u>07/05/2017</u>   .

For graduate thesis/dissertation students, please complete the following additional information:

1. ☐ The student has completed/will complete all coursework by (date: mm/dd/yyyy)
_____ but has thesis/dissertation outstanding.

2. ☐ The defense date for this student's thesis/dissertation has been scheduled for (date: mm/dd/yyyy)
_____.
Note: Defense date MUST be scheduled during the first 9 months of the proposed OPT start date.

3. Do you foresee this employment opportunity impacting or delaying the student's academic progress and anticipated graduation date?
⊙ no
O yes
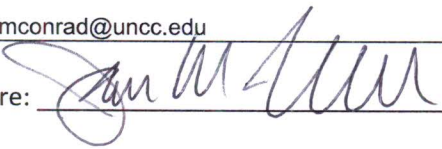If "yes," please list any concerns:
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Faculty/Advisor Name (please print): <u>Dr. James M. Conrad</u>

Title and Department: <u>Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering</u>

Email: <u>jmconrad@uncc.edu</u>   Phone: <u>7046878597</u>

Signature: _____   Date: <u>3/13/17</u>

If you have any questions concerning this student's OPT request, please contact an advisor in the ISSO at intlsso@uncc.edu or 687-7781.