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Traveling on OPT

Traveling on Post-Completion OPT/STEM

Required documents to re-enter the U.S. while on post-completion OPT

Once you have graduated, you are required to show these documents in order to re-enter the U.S. in F-1 status:

1. **Valid I-20** - Page two should list your employer's information and be signed by an OISS adviser within the last six months.
2. **Valid F-1 Visa** - If your F-1 visa is expired, you must apply for a new one at a U.S. embassy or consulate prior to your return. (Note: Canadian citizens do not need a visa.)
3. **Valid Passport** - The expiration date should be at least six months into the future at any given time.
4. **Valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD)**
5. **Evidence of a job offer** or resumption of employment. If you are returning to the U.S without evidence of a job offer, you may be questioned at the port of entry.

WARNING: Re-entering the U.S. in a status other than F-1 (such as a tourist) will invalidate F-1 status and OPT authorization.

Documents	Before Completing Academic Program & Before OPT EAD Approval*	After Completing Academic Program & Before OPT or STEM EAD Approval*	After Completing Program & After OPT or STEM EAD Approval
Valid passport	✓	✓	✓
Valid F-1 visa stamp (if applicable)	✓	✓	✓
OPT I-20 with a valid travel endorsement signed within 6 months by a ISO Advisor (page 2)	✓	✓	✓
Evidence of continued enrollment (e.g. Enrollment	✓		



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Verification from Cal Central)			
Evidence of financial support	strongly recommended	strongly recommended	strongly recommended
OPT receipt: I-797 Notice of Action		✓	
Job offer letter from employer OR current employment verification letter		strongly recommended	✓
EAD (Employment Authorization Document)		STEM OPT students whose original 12-Month EAD has expired should check with BIO about travel.	✓