

Potomac Service Center

Attention: CCIRS

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to explain my situation for requesting to have my case expedited. I applied for an OPT as soon as I could in early March, hoping to get an EAD card around this time. However, due to a likely delay in the application processing, I feel it is not unreasonable to make a request to expedite my case.

I will be working at the Joint Quantum Institute (JQI) - a collaboration between the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the University of Maryland (UMD) - this summer, for a period of 9 weeks from June 3 to August 9. JQI is one of the most advanced physics research laboratories in the United States, and an opportunity to work here is invaluable.

Since my OPT hasn't been approved yet at this point, it is certain that my EAD card will arrive late. In the unfortunate case that this is delayed even further, I will face certain financial losses due to housing and food fees and the lack of stipend from the program. The documents detailing the amount I will lose are sent along with this letter.

More importantly, however, if I cannot start as soon as possible, I will face the possibility of being removed from the position, and even if I get to keep the offer, I will fail to participate in a substantial part of the program, rendering my stay meaningless. Like I said, this opportunity to work at JQI is invaluable for me, and failing to take this opportunity this summer will be detrimental to my physics career, as summer research experiences are extremely important in graduate school admissions and industry job applications. Also, it is unlikely that I will have this opportunity again, as JQI only accepts one or two undergraduate students every year to do summer research.

Sir/Madam, I cannot stress enough how this is a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me. And now, the only thing between me and this opportunity is my ability to legally work. Sir/Madam, please consider my case. I thank you for your time.

Best,
Huan Q. Bui