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17-MONTH OPT EXTENSION REQUEST

Name: _____ UTD-ID: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone #: _____

Are you in the last 120 days of your Post Completion Optional Practical Training? Yes No

Have you paid the UT Dallas Practical Training Fee? Yes No

Process

1. Submit request form and supporting documents to the ISSO.
2. The ISSO issues an extension I-20 and supplies mailing instructions
3. The student packages all required documents and mails them to USCIS.
4. USCIS issues a receipt and, if approved, an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with the new 17-month authorization.

Submit to ISSO

- Completed OPT 17-Month Extension Request form
- Copy of completed I-765, including all fields on Items #17 (Note: "degree" = degree on current I-20)
- Copy of current OPT EAD
- Completed OPT Reporting Form

Statement of Understanding

By signing this request form I indicate that I understand:

- It is my responsibility to determine if I am eligible for the 17-Month OPT Extension. To view eligibility requirements please see: <http://www.utdallas.edu/student/international/>.
- It is my responsibility to pick up the new I-20 and mail it along with all other required documents to a USCIS Service Center within 30 days of the I-20 issue date
- My current OPT authorization extends up to 180 days beyond the end date if an extension application is pending.
- In order to maintain F-1 status during my 17-Month OPT Extension I must not be unemployed for more than an aggregate of 120 days
- While on the 17-Month Extension of OPT I may only work for employers registered in E-Verify
- During my OPT extension I must report any change of legal name, residential or mailing address, employer name, employer address, and/or loss of employment to the ISSO
- During my OPT extension I must make a validation report to the ISSO every six months starting from the date the extension begins
- IF THE EAD IS MAILED TO MY ADDRESS, I WILL PROVIDE A COPY TO THE ISSO AS SOON AS I RECEIVE IT. If the EAD is sent to the ISSO, I authorize ISSO staff to open the envelope and make a copy of the EAD for my file.

Signature

Date

Your UTD-ID is being requested because it is a unique identification number which is maintained for the purpose of verifying student identification. The disclosure of such information is voluntary. With few exceptions, you are entitled on your request to be informed about the information U.T. Dallas collects about you. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to have U.T. Dallas correct information about you that is held by us and is incorrect.