

## Optional Practical Training (OPT) Acknowledgment and Disclaimer

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UID: \_\_\_\_\_

Post-completion OPT

STEM OPT Extension

*Read the following carefully and initial next to each statement. Only electronically verified signature or handwritten signature are accepted. Completed form must be returned to [TheWorld@memphis.edu](mailto:TheWorld@memphis.edu). Email subject line: "OPT disclaimer\_Your Last Name".*

\_\_\_\_\_ OPT authorization must be recommended by my Designated School Official (DSO) at the University of Memphis and approved by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

\_\_\_\_\_ My employment must be directly related to my major of study (not minor or concentration) and meet all OPT requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not permitted to begin employment until I have received a physical copy of my Employment Authorization Document (EAD). I cannot work till the effective start date on my EAD. I must stop working if my EAD expires or my OPT is terminated.

\_\_\_\_\_ Unauthorized employment may lead to termination of my Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) record.

\_\_\_\_\_ I must report any changes to my employment, address, or personal information to my DSO within 10 days. I must provide truthful and complete information to my DSO. The DSO may request additional information or contact my employer(s) to verify the details I provide.

\_\_\_\_\_ STEM OPT validation is every six months. I must provide the necessary information to my DSO at least one week before the deadline for the validation. Failure to comply may result in missing the validation and the DSO is not authorized to extend the validation deadline.

\_\_\_\_\_ SEVP Portal updates are not automatically approved by the DSO. The DSO will not certify employment information that fails to meet OPT requirements even though I enter it in SEVP portal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I may not accrue more than 90 days of unemployment during post-completion OPT and no more than an additional 60 days during the STEM OPT extension. Exceeding these limits may lead to termination of my F-1 record.

\_\_\_\_\_ International travel during OPT is my choice. I am responsible for renewing my F-1 visa if it expires and for carrying all required reentry documents. I understand that reentry is never guaranteed as CBP officers have discretionary authority to admit a nonimmigrant.

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintaining my F-1 status is my responsibility. Failure to comply with OPT requirements may result in termination of my SEVIS record and loss of legal F-1 status.

\_\_\_\_\_ I must keep copies of all I-20s and OPT-related documents, including my EAD card(s), employment documentation, and records of my SEVP Portal updates.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the International Student Services office cannot provide legal advice and that I should consult a qualified immigration attorney for individualized immigration matters.

### Student Certification

I understand the rules, responsibilities, and reporting requirements related to OPT. I agree to comply with all requirements listed above and acknowledge that failure to do so may result in violation of my F-1 status.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_