
The purpose of this guide is to inform U.S. employers about

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CU Boulder Career Services and International Student & Scholar Services: How we support employers and international students

Career Services:

CU Boulder ISSS:

Why Hire International Students?

- Diverse perspectives:
- Global experience:
- Adaptability and resiliency:
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Important Note: Employers should note that a Social Security Number alone is not sufficient proof of work authorization for international students. It is critical that employers confirm an international student's work authorization prior to the employment start date to prevent any liability for the student and the employer in the future.

F-1 Students

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) for F-1 students

What is it?

Duration/Hours of Employment

CPT Processing Time

Student's Role

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Proof of Authorization

Employer's Role

Optional Practical Training (OPT) for F-1 students

What is it?

» Pre-Completion OPT:

» Post-Completion OPT:

***24 Month STEM Extension of Optional Practical Training (OPT)
for F-1 Students***

What is it?



Proof of Authorization

Employer's Role

For information about Employer's Training Obligation, please see:

J-1 Students

Internships/Jobs - Academic Training (AT) for J-1 students

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Long-Term Employment in the U.S.
