

### **Graduating and returning home?**

You have a 60-day grace period in which to wrap-up your affairs and leave the US.

### **Graduating and planning to apply for Optional Practical Training?**

If you wish to apply for OPT, then you should download and complete Form I-765 (available at <https://www.uscis.gov/i-765>) and submit it with all required documentation no later than 60 days after your program end date (May 31, 2022, for students graduating this spring).

Please note that you will need to submit a new I-20 with recommendation for OPT from the International Student Advisor (Susannah White) along with the application. See Susannah to get an OPT recommendation. Processing time for OPT is 90 days. You may not accept employment until you have received your Employment Authorization Document (EAD card).

With OPT, the earlier you apply, the better! Please see Susannah if you have any questions!

### **Planning to attend another school?**

Obtain a SEVIS transfer verification form from your new school. Susannah White will release your SEVIS records to the new school so that they can create a new I-20 for you to attend their program. Your new school will probably be in touch with a transfer form for you to give to Susannah. Please note that if you are on OPT, your employment eligibility will end when the record is transferred, so plan carefully to avoid any problems.

### **Returning to SFCM in a new degree program?**

Have the Admissions Office send Susannah White a confirmation of your admission. Submit all required financial documentation. Susannah will be able to give you an updated I-20 for study at the new degree level.

### **Other Questions?**

Contact:

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