



ISSS Employment Authorization Workshops and Programs

Spring 2021

Every semester, ISSS offers a number of employment authorization workshops for students. This includes live Zoom workshops on CPT, OPT, and STEM OPT. In order to meet the scheduling needs of students during remote learning, we will also offer recorded versions of these workshops [on our website](#) to make them easily accessible if you are unable to attend a live workshop. Additionally, we will now be offering open Q&A sessions on Zoom which students can attend if they have follow up questions after viewing a workshop recording. While the workshop is the first step for any student applying for these authorizations, we also welcome students to [schedule a Zoom appointment](#) or email us any questions after viewing a workshop (ISSS@albany.edu) so that we can address your situation and questions individually.

Be sure to also check out our [Career Resources page](#) for more helpful tips.

Post-Completion OPT Live Zoom Workshops

This required workshop covers the application process and regulatory requirements for Post-Completion OPT, and students may ask questions during the workshop program.

- **Wednesday, January 20, 3:30-5:00pm, [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**
- **Friday, February 5, 3:30-5:00pm, [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**
- **Wednesday, February 17, 3:30-5:00pm, [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**
- **Wednesday, March 8, 3:30-5:00pm, Zoom Meeting Link: [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**
- **Friday, April 23, 3:30-5:00pm, Zoom Meeting Link: [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**
- **Thursday, May 6, 3:30-5:00pm, Zoom Meeting Link: [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**

Unable to attend live? A recording of the workshop will be available [on our website](#) after the first session(s).

Post-Completion OPT Live Zoom Open Q&As

These Q&As are not intended as a substitute for the required Post-Completion OPT workshop, but are a supplemental program. Students should attend or view the recording of the Post-Completion OPT workshop (listed above) in advance of attending an open Q&A

- **Monday, March 1, 3:30-5:00pm, [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**
- **Tuesday, March 23, 3:30-5:00pm, [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**
- **Thursday, April 8, 3:30-5:00pm, [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**
- **Wednesday, May 19, 3:30-5:00pm, Zoom Meeting Link: [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**

Important Dates for Students Applying for Post-Completion OPT in Spring 2021

- **February 14, 2021:** First day filing opens for OPT requests from May 2020 graduates (PhD students may vary)
- **May 15, 2021:** Program end date for May graduates (PhD students may vary)
- **July 13, 2021:** Latest OPT start date for May graduates to request. All OPT applications for May graduates must be received by USCIS before this date (PhD students may vary)

CPT Live Zoom Workshops

This workshop covers the application process and regulatory requirements for CPT, and students may ask questions during the workshop program.

- **Wednesday, February 10, 3:30-5:00pm, [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**
- **Monday, April 12, 3:30-5:00pm, Zoom Meeting Link: [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**

Unable to attend live? A recording of the workshop will be available [on our website](#) after the first session.

STEM OPT Live Zoom Workshops

This workshop covers the application process and regulatory requirements for STEM OPT, and students may ask questions during the workshop program.

- **Wednesday, January 13, 3:30-5:00pm, [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**
- **Wednesday, March 31, 3:30-5:00pm, [Click here to join Zoom Meeting](#)**

Unable to attend live? A recording of the workshop will be available [on our website](#) after the first session.