



## **GRADUATION/OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING WORKSHOP (2018)**

If graduation is just around the corner for you and you are interested in learning more about how to apply for Graduation and Optional Practical Training (OPT), a temporary employment available to F-1 students. OPT employment must be related to the student's field of study and commensurate with the student's education level. F-1 students may be eligible for up to 12 months of OPT per degree level. The OPT workshop was designed to inform students who are qualified and/or interested in applying for this F-1 work authorization and how it can be utilized after graduation.

**Objective:** The purpose of the workshop is to help F-1 international students learn how to apply for graduation, understand the benefit of OPT, assist the student in completing the required documents, and to answer the most frequently asked questions concerning OPT.

### **Workshop Dates:**

- Thursday, February 1, 5 P.M., Library
- Thursday, March 29, 5 P.M., Library
- Thursday, May 31, 5 P.M., Library
- Thursday, July 26, 5 P.M., Library
- Thursday, September 27, 5 P.M., Library
- Thursday, November 29, 5 P.M., Library

### **Workshop Agenda:**

- How to apply for Graduation
- OPT: The Basics
- When can I apply for OPT?
- Facts to know while on OPT
- What can I do after Post-Completion OPT?
- How Do I Apply for OPT?
- Optional Practical Training Timeline