All OPT applicants are responsible for knowing and complying with all dates and deadlines established by USCIS. These dates can change!

date	Action	Explanation
Beginning Jan. 3, 2022 You may have an initial meeting as early as Dec 1, 2021	Make appointment with Dean Tina	Obtain OPT application packet
Feb. 8 – Jun. 28, 2022	OPT application can be submitted to USCIS	Jun. 28 is last date OIS will review your application
COVID-19 ALERT: You MUST be in the US to apply for OPT		
May 10 - July 8, 2022	Your official work authorization start date will be assigned during this range of dates by USCIS	USCIS determines when you can start working but you must wait until AFTER you receive your EAD card
90 days from your USCIS start date (Not later than Oct 5, 2022)	Last day to begin work or you must depart US	90 days cumulative unemployment during your 12 months of OPT
Early Spring 2023 (Feb.)	STEM majors on OPT may apply for 2-yr extension	Only for majors on the official USCIS list