Applying for CPT

General Application Process

1. If all eligibility requirements are met, then you may create and submit an online CPT Request in OISS Connect. You can find the link to create a CPT request below in the section that applies to you.
2. Be prepared to attach documentation of your employment agreement (could be a letter or a contract). You must submit your CPT request before your CPT begins.
3. A new form I-20 will be issued denoting the employer and the dates authorized on page two. You can present this new I-20, along with your passport and I-94 record as proof of employment authorization to your employer.
4. Apply for a Social Security Number [1] if you do not have one already.

Instructions by School

GSAS Masters Students

Only Masters students in Biostatistics, Health Informatics, Global Affairs, and Statistics & Data Science are eligible for summer time CPT.

Master’s students in Biostatistics and Health Informatics should send their request for electronic recommendation to Melanie Elliot melanie.elliot@yale.edu [2]

Master’s students in Global Affairs should send their request for electronic recommendation to Lily Sutton at lily.sutton@yale.edu [3]

Master’s students in Statistics and Data Science should send their request for electronic recommendation to Jay Emerson at john.emerson@yale.edu [4]

You may create and submit an online CPT Request by opening a Chrome (recommended) or Firefox browser and using this link to log in to OISS Connect [5].
Important Note: Please only click this link once. If you are returning to work on your request, log in to https://connect.oiss.yale.edu [6] to edit your pending request on your profile page.

GSAS PhD Students

You will create and submit an online CPT Request by opening a Chrome (recommended) or Firefox browser and using this link to log in to OISS Connect [5].
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- PhD students enrolled in GSAS 901C or 902C must have the completed Request Form [7] signed by the DGS and academic advisor. Once signed, scan the form, offer letter, and personal statement and send them to Dean Allegra di Bonaventura [8] for a final review and signature. Send an electronic recommendation request through your OISS Connect application to Dean Allegra di Bonaventura at GSASadministrative_dean@yale.edu [8]. If approved, the Dean will attach the signed form to your electronic recommendation in OISS Connect.
- PhD students with employment essential for dissertation must submit a personal statement and a letter of support on Yale letterhead written and signed by their PI describing how the proposed employment
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is essential for the development of their dissertation. Scan this documentation and send it to Dean Allegra di Bonaventura [8]. Send an electronic recommendation request through your OISS connect application to Dean Allegra di Bonaventura at GSASadministrativedean@yale.edu [8]. The Dean will review this documentation and if approved they will attach the forms to your electronic recommendation in OISS Connect.

- **Student selected for the Yale Graduate Impact (YGI) Fellowship** for projects taking place during the summer or fall should complete the GSAS Application for Yale Graduate Impact Fellowship and Summer Course Registration [9] form signed by the DGS and academic advisor. Once signed, scan the form and your professional resume to Dean Allegra di Bonaventura [8] for a final review and signature. Send an electronic recommendation request through your OISS Connect application to Dean Allegra di Bonaventura at GSASadministrativedean@yale.edu [8]. If approved, the Dean will attach the signed form to your electronic recommendation in OISS Connect.

**Yale College Students**

You need to do two things to apply for CPT based on enrollment in PRAC 471 (you can submit them simultaneously, but we need both the proposal approval and CPT request submission before we can issue your I-20):

- You must complete a Project Proposal that needs to be approved by your DUS and Derek Webster (Senior Associate Director for Creative Careers & PRAC 471 Instructor of Record).
  - Please complete the necessary information and submit your proposal for PRAC 471 here [10].
  - This dynamic form will be automatically forwarded to your DUS and to Derek Webster for approval, so you do not need to contact them unless there is an issue.
  - Once your DUS and Derek Webster approve your proposal, you will be notified and OISS will receive a copy of the approval of your enrollment in PRAC 471.
  
  **Important Note:**
  Derek Webster is only the course instructor for PRAC 471, so all questions related to the project proposal form or CPT should NOT be directed to him, but to your designated OISS adviser, Ozan Say. You should only contact Derek Webster related to specific questions about the course itself.

- If you would like to download an approved version of your project proposal, please follow these steps:
  2. Under Forms History will be a list of all Form Submissions, click the PDF icon or HTML for the Form Submission you wish to view/download/save/print.
  3. Status – There are different types of Form Statuses found under Forms History and your form should be under one of these two categories:
     - Pending – A completed form submission in Pending queue.
     - Processed – A completed form submissions in Processed queue
  
- You must also submit the Yale College Student CPT Request Form [12]. Important Note:
  Please only click this link once. If you are returning to work on your request, log in to https://connect.oiss.yale.edu [6] to edit your pending request on your profile page.

**Note:** If you are in Energy Studies, Education Studies, Human Rights Studies, Global Health Studies, Grand Strategy Program, or Yale Journalism Initiative, please contact your adviser Ozan Say first to discuss eligibility for CPT based on your program participation.

**Divinity School Students**

Only students pursuing a MDiv or MAR are eligible for CPT for the following courses:

- The summer intensive internship with Practicum, REL 3989 per the Supervised Ministry requirement
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- The part-time academic year internship Practicum, REL 3986/7 per the Supervised Ministry requirement
- OR Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) so long as the opportunity has been approved by Jennifer Davis.

After securing your internship, but before you begin work, you should create and submit an online CPT Request by opening a Chrome (recommended) or Firefox browser and using this link to log in to OISS Connect [5]. Important Note: Please only click this link once. If you are returning to work on your request, log in to https://connect.oiss.yale.edu [6] to edit your pending request on your profile page.

OISS Connect will ask you to enter a Recommender. The Recommender is Jennifer Davis.

**Law School Students**

Only 1L and 2L JD students are eligible for summer time CPT through enrollment in Legal Practicum (20008). There is no term time CPT option in Law School. LLM and JSD students are not eligible for CPT.

JD students may create and submit an online CPT Request by opening a Chrome (recommended) or Firefox browser and using this link to log in to OISS Connect [5]. Important Note: Please only click this link once. If you are returning to work on your request, log in to https://connect.oiss.yale.edu [6] to edit your pending request on your profile page.

When you create your CPT request in OISS Connect you will notice that there is a recommender section. Please send your request for electronic recommendation to YLS Registrar by manually entering first name “Law”, last name “Registrar”, and registrar.law@yale.edu [13] as the recommender’s email.

**School of Architecture Students**

After being enrolled for a full academic year at the Master's level at the Yale School of Architecture, you may be eligible for CPT. After securing your internship, but before you begin work, you should create and submit an online CPT Request by opening a Chrome (recommended) or Firefox browser and using this link to log in to OISS Connect [5]. Important Note: Please only click this link once. If you are returning to work on your request, log in to https://connect.oiss.yale.edu [6] to edit your pending request on your profile page.

OISS Connect will ask you to enter a Recommender. The Recommender is Dean Phillip Bernstein.

**School of Environment Students**

Secure your summer experience (internship) by working with YSE CDO. For assistance from the CDO, please schedule an appointment with Maya is through the YSE Next system [14], but if you need to reach out directly, you may her an email at maya.polan@yale.edu [15].

After securing your internship, but before you begin work, you should create and submit an online CPT Request by opening a Chrome (recommended) or Firefox browser and using this link to log in to OISS Connect [5]. Important Note: Please only click this link once. If you are returning to work on your request, log in to https://connect.oiss.yale.edu [6] to edit your pending request on your profile page.

OISS Connect will ask you to enter a Recommender. The Recommender is Andres Fernandez.

**School of Music Students**

Before you begin any work engagement, you must submit the Music Student CPT Request Form [16] and receive a new I-20 with CPT authorization noting the specific employer and dates on page 2. Only this new I-20 will authorize you to engage in off-campus work.
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CPT is only available during semester time for Master's students.

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**School of Management Students**

Only MBA and Asset Management students are eligible for CPT. For the two-year MBA there is no CPT option while classes are in session. Silver Scholars use CPT during their Gap Year 1 away from the classroom. Asset Management students may work during Spring term, but are limited to less than 20 hours per week and must have CPT authorization.

Your OISS adviser will give you the appropriate academic recommender to use (contact your adviser [17] if you do not know who the academic recommender should be), and then you may create and submit an online CPT Request by opening a Chrome (recommended) or Firefox browser and using this link to log in to OISS Connect [5].

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**School of Public Health Students**

First, secure your summer internship. After securing your internship, but before you begin work, you should create and submit an online CPT Request by opening a Chrome (recommended) or Firefox browser and using this link to log in to OISS Connect [5]. Important Note: Please only click this link once. If you are returning to work on your request, log in to https://connect.oiss.yale.edu [6] to edit your pending request on your profile page.

OISS Connect will ask you to enter a Recommender. The Recommender is Stacey Tuttle.

**All Other Professional School Students**

Your OISS adviser will give you the appropriate academic recommender to use (contact your adviser [17] if you do not know who the academic recommender should be), and then you may create and submit an online CPT Request by opening a Chrome (recommended) or Firefox browser and using this link to log in to OISS Connect [5].

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**Source URL:** https://oiss.yale.edu/employment-taxes/employment-for-international-students/f-1-students/curricular-practical-training/applying-for-cpt

**Links**

[1] https://oiss.yale.edu/legal/ssn
[3] mailto:melanie.elliott@yale.edu
[4] mailto:lily.sutton@yale.edu