F-1 OPT Processing Updates

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Since late February OISS has processed hundreds of OPT applications and it appears the processing by USCIS is underway. For those of you who used OISS (421 Temple Street) as your return mailing address in your OPT application, we have started to receive OPT receipt notices and are just beginning to receive a few EAD cards. When your receipt is received, OISS will send you a scan of the receipt.

As discussed in our OPT presentations, if you chose to use the OISS address as your mailing address, OISS staff will collect your EAD card from the New Haven post office which we do twice a week. Once OISS has picked up your EAD card, you will receive an email from our office with a link to set up an appointment to pick-up the card in-person at 421 Temple Street. If you applied for an SSN with your OPT application, we will try to arrange a pick-up time where you can pick-up both pieces of mail at the same time. SSN cards are typically delivered 1-2 weeks after EAD cards.

If more than 90 have passed since you applied for OPT and you haven’t received your EAD card, please email your adviser [1] to let them know.

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