Ohio Wesleyan University

NOTICE

From International and Off-Campus Programs

Regarding Post-Completion OPT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for the reporting of information by students engaging in Post-Completion Optional Practical Training have been released by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Student & Exchange Visitor Program. It is imperative that all OWU students doing Post-Completion Optional Practical Training comply with all reporting requirements. Failure to do so will result in a failure to maintain status.

All those engaged in Post-Completion Optional Practical Training must report to IOCP the following:

- (1) A change of address—the physical address of domicile, not a post office box.
- (2) An official change of name—such as may happen after marriage.
- (3) Employer's name, address of employment location, and the exact start date of employment.
- (4) Any period of unemployment.

Reporting of the above must occur WITHIN TEN DAYS of the change.

Please note the following:

- * Those engaged in Post-Completion OPT may accrue a maximum of 90 days of unemployment. Any more than this will result in a loss of status.
- * Post-completion OPT must be full-time (i.e. more than 20 hours per week).
- * Unpaid full-time internships qualify for OPT.
- * Those engaged in Post-Completion OPT must have their Form I-20 endorsed every SIX MONTHS, whether traveling or not.
- * Those who graduated with a MAJOR in a STEM discipline MAY be eligible for a 17-month extension of their OPT. Please contact ISS if you have questions.
- * Those engaged in Post-Completion OPT who have been approved for an H1B may be eligible for "Cap Gap" work permission.
- * For more information, please see www.ice.gov/sevis/students/index.htm.

You must report changes to IOCP by ONLY one of the following two ways:

* By email: <u>iocp@owu.edu</u> * By fax: 740-368-3073