Post-Completion OPT Timeline

Application Window

Grace Period

I-20 Program End Date

Up to 90 days before

Up to 60 days after

Grace Period

You have 60 days from the end date on your EAD to leave the US, transfer to another school, or change to another visa category.

OPT End Date

OPT

You may choose any date within the 60-day window after **your I-20 program end date** for your OPT start date. You cannot have a start date before or after this 60-day window.

OPT Start Date Window

- **OPT employment lasts for 12 months.**
- **Cannot accrue more than 90 days aggregate total of unemployment.**
- **Check in with International Engagement every 6 months.**
- **If STEM-eligible, you can apply for a 24-month extension. You must apply *before* the expiration date on your EAD.**