



## AUBURN UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

While on OPT, your immigration status will remain as F1 student under Auburn University. Therefore, Auburn University is responsible for reporting your OPT information and all updates to Department of Homeland Security.

To effectively serve and supervise those international students transitioning to optional, post-graduate training programs, effective September 2013, the Office of International Programs began extending the semester-based international student fee for all F1 students applying for OPT (Optional Practical Training) and continuing their training in the US. The international student fee will be charged for a period of three (3) semesters, the length of OPT programs, a total of \$390. This amount may be paid to Auburn University by personal check, money order or charged to your student e-bill. In the event a student does not find OPT employment and chooses to return to his or her home country, or enrolls in another degree program at AU or other educational institution before the end of the one year period, the student will receive a refund of the student fee for any remaining semesters.

For those students applying for the STEM-related OPT extension, the international student fee will be charged for the six (6) semesters allowed for the extension. A total of \$780 will be collected at the time the immigration advisor processes the extension paperwork. Again, refunds will be given to students after one semester if the student ends the OPT before given end date.