Travel Documents for Practical Training

REQUIRED

1) Your most recent SEVIS I-20 should be signed. Additionally, you should take all I-20s ever issued to you, even I-20s from language schools and high schools.

2) Your valid passport, which should be valid at least six (6) months into the future

3) Your original EAD (OPT card)

4) Valid F-1 entry visa (If your visa has expired, it is vital that you have sufficient time to obtain the visa). You should speak with an international student advisor and check http://travel.state.gov/links.html before leaving the USA.

5) If you have a job, you must carry a letter on company letterhead, stating your
   • job title
   • job description
   • salary
   • begin and end dates of your employment
   • statement that the employer expects you back to work on a given date

If you do not have a job, it is highly risky to travel. Your OPT may be terminated and you may not be allowed to re-enter the USA. If your F-1 entry visa has expired and you do not have a job, I suggest that you do not travel.

In this case I suggest that you bring financial documentation showing that you have at least $1,500 of funds per month for living expenses.

If the funds are not yours, I suggest that you get a notarized affidavit of support from whoever provides the financial (bank) statement for you. See our website www.pratt.edu/oia/checklist for a sample of the affidavit of support.