

Immigration Status After OPT

After the end date on your EAD card, you will have 60 days to do one of the following:

- Depart the United States. If your plan is to depart the US, please complete and submit the [Departure Form](#) to OISS.
- Transfer to another school to begin a new program. Please complete the [Transfer Out Request process](#).
- Begin a new program of study at Rutgers University. Please complete the [Change in Program Level process](#).

Sometimes an employer is interested in extending your permission to work in the U.S. beyond the period of OPT. To do so usually requires a change of visa status to another non-immigrant visa status (for example, an H1-B visa) or an adjustment of status to permanent residence. If this is the situation, your employer will guide you through the process. It is important to keep all your I-20 forms. Your employer will need to include copies with your H1-B application. **Please do not contact OISS about this process as it is a process that is strictly between you and your employer.** All the best!