

## Academic Job Search Strategies for International Graduate Students



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## AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
2:30 pm – 3 pm	Introduction and Overview	Kate Zheng
	Legal/Immigration Issues	Linda Kentes Beth Hoffman-Lopez
		Q&A
3 pm – 3:40 pm	Faculty Viewpoints Evaluation	

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- Optional Practical Training (Required On-line Training and optional OPT Information Sessions)
- Long Term Employment Authorization: H-1B and Permanent Residency
- U.S. Job Search Strategies for International Student


 [http://www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/studeschol\\_workshops.html](http://www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/studeschol_workshops.html)

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The University of Michigan  
English Language Institute

- English for Academic Purposes
- Workshops
- Writing Clinics
- Speaking Clinic
- English Learning Links
- Conversation Circles


 <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/eli/>

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## PhDs and the Academic Job Search

- Job Search Process
- Application Materials
- Interviewing
- Networking
- Job Listing Web Sites
- Negotiating the Offer


 <http://www.careercenter.umich.edu/students/gradservices/academic/index.html>

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## PLAN: Profession, Life, Academics, Network

PLAN draws on the knowledge and experience of the staff of the Rackham Graduate School and partners across campus by providing many programs that support the academic, professional, and personal development of graduate students.

 <http://www.rackham.umich.edu/>

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- Welcome Wednesdays
- Real Life 101
- 30-Minute Mentors
- Job Resources Center
- Business Cards



 <http://alumni.umich.edu/>

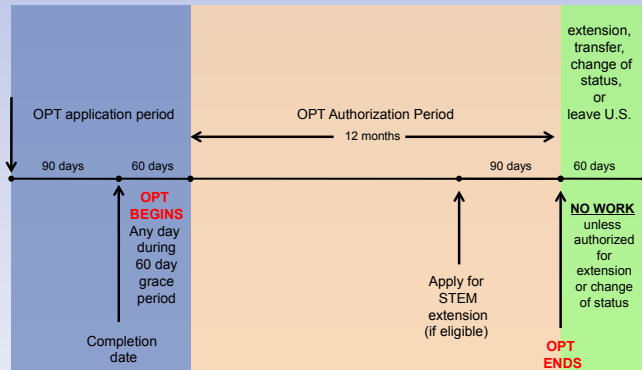
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## Employment Options for F-1/J-1 Students After Graduation

Nonimmigrant Status	F-1	J-1 Student (UM sponsored)
<b>Name of the Program</b>	Optional Practical Training (OPT)	Academic Training (AT)
<b>Definition</b>	Temporary employment directly related to a student's field of study	Work, training, or experience related to a student's field of study
<b>Length of Program</b>	12 months Some students may become eligible for additional 17 months	May not exceed the amount of time spent in the full course of study. Usual length is 18 months.
<b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No job offer required</li> <li>• Apply during final term of registration.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Job offer required</li> <li>• IC must receive AT request prior to completion of studies</li> </ul>
<b>Application Process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation from IC</li> <li>• Adjudicated by USCIS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation from academic advisor</li> <li>• AT authorization is issued by IC</li> </ul>
<b>Others</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No fee</li> </ul>

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## Post-Completion OPT Timeline



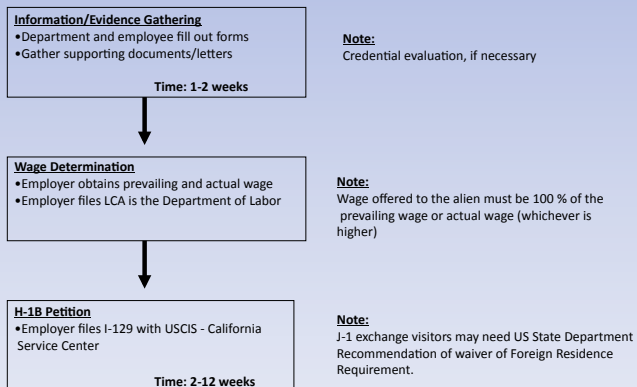
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## J-1 Research Scholar or Professor (maximum 5 years)

- Some F-1 students may be employed as J-1 scholars/professors (usually after OPT)
- Sponsored by employing University
- Issuance of DS-2019
- Change of Status or Travel to gain J-1 status
- 24 Month Bar on repeat J participation
- Two Year Home Residency Requirement

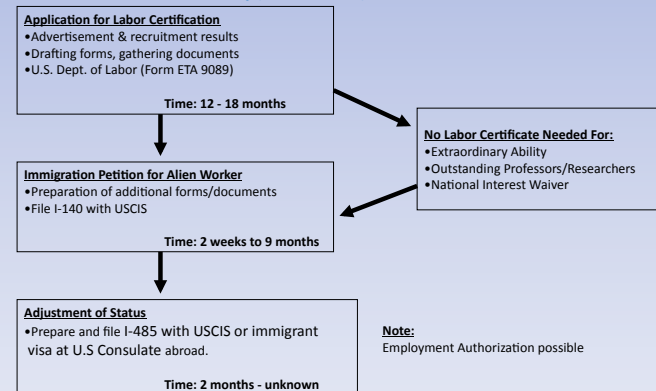
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## H-1B – Temporary Worker in Specialty Occupations Basic Procedure Flowsheet



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## Permanent Residency ("Green Card") Basic Procedure Flow Sheet



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## Resources

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) – [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

Department of State (DOS) – [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)

International Center (IC) – [www.internationalcenter.umich.edu](http://www.internationalcenter.umich.edu)

IC H-1B FAQ - [www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/immig/h1bvisa/faq.html](http://www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/immig/h1bvisa/faq.html)

Fragomen – [www.fragomen.com](http://www.fragomen.com)

Law Offices of Irani & Wise – [www.iraniwise.com](http://www.iraniwise.com)

Law Offices of Afaf Vicky Farah – <http://www.vickyfarah.com/>

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