

## P.I. Recommendation for F-1 Optional Practical Training

### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT:

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Name as listed in passport: \_\_\_\_\_

### Anticipated Completion Timeline (To be reviewed by P.I. and GSBS)

1. Has your defense timeline been approved?:	2. Defense Date:
3. Stipend Payroll Termination & Program Completion Date (Must be a weekday):	

### Important Notes:

- The completion date is the date on which the student submits all required materials for the Ph.D to GSBS. The completion date should take into consideration the defense date, revision of materials and should correspond with dates and deadlines set forth by GSBS and the University Registrar and fall within GSBS and department guidelines for submission of dissertation materials.
- **Students must maintain full-time enrollment at UMass Chan until their official date of completion**, at which time they may withdraw and request an official letter of completion from the University Registrar.
- **Once the student has officially completed, they are no longer eligible to work at UMass Chan without additional employment authorization from USCIS.**

### TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

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The student above wishes to apply to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for permission to engage in Optional Practical Training (OPT), an authorization for off-campus employment directly related to their major field of study. Your signature enables the ISO to certify to USCIS, a student's expected date of program completion. This form will be submitted to GSBS & ISO once signed by the P.I.

### Principal Investigator Recommendation:

(Please sign if in agreement with the statement below)

There are no known issues that would potentially delay the program completion date listed in the top section of this form. In order for this student to receive the full benefit of his or her doctoral education at UMass Chan, I recommend that this student be allowed to apply for Post Completion Optional Practical Training which would allow the student to gain practical experience in their field of study of Biomedical Sciences while in the United States.

P.I.'s Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

P.I.'s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_