Is your application taking longer than expected?

An OPT application normally takes **3 to 5 months** to get approved by USCIS.

First, Check your OPT Application Case Status online by going to

https://egov.uscis.gov/casestatus/landing.do

Then, if you have not received your EAD card **after 4 months**, you can send an e-Request to USCIS about your case by going to https://egov.uscis.gov/e-request/Intro.do.

The e-Request is to let USCIS know that your case is outside normal processing time. Please know that this does not guarantee a response nor does it expedite the process.

If you have questions on how to fill out an e-Request, please see the tutorial below.
Step 1: Go to the USCIS Website (https://egov.uscis.gov/e-request/Intro.do) Then click on “Case outside processing time.”
Step 2: Read the information carefully, then scroll down if you still want to fill out an e-Request about your case.
Step 3: Fill out the form, following the tips below:

**Case Information**

- **Form Number:** Select “form number I765”
- **Form Sub Type:** Select “I765 - Based on a request by a qualified F-1 academic student. [(c)(3)]”

**Receipt Number**

- The receipt number starts with YSC and is on the “Receipt Notice Arrived” email sent by OIS.

**Date Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)**

- If you do not know the exact date, use the month and year you mailed the documents. For example, if you mailed the documents on October 2018, you can write 10/01/2018.

**Applicant or Petitioner Information**

- **First Name**: Your first name and last name must be the same as on your Passport.
- **Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)**: Your Date of Birth must be in Month/Day/Year format.
- **A-Number (optional)**: You do not have an A number, leave this blank.

- **Member of the U.S. Military, or recently discharged from service, or spouse of a member of the U.S. Military**
Step 3: Fill out the form, following the tips below:

Mailing Address

C/O OIS
45 COLUMBUS AVE APT. SUITE 315
NEW YORK, NY 10023

Do not use your personal address.

Street Number and Name
45 Columbus Ave.

Apartment/Floor/Suite(optional)
Suite

Unit Number(optional)
315

City
New York

State
NEW YORK

Zip Code
10023
Step 3: Fill out the form, following the tips below:

Copy and Paste the last status update on your case by going to [https://egov.uscis.gov/casestatus/landing.do](https://egov.uscis.gov/casestatus/landing.do)

Select “Applicant or Petitioner”

If you would like a confirmation email sent to you, please put your email address here.

Click “SUBMIT” and you are done!