OPT Reporting FAQ

Why are you recommending that I continue to report to your office instead of the OPT Portal?

The OPT Portal is a new tool recently developed by SEVP and we feel more time is required before it will provide the best experience for students. Currently, the OPT Portal will not provide you with a real time display of your information in SEVIS. The OPT portal will not allow for you to request or receive a new Form I-20. The portal also allows you to unintentionally provide inaccurate information to SEVP and potentially jeopardize your status.

Reporting to our office ensures that:

- You know that any update to your information will be handled in a consistent manner.
- You will not risk being confused by the timing differences between SEVIS and the OPT Portal.
- We keep a record of your reporting in addition to the records you must keep yourself.
- You will be able to receive a new Form I-20 if desired.
- Provides you with the security that your responses have been reviewed by an experienced international student advisor.

I am on a STEM Extension, should I use the SEVP Portal or report to your office?

We still recommend that all updates are done through our office. Whether you attempt to report through the portal or our office you will still need to report the following to our office: 12 month evaluation, 24 month evaluation, end of employment evaluation, and a new employer. All of these reports require that a DSO review the Form I-983, so they cannot be completed through the SEVP Portal. For this reason we still encourage all STEM Extension reporting to be done through our office.

What if I report my employment through the SEVP Portal but SEVP does not have a record of it or something else looks wrong/inaccurate?

Outside of timing issues between SEVIS and the OPT Portal hopefully this will not be the case. This is a pilot program and there may be problems. We recommend that you take a screenshot of any of your reporting when you submit it and save this in your records. Please also make sure to document any issues and inaccuracies.

Where should I update or report:

Once you have logged in to WorldLink, you may use different forms to report the following changes:
- Current U.S. Address – Update Contact Information
- Current U.S. Phone Number – Update Contact Information
- Current Email Address – Update Contact Information
- Adding a new period of employment during post-completion OPT – Report New OPT Employment
- Adding a new period of employment during STEM Extension – Report New STEM Extension Employment
- Reporting changes to employment that you have already added – Update OPT/STEM Employment Information

We will be adding new electronic forms in the near future to help students complete the 6-month validation reports and 12- and 24-month evaluation reports in the near future.

What if I can't access my ODIN account any longer? How do I log in to WorldLink?

You can still log in to WorldLink using Limited Services. Please refer to the Limited Services login guide online here.