

# Career Prospects and opportunities for International Students

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## **Types of Work Authorization for F-1 Students in the United States:**

1. On campus employment
2. Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
3. Economic hardship\*
4. Pre-completion OPT\*
5. Post completion OPT
6. STEM OPT

\*rarely used



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## Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

- must be integral part of academic program
- must be for academic credit
- If 12 months or longer, no OPT

## Post completion OPT

- ALL international students graduating from Associates, Bachelor's, Masters or PhD level degrees are eligible
- Allows 12 months of work authorization
- maximum 90 days of unemployment

## STEM OPT

- students must have graduated from STEM authorized major
- must have job offer or offer of continued employment
- employers must provide training plan
- up to 24 months with regular reporting requirements.



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99%

employment

# 28 STEM at SCAD





# Types of Work Authorization for International Students in Canada:

1. On/off campus employment - 24 hours
2. Co-op work permit

## Eligibility requirements

You can work off campus without a [work permit](#) if you meet **all** of these requirements:

- you're a full-time student at a [designated learning institution \(DLI\)](#).
- you're enrolled in
  - a post-secondary [academic](#), [vocational](#) or [professional training](#) program **or**
  - a secondary-level vocational training program (Quebec only)
- your study program
  - is at least 6 months long **and**
  - leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
- you've started studying
- you have a [Social Insurance Number \(SIN\)](#).



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## **Types of Work Authorization for International Students in Canada:**

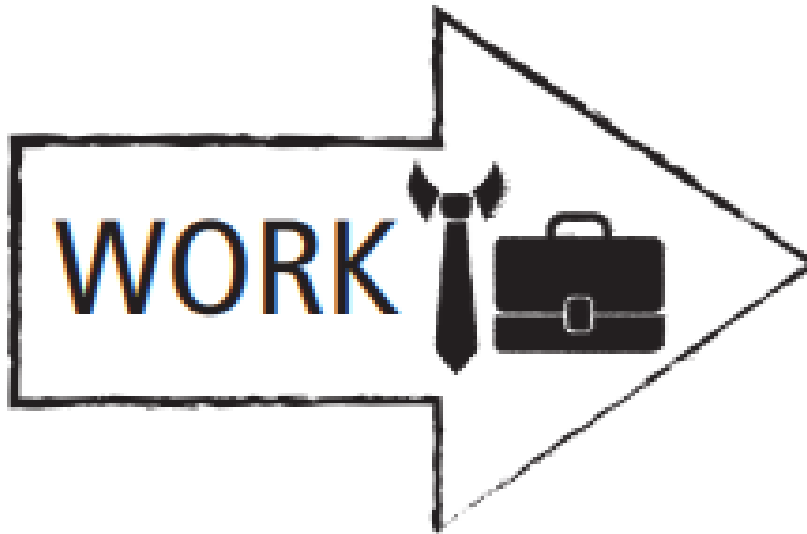
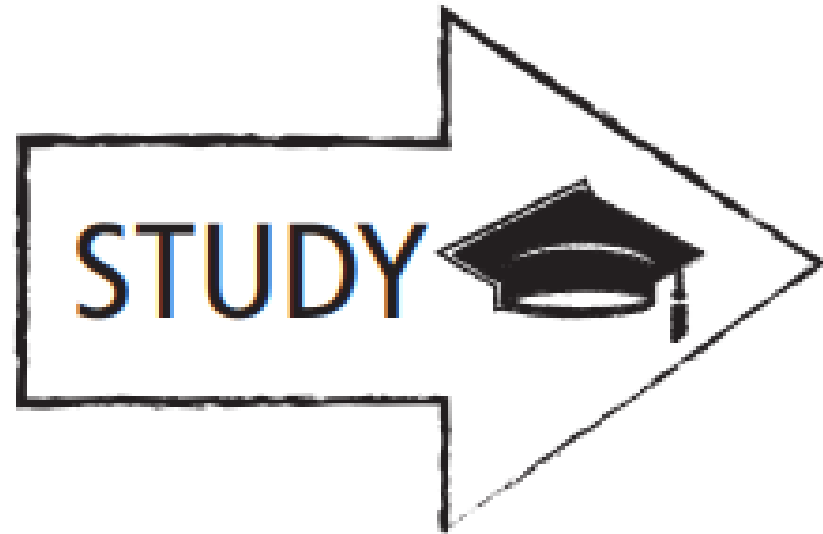
3. Post-grad work permit - 3 years



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- Find a school that's right for you and apply

- Apply for a study permit as soon as possible



- Work while you study



- Help your spouse/partner work while you study



- Extend your visa or study permit as needed



- Get a post-graduation work permit (PGWP)

*With a PGWP, you can work for up to three years in Canada for almost any employer*

- Get another type of work permit if you are not eligible for PGWP

*Explore other types of work permits you could be eligible for*



- Help your spouse/partner keep working while you work



- With Canadian educational credentials and work experience, you're a great candidate to apply to stay permanently

*Check out your options:*



**Express Entry**



**Provincial Nominee Program**



**Atlantic Immigration Pilot**

- The time you spend in Canada as a student or temporary worker counts towards eventually applying to be a Canadian citizen





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