iSTART OPT application process

**NOTE:** Please be sure that you submit all required forms in the OPT application. You MUST complete the “OPT Certification Statement” form. Your request will not be sent to an advisor until the “OPT Certification Statement” form is submitted.

1. Please note that you are REQUIRED to complete the online workshop available at: [http://international.uga.edu/issis/opt_workshop](http://international.uga.edu/issis/opt_workshop) before you can begin the OPT application process.
2. Go to [iSTART.uga.edu](http://iSTART.uga.edu)
3. Click the blue “Login” button.
4. Enter your UGA MyID and password to login.
5. Click “F-1 Employment – Practical Training” in the column on the left.
6. Click “OPT Application Group”
7. Please read all the information carefully on this page to determine which forms you should fill out.

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