

## Affidavit of Understanding

**Part A: Completed by Student**

Applying for post-completion OPT prior to degree conferral is an option that should be undertaken with caution. The following important details should be considered carefully in the decision to apply for post-completion OPT based on completion of all coursework excluding thesis or dissertation.

Please acknowledge your understanding of the following important considerations:

I will not be eligible to extend the program end date on my I-20.

I am responsible for my own status if I fail to defend my dissertation and graduate prior to the end of my OPT period.

I will no longer be eligible to receive a stipend from Penn.

I will be subject to the 90-day unemployment provisions of OPT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, confirm that I have read and understand the information outlined above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part B: Completed by Academic Department**

Department representative name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department representative title: \_\_\_\_\_

Student has completed all required coursework excluding thesis or dissertation: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Expected graduation term: Choose an item.

Expected graduation year: Choose an item.

Department Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

