

## ***EMPLOYMENT-ON CAMPUS***

An F-1 student who has been issued a Form I-20 by a specific university may work on that campus **up to 20 hours a week** when school is in session and full time (20+ hours) during the complete weeks when classes are not in session (this includes the ability to work in the summertime).

In addition, a student who has been issued an I-20 to begin a new program and who intends to enroll for the next regular academic year, term or session at the institution that issued the Form I-20 may work on campus up to 30 days before their classes begin.

An F-1 student may engage in any on-campus employment, but must not exceed 20 hours a week of work. If this occurs, s/he will **automatically** fall out of status and be terminated in the SEVIS system. **It is a student's responsibility to keep track of his/her hours.** For this reason, they should NOT allow anyone else to sign off on his/her timecard for them. This includes their supervisors! **A student who falls out of status or is waiting for a pending change of status to F-1 is not eligible to work on campus until he/she is reinstated by DHS.** A student may not engage in on campus employment after completing a course of study.

### **A Note of Caution**

Working improperly or without authorization is a serious violation of your status. Due to several tracking systems now established in the US, working illegally can be easily traced by BCIS. This tracking is often used when a student re-enters the country, applies for Optional Practical Training or applies for a change in status (such as an H1B visa or Permanent Residency). A record of illegal employment will not only cause you to immediately lose your status, but it may lead to deportation and being barred from reentering the US for up to 10 years. Therefore, it is essential that you consider these ramifications and carefully read over the information provided here because **it is ultimately your responsibility to comply with all Immigration regulations that apply to F-1 students.** You can always ask the Director of International Education for guidance if you have any questions.