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## What's Happening



December means celebrating two important events: classes are over and Christmas! Both of those add up to a nice break. Many of you will be traveling out of the country for the holiday and that means making sure everything goes smoothly at the Point of Entry. Be sure to check that your documents have not expired and to get your I-20 signed if it has not been signed within the past six months. Stop in the International Admissions Office to fill out a travel form and have your I-20 signed.

Important: You must bring your I-20 in before December 23 if you want it signed for travel during the week of Christmas.



## Immigration Information

### *OPT and H1 Extensions*

Many students are asking about OPT extensions because their OPT will expire soon and their employer just filed an H1 application for them.

You have heard about the "Cap Gap Extension" that allows a student to continue to remain in the U.S. and work if their OPT expires and they are waiting to begin their H1 on October 1st. What you may not know is that the extension is limited in when you can apply for it.

The "Cap Gap Extension" is only available for students who applied for an H1 on or after April 1 and have an approved H1 beginning on October 1. If you have filed for an H1 after September 30 you will not be eligible for an extension. This means that if your OPT expires and your grace period runs out before you start your H1, you will need to either extend your status by reenrolling in school or return home. It is not when the H1 is approved but when the H1 will actually start. If your H1 starts during your OPT or grace period you are fine. If it starts after then there is a gap in your valid status in the U.S.



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## Thanksgiving Lunch Highlights

