Sample Advisor’s Letter for Optional Practical Training

DEPARTMENTAL LETTERHEAD

MEMORANDUM

TO:       Slutzker Center for International Services

FROM:     Name
           Title

RE:       Recommendation for Practical Training
           for (name of student)

DATE:     Current Date

SIGNATURE:

Sample 1: Practical Training after the completion of the program of study
This letter is written to confirm that the above named student completed/will complete all requirements for the Bachelor’s/Master’s/Doctoral degree in student’s major/program of study on Month Day, Year. In order for him/her to receive the full benefit of his/her education, it would be beneficial for him/her to receive practical experience in the field of ________________ (field of study) in this country. Therefore, I recommend that s/he be granted practical training.

Sample 2: Practical Training after the completion of all course requirements
The above named student is a full-time undergraduate/graduate student in the Department of _________________. S/he has completed all course requirements for the Bachelor’s/Master’s/Doctoral degree in _________________ and is working on his/her thesis/dissertation/equivalent (please specify Master’s project, comprehensive exam, etc.). S/he expects to complete the degree by Month Day, Year.
In order for student’s name to receive the full benefit of his/her education, it would be beneficial for him/her to receive practical training in the field of _________________ in this country.

Sample 3: Practical Training During Vacation Periods
The above named student is a full-time undergraduate/graduate student in the Department of ______________ expecting to complete a Bachelor’s/Master’s/Doctoral degree by Month Day, Year. The Department of ______________ recommends that s/he be authorized practical training to engage in employment related to his/her program of study during his/her vacation period. We consider such an experience beneficial to a student’s program of study.

Sample 4: Part-Time Practical Training during the school year
The above named student is a full-time student in the Department of ______________ expecting to complete a Bachelor’s/Master’s/Doctoral degree by Month Day, Year. The ______________ department recommends that s/he be authorized practical training to engage in employment related to his/her field of study part-time (20 hours/week or less) during the academic year. We consider such an experience beneficial to a student’s program of study.