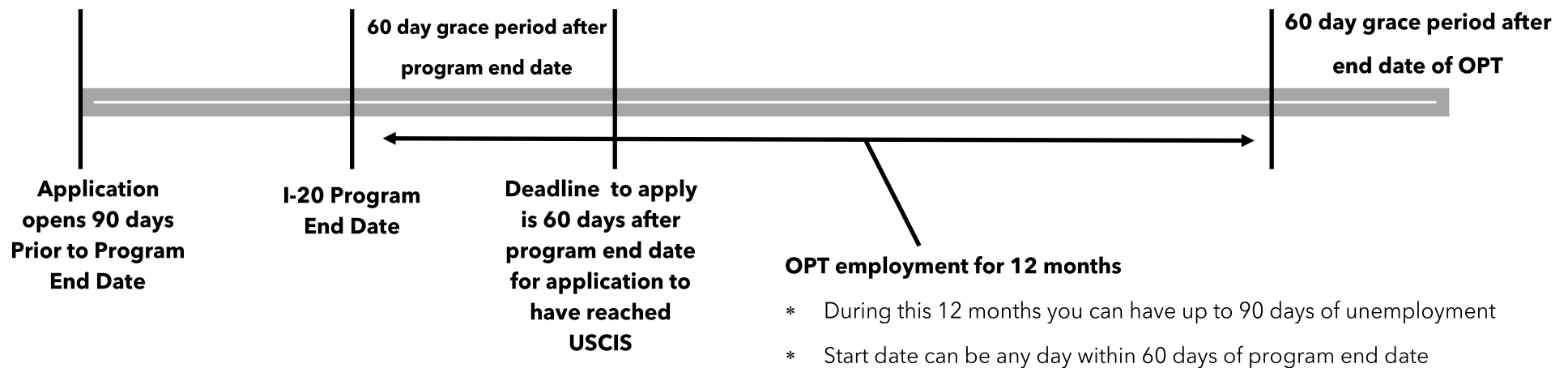


OPT Timeline



Important Notes:

- ◆ Do not need a job offer to apply for OPT
- ◆ Start date for OPT can be any day within 60 days of program end date.
- ◆ Keep in mind USCIS takes an average of 90 days for the application to be processed so for those that need employment authorization right after graduation, you must apply 90 days prior to your program end date. In addition, if you apply late you might lose part of your 12 months of work authorization due to processing times.
- ◆ Contact OISS if you plan to travel after your I-20 end date and do not have your OPT card yet.

Further Questions??

Email OISS at oiss@stthomas.edu or schedule an appointment with an OISS advisor by calling 651-962-6650

