

F-1 Student Eligibility for Community and Industry Graduate Research Assistantships (CIGAs)

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to clarify the parameters on the use of the CIGA program at UA as it relates to the eligibility of international students.

Background

In light of legal concerns relative to the regulatory definition of "on-campus" employment for F-1 students, the Office of General Counsel and the International Center had previously determined that students in F-1 status must apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) authorization to work off-campus at a sponsoring company, even though the student was