- o Yes, if you are approved for Special Student Relief by OIS and choose the on-campus work option, you will receive a new I-20 with special remarks in the notes section.
- o OIS has talked to USF HR about these special remarks. This special I-20 will need to be provided to the HR rep in the department you are working at so they can updated the GEMS system.
- o This options does NOT grant permission to work off-campus.

- ‹ If I am approved for Special Student Relief, can I work off-campus during Fall and Spring semesters?
  - o Yes, if you are approved for Special Student Relief by OIS and choose the off-campus work option, you will receive an new I-20 with special remarks in the notes section. You will use this I-20 to file an I-765 for an EAD from USCIS. There is a $410 application fee.
  - o Students cannot begin working off-campus until they received the EAD card from USCIS.
  - o This option does NOT grant on-campus work authorization over 20 hours.

- ‹ If I am approved for Special Student Relief, can I take less than full-time courses for Fall and Spring semester?
  - o Yes, if you are approved for Special Student Relief by OIS, you will receive a new I-20 with special remarks in the notes section. These remarks will state that you are allowed a reduced course load.
  - o Undergraduate students must take a minimum of 6 hours if approved for Special Student Relief.
  - o Graduate Students must take a minimum of 3 hours if approved for Special Student Relief.
  - o Keep in mind that USF scholarships and GA's require full time enrollment. **Special Student Relief does not waive this requirement.**

TPS Questions

- ‹ Can I apply for TPS and maintain F-1 student status?
  - o Yes. TPS provides students a layer of protection. The student must still follow F-1 rules associated with enrollment.
  - o TPS does not grant a reduced course load so students who are approved for TPS must still enroll full-time.
  - o TPS does not grant permission to work more hours in an on-campus job.
  - o Students who want the benefits of Special Student Relief must also apply for Special Student Relief using the eform in iStart.

- ‹ Can I apply for TPS and get an EAD card as an F-1 student?

  - o Yes. TPS is a layer of protection. The student must still follow F-1 rules.

- o They should go ahead apply use our eform to apply for off-campus work permission associated with Special Student Relief. They will use the TPS EAD card and the I-20 will be updated to show this approval.

- ‹ Can I apply for TPS and get Special Student Relief?
  - o Yes you can apply for both TPS and Special Student Relief.
  - o First option – apply for TPS according to the instructions. If the student wants the EAD, they apply for the TPS EAD. Once this EAD is issued from USCIS, you would complete the OIS Special Student Relief eform to request Special Student Relief with the off-campus work option. OIS will issue a new I-20 with special remarks in the notes section. This grants the reduced course load and notes the student has a TPS EAD. This allows the student to maintain F-1 and TPS at the same time.
  - o Second option – apply for Special Student Relief relief with the off-campus work option and file for the Special Student Relief EAD with USCIS. At the same time apply for TPS without applying for the TPS EAD card. OIS will issue a new I-20 with special remarks in the notes section. This grants the reduced course load. This allows the student to maintain F-1 and TPS at the same time.
  - o Because TPS is complicated, OIS recommends that students retain legal counsel to go over their personal situation to select the option that will work best for them.

Procedures for DSO:

On-campus options remarks

Approved for more than 20 hours per week of on-campus employment and reduced course load, under the Special Student Relief authorization from [DSO must insert the beginning date of the notice or the beginning date of the students employment, whichever date is later] until [DSO must insert the student's program end date or the end date of the notice, whichever date comes first].

Off campus employment remarks