

H-1B Fee Payment Policy

The policy relating to payment of H-1B application fees changed effective May 24, 2005. As of that date, the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) no longer accepts checks for H-1B fees unless the fee is paid by the Washington University department, as outlined below. Under this policy, no department can require the prospective H-1B to reimburse fees paid by the University for H-1B applications.

Applicable Fees

There are three fees which are applicable to H-1B petitions filed by Washington University:

- (1) The filing fee of \$320, made payable to USCIS;
 - a. Effective 11/23/2010, will be \$325
- (2) The fraud prevention fee of \$500, made payable to U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security; and
- (3) The premium processing fee of \$1,000, made payable to USCIS.
 - a. Effective 11/23/2010, will be \$1,225

Filing Fee

The filing fee is required of all H-1B applications, regardless of the type of application. This fee must be paid by the Washington University department employing the H-1B.

Fraud Prevention Fee

The fraud prevention fee is required on applications for a change of status to H-1B or initial H-1B employment at Washington University, but is not applicable to extensions or amended petitions for those continuing employment at the University. This fee must be paid by the Washington University department employing the H-1B.

Premium Processing Fee

The premium processing fee is optional for H-1B petitions, but may be paid if faster than normal processing is desired. It is recognized that premium processing is sometimes requested for the benefit of the prospective H-1B or family members, rather than for the needs of the Washington University department. Nonetheless, this fee must be covered by the University department unless an exception has been made. To make an exception, the Premium Processing Fee Exception Form must be completed and returned to the OISS along with the standard internal request forms.

If you have further questions about payment of H-1B fees, please contact your department's international scholar advisor. If you do not know which advisor has been assigned to your department, you may contact the OISS at oiiss@wustl.edu or 935-5910.