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OIS charges processing fees for certain case types in order to maintain appropriate staffing and resources. U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) also charges for certain applications and petitions. Note that for USCIS filing fees, OIS is typically able to handle payment at the time the application is submitted and process a reimbursement from the department to cover the costs of checks made payable to USCIS.

Non-Immigrant Visa Case Type	USCIS Filing Fee(s)	OIS or Attorney Processing Fee	Processed By
J-1 Initial – Research Scholar, Professor, or Short-Term Scholar categories	--	\$325	OIS
J-1 Initial – Intern category	--	\$350	OIS
J-1 Extension	--	--	OIS
J-1 Late Arrival – 2nd and subsequent, 1st is free	--	\$50	OIS
H-1B Initial	\$460 + \$500	\$850	OIS*
H-1B, H-1B1 Extensions	\$460	\$850	
H-4 Dependent(s) of H-1B visa holders	\$470	--	OIS
E-3	\$510	\$850	OIS
O-1	\$530	\$3500	Approved Attorney
TN USCIS	\$510	\$850	OIS
TN Consular or Port of Entry	--	\$200	OIS

*OIS reserves the right to send any casework to an outside attorney, especially H-1B cases that are submitted to OIS with less than 30 days until the requested start date or current expiry date.

Permanent Residency Case Type	USCIS Filing Fee(s)	Attorney Processing Fee	Processed By
EB-1b & NIW			Approved Attorney*
I-140 Immigrant Visa	\$715	\$4,500	
I-485 Adjustment of Status	\$1,440/person	\$2,000 primary/\$500 each dependent	
EB-2 PERM			Approved Attorney
Recruitment	\$1,500	--	
Labor Certification	--	\$6,000	
I-140 Immigrant Visa	\$715	\$1,500	
I-485 Adjustment of Status	\$1,440/person	\$2,000 primary/\$500 each dependent	

* OIS may process a limited number of EB-1b I-140 cases in-house. Factors that will determine in-house eligibility include the employee's qualifications for permanent residency, OIS capacity (e.g. staffing, caseloads), and urgency of the case. OIS processing fees for an EB-1b case are \$2,000.

Expedited Processing @ USCIS

Case Type	USCIS Filing Fee
Premium Processing – H-1B, TN, O-1, E-3	\$2,805
Premium Processing – I-140	\$2,805

Premium Processing: When is it necessary?

Premium Processing is a service that USCIS offers for certain case types. It ensures that a case is adjudicated (approved, denied, or additional information requested) within a shorter-than-usual time period for an extra fee. For H-1B casework, the Premium Processing unit at USCIS will adjudicate the case within **15 business days**, as opposed to a normal processing time of about 3 – 6 months. Because [normal processing times](#) can vary over the course of a year, sometimes Premium Processing is significantly helpful.

OIS recommends that Premium Processing is used in the following scenarios:

- **Change of Status:** Employee's F-1 or J-1 work authorization is ending within the next 3 – 4 months and the employee requires an H-1B approval notice to continue working at Pitt.
- **Visa Stamping and International Travel:** Employee is abroad and/or required to travel internationally for work in the next 3 – 4 months, as (re)entry into the US requires a valid H-1B approval notice and visa stamp, not just a receipt notice.

OIS staff can always help departments decide if and when Premium Processing should be used. In some cases, we can submit a case without it and then upgrade to Premium Processing later if needed. Note that H-1B Extension, Amendment, and Change of Employer cases typically do not require Premium Processing, since current H-1B employees can continue working with an H-1B receipt notice if the case is timely filed with USCIS.

Fee Increases

OIS reviews fees annually, and any increases will typically take place July 1. USCIS reserves the right to adjust their fees at any time and without warning. OIS will communicate any fee changes as early as possible so departments and individuals can plan accordingly.