Please review the various fees listed below. A separate check is required for each fee and made out to “Department of Homeland Security.” Complete the OISS Application Fees Form [2] and submit it to Accounts Payable.

On Friday afternoon, October 16, USCIS announced increases in the fee for Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing, from $1,440 to $2,500, for new H-1B petitions, as well as extensions. Any Form I-907 postmarked on or after Oct. 19 must include the new fee amounts. Read more here: Premium Processing Fee Increase Effective Oct. 19, 2020 [3].

Petition Filing Fee

The base petition fee, for the filing of the H-1B petition, is $460. This fee must be paid by the employer.

$500 Anti-Fraud Fee

This “government fraud protection/detection fee” is a one-time fee. This fee is required for any scholar seeking H-1B status with Yale for the first time, even if they are already in the U.S. in H-1B status with another employer. This fee must be paid by the employer.

(Optional) Expedited Processing Fee

Premium Processing is the USCIS expedited processing in which they will adjudicate an H-1B petition (Form I-129) within 15 business days. Speak to your OISS adviser [4] to confirm a necessity of Premium Processing use for the specific request. The fee for Premium Processing is an additional $2,500. Due to legal compliance issues, this fee should be paid by Yale, and not the scholar. The fee may be paid by the scholar only if it is the personal request of the scholar and unrelated to employment needs. Additionally, it must be demonstrated that paying the fee will not put the scholar’s annual income below the prevailing wage (see Prevailing Wage [5]). Please review the total H-1B processing time [6] using Premium Processing. The Department of Labor step cannot be expedited.

Family Members

Dependent application for H-4 status (Form I-539/I-539A) for family members (spouse and children under 21 years of age) is $370 for the entire family. Additionally, each applicant must pay a $85 biometric services individually. This fee may be paid by the department or the scholar.