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To: BUSINESS-SERV-L@LISTSERV.UGA.EDU
Subject: Immigration Services Fees for FY2015
Attachments: 2015 ISCF Fees.docx; 2015 ISSIS Fees.docx

This message is being sent on behalf of the Office of International Education, International Student and Scholar Services unit and has been distributed on other listservs.

TO: Business Services-L subscribers
FROM: Kavita Pandit, Associate Provost for International Education
Robin Catmur, Director of Immigration Services
RE: Immigration Services Fees for FY2015

The Immigration Services unit within the Office of International Education is structured as a cost recovery program and is supported by two categories of fees:

1. ISCF fee: The Student/Scholar Service and Compliance Fee offsets the costs associated with the mandatory implementation of the Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) by the Department of Homeland Security. This fee is paid by international students and scholars coming to UGA.
2. ISSIS fee: The International Student, Scholar, and Immigration Services fee is charged to departments sponsoring/hiring international staff and faculty as cost recovery for the time and expense associated with such sponsorships.

These fees have not been reviewed or modified since their implementation (2003 for the ISCF fee, 2007 for the ISSIS fee). In Fall 2013, a University-wide committee was appointed to review and make recommendations on the fee amounts/structure. Their recommendations involved both the level of the fees and changes/modifications in fee categories to reflect regulatory changes and the workload demands on OIE staff.

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Attached, please find the revised schedules for the ISCF and ISSIS fees that will become effective July 1, 2014. This schedule will apply to students/scholars entering UGA after this date and for departmental immigration cases initiated after July 1, 2014. Key changes in fee categories are described.

Beyond FY2015, there will be a 2 percent increase in fees per year, and an updated fee schedule will be circulated in Spring 2015. Per Committee recommendations, the ISCF and ISSIS case processing fees will be reviewed again in FY2018.

Please do not hesitate to contact Robin Catmur (rcatmur@uga.edu) or Kavita Pandit (pandit@uga.edu) if you have any questions.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT/SCHOLAR COMPLIANCE (ISCF) FEES

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

This fee is paid by international students and scholars at University of Georgia.

Fee paid by	Fee for FY2015	Key changes
F-1 and J-1 students	\$60 per semester	Fee increased by \$10 per semester.
J-1 scholars (50% or more of support coming from the UGA department)	\$120 per year	Previously, differential fees were charged based on whether the scholar was at UGA for a short term (less than 3 months) or long term. This has been changed to whether the J-1 scholar is on UGA funding (post doc, temporary instructor, etc.) or self-funded to better capture the workload demands on the office.
J-1 scholars (less than 50% UGA funding)	\$200 per year	
Students on Optional and Practical Training (OPT) and Academic Training (AT)	\$120 per application	This is a new fee that is being implemented to reflect changes in regulations. F-1 and J-1 students are allowed to apply for work benefits in the U.S. following graduation. This work benefit lasts for up to 36 months, during which time the sponsoring school is increasingly required to remain in touch with the students on OPT/AT and to offer them immigration advising services.

These fees will increase by approximately 2 percent per year in future years.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT, SCHOLAR, AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (ISSIS) FEES

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

These fees are paid by departments that are sponsoring/hiring international scholars and faculty.

Fee paid by	Fee for FY2015	Key changes
J-1 Scholar (Initial and Transfer)	\$ 165	Fees increased by approximately 10%.
J-1 Scholar (Extension)	\$ 110	
H-1B Employee (Initial, Transfer and Extension)	\$ 825	
O-1 (Initial)	\$ 1,000	No change in fees.
O-1 (Extension)	\$ 750	
E-3 or TN cases (Initial and Extensions)	\$ 330	Fees increased by approximately 10%.
Permanent Residency (Employer Petitions - all cases)	\$ 2,150	
Permanent Residency (I-485 – Employee Application Preparation)	\$ 500	This is a new (optional) service being offered to the employee applying for a green card. (Fee payable by employee.)
J-1 Student Intern (UGA-affiliated sponsor)	\$ 300	This is a newly-created sponsorship category for units/companies interested in hiring international student interns.
J-1 Student Intern (External sponsor)	\$ 750	

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