

H-1B I-129 Petition and Fees

Petition Type	Purpose	Employment Begins Upon	Required Processing Fees	Optional Processing Fees
Initial	<p>To change a person's current visa status to an initial H-1B visa, such as from F-1 or J-1 to H-1B.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>For someone entering the U.S. who currently does not have visa status, or who had a six year H-1B visa, left the country for at least one year, and will return with another initial H-1B visa</p>	<p>Receipt of the I-797 Approval Notice from USCIS</p>	<p>\$460 fee for Form I-129 \$500 Anti-Fraud Fee Make check payable to the <i>Department of Homeland Security</i></p>	
Extension	<p>For someone currently holding an H-1B visa with the University of Maryland and whose department wants to extend the status.</p> <p>Six-year maximum: When the foreign national reaches the six-year limit, he/she must leave the US and reside overseas for a period of one year before he/she can obtain H-1B status again.</p> <p><i>Exception:</i> Regulations permit one-year extensions beyond the six-year maximum for an employee who is in the process of filing for permanent residence. The application for permanent residency must have been filed more than 365 days before the H-1B's sixth year end date</p>	<p>Mailing of the petition to USCIS. The person can be placed on payroll for 240 days.</p>	<p>\$460 fee for Form I-129 Make check payable to the <i>Department of Homeland Security</i></p>	<p>Additional \$1,225 for Premium Processing. Make check payable to the <i>Department of Homeland Security</i></p>
Concurrent	<p>For a person currently holding an H-1B visa with another institution or company who will continue working for that institution or company but wishes to also work for the University of Maryland. This is usually a part-time position.</p>	<p>Mailing of the petition to USCIS. The person can begin employment and be placed on payroll for 240 days.</p>	<p>\$460 fee for Form I-129 \$500 Anti-Fraud Fee Make check payable to the <i>Department of Homeland Security</i></p>	<p>Additional \$370 for Form I-539 for dependents to be paid by H-1B worker Make check payable to <i>Department of Homeland Security</i></p>
Amendment	<p>Used when a person's job duties and responsibilities will change, such as full-time to part-time or vice versa, or a reduction in salary.</p>	<p>Receipt of the I-797 Receipt Notice. The notice must be received before the change becomes effective.</p>	<p>\$460 fee for Form I-129 Make check payable to the <i>Department of Homeland Security</i></p>	
Transfer	<p>Used when a person currently has an H-1B with another institution or company but wants to leave that institution to begin employment with the University of Maryland.</p>	<p>Mailing of the petition to USCIS. The person can begin employment and be placed on payroll for 240 days</p>	<p>\$460 fee for Form I-129 \$500 Anti-Fraud Fee Make check payable to the <i>Department of Homeland Security</i></p>	