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Dear All –

We have one item in today’s announcement.

**NEW PREMIUM PROCESSING FEE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

This is to inform you that, in a final rule published on August 31, 2018 without the opportunity to comment, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is increasing the Form I-907 Premium processing fee charged by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). **The adjustment increases the fee from $1,225 to $1,410, effective October 1, 2018**. **Applications postmarked on or after that date must include the new fee."** Please keep in mind that premium processing fee is optional.

Premium processing allows filers to request 15-day processing of certain employment-based immigration benefit requests if they pay an extra amount. The fee is paid in addition to the base filing fee and any other applicable fees. Premium processing is currently authorized for certain petitioners filing a Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker on Form I–129 or an Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker (Form I–140 ) seeking certain employment-based classifications.

At Rutgers University, the fee increase will affect the following employment-based classifications - H-1B, O-1 and permanent residence/green card. Applications that are currently pending with USCIS are eligible for an upgrade to premium processing at the current fee of $1225 until September 30, 2018. Please contact us if your department wishes to upgrade a pending petition. In that case, our office must receive the check at least five (5) business days prior to October 1 in order to give us enough time to process the request and mail it to USCIS in a timely manner. Please also notify us immediately if your department wishes to utilize premium-processing fee for a new petition – Ruimin Zhang (rzhang@global.rutgers.edu) for H-1B petitions and Asenath Dande (adande@global.rutgers.edu) for other petitions.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email or by phone at (732)235-8299, should you have any questions regarding this announcement.

Sincerely,

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