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SEVIS FEE for J-1 Scholars

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The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has implemented a one-time SEVIS Fee of \$100 for all F-1 and J-1 visa applicants. This fee will supplement the administration and maintenance costs of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). **Note:** The SEVIS fee is in addition to the visa fee you will pay to the U.S. Consulate at the time of your visa application.

When do you pay the SEVIS fee?

The fee must be **received** by DHS at least 3 business days prior to applying for your visa, or applying for admission at a U.S. port-of-entry for those exempt from the visa requirement (primarily Canadians).

How is the fee paid?

The fee must be paid to DHS by mail or via the Internet and accompanied by a Form I-901 "Fee Remittance for Certain F, J and M Nonimmigrants" (form enclosed). It can be paid by you or a third party, inside or outside the U.S. For detailed payment instructions and to pay online using a credit card, please visit www.FMJfee.com.

How can you receive proof that you paid the SEVIS fee?

If you paid the fee by mail, you will receive a receipt notice by mail from DHS. If you paid the fee via the internet, you must print out your receipt after submitting the credit card information. Please bring this receipt to the visa interview to verify payment of the SEVIS fee.

What if your J-1 visa application is denied?

The SEVIS fee will not be refunded. However, if you reapply for the J-1 visa within 12 months of the denial, you will not have to pay the fee again.

For more information regarding the new SEVIS fee requirement or other visa related matters, contact the International Center at icenter@iit.edu