



REQUEST FOR PREMIUM PROCESSING FOR E-3 PETITION

Please complete this form if the foreign national or department would like to request premium processing for the petition.

What is the benefit of premium processing?

Effective February 24, 2021, premium processing is available for E-3 petitions. Premium processing is used to request faster processing time for Form I-129, the form filed for E-3 petitions. The premium processing option can guarantee that the E-3 petition will be reviewed in the timeframe listed by the USCIS. The USCIS is not required to approve the case in the timeframe, but they must review it or issue a Request for Further Evidence (RFE) if they have questions about the petition. Premium processing cannot be used when applying for an E-3 visa overseas. Premium processing can only be used when filing an E-3 petition within the U.S.

Who can cover the premium processing fee?

The premium processing fee can be covered either by the employee or the hiring department. However, the employee can only pay the premium processing fee if it does not drop the salary below the Department of Labor Prevailing Wage. If the foreign national is paying the premium processing fee, they must make a payment for the I-907 fee on the [OGS e-Payment Store Front](#). Once paid, Scholar Services will request a check from AP for premium processing

How much is the fee for premium processing?

Please refer to the USCIS website for the fee amount and timeframe for [premium processing \(Form I-907\)](#).

Are we able to waive premium processing now, and request it later while the case is pending with USCIS?

Premium processing may be requested at the time of filing a case or may be "upgraded" to premium processing after filing.

I confirm that **YES**, we would like to request premium processing for the E-3 petition.

I confirm that **NO**, we would not like to request premium processing for the E-3 petition.

If **YES**, who will pay the premium processing fee?

Department

Foreign National

Signature _____

Date _____

*Dept. Administrator/HR Administrator/Chair, etc. signature requested.
The signature may be anyone that is authorized to make these attestations.
This may be an electronic signature.*