

H-1B and Permanent Residency Legal Fees and Filing Costs

Bucknell University utilizes the services of an outside law firm with significant immigration experience for the preparation and filing of petitions for H-1B visa status and permanent residency, as well as other non-immigrant statuses, as appropriate. These services and filings are coordinated through the Office of General Counsel.

With regard to the cost of securing H-1B sponsorship, Bucknell currently pays for all legal fees and filing costs associated with preparation of the petition for Bucknell employees. Employees are responsible for legal and filing fees for any dependent petitions.

With regard to sponsorship for permanent residency, Bucknell pays for all legal fees and filing costs related to labor certification. In addition, Bucknell pays all such fees and costs associated with the preparation and filing of the I-140 petition. Employees are responsible for preparing and filing the I-485 Application to Adjust Status, including all related legal fees and filing costs. It is strongly recommended that employees engage outside counsel to assist in preparing the I-485.

There may be additional expenses depending on the unique nature of each case. If so, the General Counsel's office will provide further information concerning responsibility for those costs.

Please contact Lynda Meinke, Assistant Counsel, at lmeinke@bucknell.edu with questions related to visa sponsorship or permanent residency.