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APPROVE APPLICATION FEE INCREASES FOR

URBANA, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD

**Action:** Approve Application Fee Increases

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

Students applying for admission to the Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield universities are charged an application fee to help defray the costs of processing the applications in the Offices of Admissions and Records at each university.

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends an increase in the domestic undergraduate application fee from $50.00 to $75.00 and an increase in the domestic graduate application fee from $70.00 to $90.00, moving to a single fee for undergraduate applications and a single fee for graduate applications, regardless of residency. Domestic application fees for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign have not increased since 2010. This move is consistent with application fee practices at many of UIUC’s peer institutions.

The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends an increase in the undergraduate application fee from $60.00 to $70.00 and an increase in the graduate application fee from $60.00 to $80.00 (excludes DMD, DMDAS, MD, JD, and PharmD programs). These fees apply to undergraduate and graduate applications regardless of residency.

The chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends an increase in the domestic undergraduate application fee from $50.00 to $60.00 and an increase in the domestic graduate application fee from $60.00 to $75.00. These increases will move to a single application fee for undergraduate applications and a single application fee for graduate applications regardless of residency. Application fees for UIS have not increased since 2010. UIS also recommends establishing a new application fee of $25 for non-degree-seeking students. There has been a significant increase in fraudulent non-degree applications, creating challenges for the admissions process. Establishing a nominal fee will discourage these nonviable submissions and help offset the costs associated with processing and monitoring applications.

Incremental revenue from these increases will be used to offset the increasing costs of recruiting efforts and application processing. The rate changes are not expected to have an impact on enrollments and will not have an impact on applicants who cannot meet the cost due to financial hardship since the application fee may be waived for such persons. These increases take effect upon approval by the Board.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*,and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concurs with these recommendations.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.