

## J Exchange Visitor English Language Requirements

The U.S. Department of State requires all J-1 program sponsors to ensure that the exchange visitor possesses sufficient proficiency in the English language to participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis in the U.S. Please review the options below to ensure proper documentation is provided with the DS-2019 application.

1. **Evidence of citizenship in a country that has English as an official language**
  - Exchange visitors must provide a passport or other official government document that attests to their citizenship or lawful permanent residency in an English-speaking country.
2. **Evidence of a bachelor's or graduate degree (Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD) earned from an English-medium institution of higher education**
  - **For U.S. degrees:** a diploma or transcript indicating degree conferred
  - **For non-U.S. institutions:** a transcript in English showing degree conferred. If transcript does not note English as the language of instruction, an official letter from the institution's registrar confirming that the exchange visitor attended the institution, and the medium of instruction was English must be submitted as well.
3. **Evidence of minimum acceptable scores on one of the following English tests that are not more than two years old and meet or surpass the listed minimum score**

English Test	Minimum Score
<a href="#">ACTFL OPT</a> (Oral Proficiency Interview)	Intermediate Mid
<a href="#">Cambridge English</a> (FCE, CAE, CPE)	B2
<a href="#">CEFR</a> (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)	B2
<a href="#">DuoLingo</a>	95
<a href="#">IELTS</a> (International English Language Testing System)	6
<a href="#">TOEFL iBT</a> (Internet-Based Test)	60
<a href="#">TOEIC</a> (Test of English for International Communication)	650

4. **J-1 English Language Proficiency Interview Attestation Form (Next Page)**
  - Affirming that the J-1 exchange visitor has “sufficient proficiency in the English language to participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis in the U.S.”

## **J-1 English Language Proficiency Interview Attestation Form**

Prospective Exchange Visitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Host Faculty Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview Duration: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview Method:      In-Person      Virtual Meeting      Telephone

**Host Faculty's Overall Assessment of English Language Proficiency** (Must provide complete review in the box below. One sentence responses will not be accepted.):

With my signature below, I attest that I have interviewed the prospective exchange visitor, and I have verified that scholar's English language proficiency is sufficient to participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis in the U.S.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Host Supervisor's Signature

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Date