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English Proficiency Policy for J-1 Exchange Visitors

Effective 1/1/2023 – This Policy is Subject to Change.

To comply with the U.S. Department of State regulations (22 C.F.R. § 62.10), submit one of the **three options** as part of the DS-2019 Online Request to document that a potential scholar meets the **English Language Proficiency requirement**:

Option #1

English Language Proficiency Interview with the University of Colorado Denver ESL Academy

- Pay the \$150 fee here: https://secure.touchnet.net/C20369_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=115
- Schedule the interview through the online system after submitting payment. Choose ESL Academy - J-1 Scholar English Language Proficiency Interview.
- The interview will be conducted via videoconferencing and an interview report will be generated.

Option #2

English Language Test

Submit a score report from a test **taken within the last two years** that meets the minimum score below.

English Language Test*	Minimum Score	Website
TOEFL iBT	15 on Speaking and Listening Sections	https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/about
IELTS	5 on Speaking and Listening Sections	http://www.ielts.org/
Cambridge English: First (FCE)	Pass	http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams/first/
Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)	Pass	http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams/advanced/
TOEIC	Combined Score of 550	https://www.ets.org/toEIC
DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST	75 on 160-point scale	https://englishtest.duolingo.com/edu

**These tests were selected because they include a speaking/listening component.*

Option #3

Interview conducted by the faculty sponsor

Submit evidence of A, B or C:

A) The potential scholar is a **citizen** of one of the countries listed below:

- Antigua & Barbuda
- Australia
- the Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Canada
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Malta
- New Zealand
- Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
- Trinidad & Tobago
- United Kingdom

Submit

- Faculty sponsor interview report**; **AND**
- Proof of citizenship

B) The potential scholar **worked** in a country listed above or in an organization where business is conducted in English.

Submit

- Faculty sponsor interview report**; **AND**
- Verification of employment; **AND**
- Documentation that the organization is located in a country listed above **OR** a letter from the organization confirming that it conducts business in English.

C) The potential scholar **studied** at a university in a country listed above or at a university where English is the language of instruction.

Submit

- Faculty sponsor interview report**; **AND**
- Copy of a diploma, transcript, or other documentation that *includes the university's location in a country listed above* **OR** a letter from the university or other official proof that the *instruction was in English*.

**** Faculty Sponsor Interview Report Guidelines:**

- 1) The interview must be conducted **in-person**, by **videoconferencing**, or by **telephone** if videoconferencing is not a viable option.
- 2) The faculty sponsor does not have to use a specific set of questions, but the interview report must be on department letterhead and include the following:

- Date and method of the interview.
- Name and title of the person conducting the interview.
- Name and current position of the prospective J-1 Exchange Visitor.
- An assessment of whether the prospective exchange visitor is proficient in verbal English sufficient to participate in the J program activities proposed at the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus.

English language proficiency is a requirement for participation in an Exchange Visitor program. ISSS cannot issue Form DS-2019 or can terminate a scholar's J program if the requirement is not met.