

**FORM B: VERIFICATION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (COLLEGE)**

Name of J-1 Scholar: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with U.S. Department of State regulations, J-1 scholars must provide evidence of “sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, successfully to participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis” [22 CFR 62.10(a)(2)].

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please indicate how the prospective J-1 scholar meets the English language proficiency requirement by checking **one (1)** of the appropriate options below.

| Option # | Description  | Required Documentation   |
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| 1        | Scholar is <i>exempt</i> because he/she is a resident/citizen of a country where English is the official language in that country. Acceptable countries include:<br>Australia, Belize, Canada (except Quebec), Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Tanzania, United Kingdom, Zimbabwe   | Copy of passport   |
| 2        | Scholar is <i>exempt</i> because he/she earned a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree from an accredited college or university in the U.S.   | Copy of degree or a signed letter confirming completion of degree requirements |
| 3        | Scholar is <i>exempt</i> because he/she has been a J-1 student/scholar or F-1 student at SDSU<br><input type="radio"/> Visa Status: _____<br><input type="radio"/> Program Dates: _____  | Copy of DS-2019 or I-20 (if available)   |
| 4        | Official signed letter from an academic institution, verifying that the scholar has sufficient language skills to function on a day-to-day basis in a U.S. academic work environment   | Copy of official signed letter   |
| 5        | Qualifying English language test, such as TOEFL or IELTS<br><input type="radio"/> Name of Test: _____<br><input type="radio"/> Official Score/Results: _____<br><input type="radio"/> Does your department consider this score to be sufficient for the purposes of this J-1 program?      Yes                  No<br><br><i>*SDSU Graduate Admissions Office requires a minimum TOEFL score of 80 (iBT) or 550 (PBT), and a minimum IELTS score of 6.5. This information should be used solely as a reference point. It is the department or college’s responsibility to interpret the score results.</i> | Copy of official score/results   |

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| 6        | Interview conducted by the SDSU faculty mentor/supervisor and certified by the department chair or school director. | Completed Interview Attestation (see below) |

**INTERVIEW ATTESTATION**

*(Complete and sign this section only if Option 6 was selected)*

Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Interviewing (select one):                      Video Conference                      Telephone                      In Person

*By signing below, I certify that I have made a good faith effort to assess the prospective J-1 scholar's English language proficiency. I hereby certify that the prospective scholar will be able to successfully participate in his or her program and will be able to function on a day-to-day basis in the U.S.*

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**SDSU Faculty Mentor/Supervisor (print name)**                      **Signature**                      **Date**

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**Department Chair/School Director (print name)**                      **Signature**                      **Date**