

J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with US 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)]. The English language proficiency requirements may be satisfied by meeting at least one (1) of the following:

Option 1: Scholar is exempt because he/she is a native English speaker or is a resident/citizen of a country where English is an official language

➤ *Documentation Required:* None

Option 2: Qualifying English language test, such as TOEFL or IELTS

➤ *Documentation Required:* Copy of the official score/results

Option 3: Official signed documentation from an academic institution, verifying that the scholar has sufficient language skills to function on a day-to-day basis in the US academic work environment

➤ *Documentation Required:* Copy of the official signed document

Option 4: Scholar is exempt because he/she earned a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from accredited college or University in the U.S.

➤ *Documentation Required:* Copy of degree or a signed letter confirming completion of degree requirements

Option 5: Scholar is exempt because he/she has been a J-1 student/scholar or F-1 student in the U.S.

➤ *Documentation Required:* Copy of DS-2019 or I-20

The J-1 scholar's faculty mentor/supervisor must certify how the J-1 scholar meets the English language proficiency requirement.