

## **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:** Interview conducted by the department, faculty mentor, or supervisor

➤ *Documentation Required:* None

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