

J-1 Exchange Visitor English Proficiency Certification

J-1 regulations require sponsors to determine that prospective scholars have sufficient proficiency in the English language to participate in their program. [22 CFR 62.10(a)]. A sponsor must verify an applicant’s English language proficiency through a recognized English language test, by signed-documentation from an academic institution or English language school, or through a documented interview conducted by the sponsor either in – person or by videoconferencing, or by telephone if videoconferencing is not a viable option. This form must be completed, signed, and dated by the department.

NOTE: Citizenship from the following English speaking countries meets the English proficiency requirements and ARE NOT REQUIRED to provide Proof of English Proficiency.
Anguilla, Antigua, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Dominica, Gambia, Grand Cayman Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Irish Republic, Jamaica, Kenya, Micronesia, Montserrat, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Saint Kits & Nevis, Singapore, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Tanzania, Tobago, Trinidad, Turks & Caicos islands, United Kingdom, Zimbabwe

Applicant’s First, Middle Initial	Last	Country of Citizenship

English proficiency is documented by one of the following (Select at least one and/or more, if applicable):

- A recognized English language test (For example: this can be Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS)). If this is selected, please attach supporting documentation.
 TOEFL: Minimum score of 500 (paper-based), 173 (computer-based), or 61 (internet-based)
 IELTS: Minimum overall band of 6.0 with no band below 5.5

- Signed documentation from an academic institution or English language school
 (If this is selected, please attach supporting documentation).

- A documented interview conducted by the sponsor either
 - o In person
 - o Videoconferencing
 - o Telephone if videoconferencing is not a viable option
 (See sample English Proficiency Interview Form for your reference)

Certification by ASU HOST faculty member

I certify that _____ (scholar’s name)’s English is adequate for the proposed project objective and is sufficient for him/her to function on a day-to day basis in an English speaking environment.

Evidence of the measurement of the applicant’s English language proficiency has been retained and can be made available to the Department of State upon request.

Printed Name	Signature	Date
Title	ASU Department Name	E-Mail Address