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.

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<tr>
<th>English Language Test*</th>
<th>Minimum Score</th>
<th>Website</th>
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<tr>
<td>TOEFL iBT</td>
<td>15 on Speaking and Listening Sections</td>
<td><a href="https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/about">https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/about</a></td>
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<td>IELTS</td>
<td>5 on Speaking and Listening Sections</td>
<td><a href="http://www.ielts.org/">http://www.ielts.org/</a></td>
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<td>TOEIC</td>
<td>Combined Score of 550</td>
<td><a href="https://www.ets.org/toeic">https://www.ets.org/toeic</a></td>
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<td>DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST</td>
<td>75 on 160-point scale</td>
<td><a href="https://englishtest.duolingo.com/edu">https://englishtest.duolingo.com/edu</a></td>
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*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.