ENGLISH PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATION

FOR PROSPECTIVE INCOMING J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS

Federal regulations 22 C.F.R. § 62.10(a)(2) require prospective J-1 Exchange Visitors to possess “sufficient proficiency in the English language to participate in his or her program.”

October 6, 2014. The Subpart A rule was published in the Federal Register as a final rule: 79 FR 60293 (October 6, 2014). The new rule became effective on January 5, 2015. The new Subpart A at 22 CFR 62.10(a)(2), requires sponsors to determine not only that the prospective visitor's English is sufficient to participate in the program, but is sufficient “to function on a day-to-day basis” outside of the direct activity of the exchange (e.g., outside the lab).

Name of J-1 Exchange Visitor:  
Email address for J-1 Exchange Visitor:  

English proficiency must be confirmed with either: 1) submission of transcript or diploma from an institution whose language of instruction is English; 2) submission of appropriate Internet-based Objective Test scores, TOEFL or SAT scores, or 3) personal interview.

1. *Transcript or Diploma:

Submission of transcript or diploma from a post-secondary institution whose language of instruction is English will not require an interview.

- For US institutions, no further documentation is required.
- For non-US institutions, the transcript must note the language of instruction or must be accompanied by an official letter from the university’s registrar sharing that the individual completed an English language curriculum.

English proficiency is documented by the following:  
☐ Copy of transcript  
☐ Copy of diploma

2. Internet-based Objective Test:

Submission of test scores will not require an interview. The sponsoring department may submit official proof of English proficiency in a form of one of the following test scores: TOEFL IBT, IELTS, SAT or ACT. Acceptable scores are:

- TOEFL IBT: 80
- SAT Critical Reading: 450
- IELTS: 6.5
- ACT: 19

TOEFL scores must be no more than two years old. Minimums are: TOEFL CBT score of 250, a score of 5 on the TOEFL essay, or a minimum composite TOEFL IBT score of 80, with a Writing score of at least 22.

English proficiency is documented by the following (Check at least one box in each category.)

☐ Copy of TOEFL score
☐ IELTS scores attached.

3. Personal Interview:

Check One:  
☐ Telephone interview  
☐ In-person interview  
☐ Videoconference interview

☐ This certifies an interview was held with the Exchange Visitor by three members of the sponsoring department or Office of Global Affairs Designees.

☐ Certification of personal interview on ___________________________ (Date of Interview).

Interview start time: _______________  
Interview End Time: _______________

Name & Title of Interviewer (printed)  
Signature  
Date

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Signature  
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Signature  
Date

☐ I certify that the interview ed individual has adequate proficiency in English and those skills are sufficient to participate. He/she should have no difficulty communicating with department colleagues or staff in the day-to-day research program at ECU. The individual also has adequate proficiency to participate with community members outside of the direct activity of the ECU J-1 Exchange Visitor Program.

☐ I certify that the candidate does not demonstrate sufficient English proficiency to comply with Federal regulations. Application denied.

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