

J-1**English Language Proficiency Requirements 22 CFR [62.10\(a\)\(2\)](#) (6)**

In January 2016, the Department of State at 22 CFR [62.10\(a\)\(2\)](#) [6], reaffirmed the requirement that sponsors must determine that the prospective visitor’s English is sufficient to participate in the program, but also that it is sufficient “to function on a day-to-day basis” outside of the direct activity of the exchange (e.g., outside the lab). Furthermore, sponsors are required to make their determinations regarding English proficiency using an “objective measurement of English language proficiency,” by means of one of the following three methods: (1) A recognized English language test; (2) Signed documentation from an academic institution of English language school or, (3) A documented interview conducted by the sponsor either in-person or by videoconferencing, or by telephone if videoconferencing is not a viable option.

A. English Test	Test Taken	Minimum Score
Test results must not be older than 5 years. Applicants must submit an official copy of the test score with the EV DS-2019 request form.	1. Cambridge ESOL	B2
	2. IELTS Academic General	6
	3. TOEFL - PBT	500
	4. TOEFL - IBT	61
	5. Pearson Academic	47
	Chinese specific 6. PETS at least Level 5	
	Chinese specific 7. Certificate Advanced English Training Program – Government Sponsored Scholars	
B. Diploma	Required documentation	
	Applicants with a bachelor’s or higher degree received within the last 10 years, in residence, from an institution of higher learning in U.S or another country where English is the primary language of instruction, may provide a copy of the diploma with the EV DS-2019 request form.	
C. Personal Interview	Required documentation	
	If the selection is based on a person interview, Faculty/Staff sponsors must submit detailed information (when, how, content, duration) of the interview which must include the date of, duration, and where. The document must be on Department letterhead and must be signed.	
D. Institutional Certification	Required documentation	
	Signed documentation from an academic institution of an English Language attesting to the proficiency of the prospective Exchange Visitors English proficiency may be submitted with the EV DS-2019 request form.	
Evidence must be presented to the Office of International Education before as part of the request for the exchange program.		
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