## J-1 Exchange Visitor Certification of English Language Proficiency

**Scholar’s Name:** 

**Host Department:**

The Department of State requires exchange visitor to have “sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, successful to participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis.” [22 CFR 62.11(a)(2)]

As a host department please indicate how you evaluate the English proficiency for this prospective exchange visitor.

Check One:

|   | 1. Certification by language test recognize by SJSU Graduate Admissions Office | Copy of the test score is provided
|   |   | • The test must have been taken within the past 5 years
|   |   | • IELTS overall band score of 7.0 or higher
|   |   | • TOEFL test score must be 550 (paper based, 213 (computer based) or 80 (internet based iBT)
|   | 2. Certification of English language proficiency by an English language school or academic institution where English is the primary language of instruction | Copy of the letter is attached (see template)
|   |   | • Verifies the exchange visitor possesses English language proficiency high enough to successfully function daily within the SJSU position and within the local U.S. community.
|   |   | • Issued on letterhead in English within the past 6 months
|   |   | • Includes signature from school official
|   | 3. Certification by the Sponsoring Host at SJSU (signature required) | Host: ___________________________
|   |   | Date of Interview: ______________
|   |   | Duration of Interview: □ 20 mins □ 30 mins □ 45 mins
|   |   | The Interview was conducted:
|   |   | □ In person □ By Video conference
|   |   | □ By phone (only if other options are not viable)
|   |   | Per U.S. Code of Federal Regulations 22 CFR 62.10(a)(2), I declare under penalty of perjury that I have interviewed the prospective exchange visitor, and I have verified that the scholar’s English language proficiency is sufficient to successfully function daily within their SJSU position and within the local U.S. community.
|   |   | ___________________________
|   |   | Signature / Date
Template for # 2: Certification of English language proficiency by an English language school or academic institute where English is the primary language of instruction

Print on official institutional letterhead

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Date:

Dear SJSU International Student and Scholar Services Office:

I verify that (name of scholar) has attended (name of school), where the primary language of instruction is English. (Name of scholar) possesses sufficient proficiency in the English language to successfully participate in their San José State University appointment and to function on a day-to-day basis in the United States.

Letter should also include:

• Name of School Official
• Title
• Signature