Federal regulations now require every J-1 Exchange Visitor to demonstrate their functional level in English prior to participation in a J-1 program in the U.S. This serves two purposes:

1) to ensure all scholars are able to live and function effectively in their host communities and avail themselves of the opportunities for cultural exchange, and
2) to ensure all scholars have the language skills fundamental to the success of their unique J program objectives.

Submission of evidence related to the incoming scholar’s functional level in English is sufficient for the first purpose listed above. To ensure each individual’s level of English is sufficient for achieving his or her specific program objectives, the host’s invitation letter must address the J-1 Scholar’s language level as it relates to those program objectives and the capacity of the host and hosting unit.

Please select one of the four options to document the J-1 scholar’s English language ability:

- The J-1 is from an English-speaking country (see list below)*
- The J-1 has attended/is attending university where English is the language of course instruction. Documentation of English as the language of instruction is attached. (For Example: Website of the institution that shows that course instruction is in English).
- Submission of a score report from a widely recognized test that details the scholar’s functional level in English. Please attach the score report. Examples of such tests include TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge, PTE Academic, and Pearson Verssant.
- Interview with the J-1, in English, was conducted by KU inviting host faculty member:

  Interview - KU Host Faculty Attestation

  I certify that I conducted an interview in English with this prospective J-1 Exchange Visitor on ________________ (date) and find that they have sufficient proficiency in the English language to successfully participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis. The method of interview was done by __________________________ (ex: Video conference, Skype, G-Chat, Phone, in-person, etc.).

  Host Faculty Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ______________

  Printed Name: ____________________________________________

Evidence of the J-1 scholar’s English language ability should be kept because it may be required during any audit by the U.S. Department of State. By signing this form you attest that the provided evidence of English language ability is sufficient to meet both criteria above.

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ______________

Printed Name: ____________________________________________ Date: ______________

*Examples of English-Speaking Countries based on official language and population usage statistics include: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada (except Quebec), Cook Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Grand Cayman, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, Nigeria, Singapore, Trinidad/Tobago, and United Kingdom.