# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
# OPTIONS FOR DEMONSTRATING ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TO SATISFY J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR VISA REQUIREMENTS
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The U.S. Department of State expects Exchange Visitors to have a level of English proficiency that allows them to successfully perform their jobs or complete their academic programs, to navigate daily life in the United States, to read and comprehend program materials, to understand fully their responsibilities, rights, and protections, and to know how to obtain assistance, if necessary.

An Exchange Visitor can document the English proficiency requirements in several ways. The CGE will accept any one of the following types of documentation as evidence that the prospective Exchange Visitor meets the required spoken and written English language proficiency. The documentation must accompany the Request for DS-2019 forms submitted by departments to the Center for Global Engagement. Options for documenting spoken and written English proficiency are:

- Prospective Exchange Visitor is a citizen of a country where English is an official language (copy of passport biographical page required).

- Prospective Exchange Visitor received an undergraduate or graduate degree from a university in an English-speaking country. A copy of diploma or transcript (AND documentation confirming that English is the language of instruction when the degree is from India) required. Enrollment and attendance in English as a Second Language courses at an English-speaking university does not fulfill this requirement.

- Prospective Exchange Visitor has attained an acceptable score on one of the following English proficiency tests (copy of score report required). Note: Scores are valid for two years.
  **ibTOEFL**: ≥ 61 **Paper-based TOEFL**: ≥ 500
  **Cambridge English C1 Advanced Level**: ≥170 **MELAB**: ≥ 69
  **E3PT**: ≥ 51 (register at *https://english3.com/e3pt*) **IELTS**: ≥ 6
  **Pearson Test of English**: ≥ 54 **Duolingo**: ≥ 100
  **TOEIC** : ≥ 600 (Listening and Reading or Speaking and Writing)

- Prospective E.V. has demonstrated spoken English proficiency in a video interview conducted by English3 and has received a score of at least 3 or higher on the interview. Prospective exchange visitors sign up for the interview at *https://english3.com/j1-applicants.php*, select FSU from the dropdown menu and pay for the interview. Interview scores will be sent to the CGE J-1 Exchange Advisor to confirm required score before DS 2019 is issued.

- In very limited cases, where the prospective E.V. is a senior faculty member or professional who is well-established in the academic or professional field and has demonstrated extensive use of spoken and written English, the inviting faculty member should provide a signed statement on their FSU department's letterhead attesting to the scholar's English proficiency. This should include a comprehensive list of the visitor's publications and presentations that were published or presented in English with links when available along with the prospective EV's CV for review by the Visiting Scholar Committee. If the documentation is not sufficient, the visitor will be required to submit one of the above alternative forms of documentation.