



## **Certification of English Language Proficiency**

Please include this form, and the appropriate supporting documentation, with the application packet.  
This form is required with all new and transfer scholars.

**Visiting Scholar's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Per Department of State regulations, J-1 Visiting Scholars must have “sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, successfully to participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis.” [22 CFR 62.11(a)(2)] Applicants with citizenship from countries where English is the primary language are exempt from this requirement.

Please indicate how the department has certified English proficiency for the prospective Scholar.

- Certification by language test. Provide copy of test score.
  - Test has been taken within the past 2 years;
  - IELTS score of 6 or higher;
  - TOFEL score of 525 (paper based), 71 (internet based), or 195 (computer based).
  
- Certification by home academic institution or English language school. Provide copy of letter.
  - Verify Scholar possesses English language proficiency high enough to function daily within campus and local communities;
  - Issued on letterhead, in English, within the past six months;
  - Signed by school official
  
- Certification by Sponsoring Professor or Department. Include a document with the following information.
  - Interviewer's name and signature;
  - Date and duration of interview;
  - Type of interview: In person, Videoconference, Phone;
  - Interviewer notes, indicating that the Scholar's English language proficiency is sufficient to allow the Scholar to function daily within the campus and local communities.

**Sponsor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_