

## J-1 English Proficiency Checklist

According to your best judgment, check the appropriate box for each numbered statement. This completed checklist must be attached to the scholar's record for review by the VISA Office.

**“Sufficient proficiency”** indicates that the prospective scholar *would function effectively* in English in the academic setting and in the community *without English support*.

**“Limited proficiency”** indicates that the prospective scholar *would most likely function effectively* in English in the academic setting and in the community *with English support* through university/community resources.

**“Insufficient proficiency”** indicates that the prospective scholar *would not function effectively* in English in the academic setting and in the community.

1. The prospective scholar demonstrated understanding of the questions he/she was asked.

Sufficient proficiency	Limited proficiency	Insufficient proficiency

2. The prospective scholar spoke clearly and fluently (without unnatural pauses) about everyday topics and academic topics.

Sufficient proficiency	Limited proficiency	Insufficient proficiency

3. The prospective scholar developed answers at least two or three minutes long in response to multiple open-ended questions and behavioral questions about academic topics.

Sufficient proficiency	Limited proficiency	Insufficient proficiency

4. The prospective scholar demonstrated sufficient proficiency in research-oriented writing (excluding emails) to function as independently on writing projects as the department expects.

Sufficient proficiency	Limited proficiency	Insufficient proficiency

5. The prospective scholar demonstrated sufficient proficiency in reading materials related to planned J-1 responsibilities to function as independently as the department expects.

Sufficient proficiency	Limited proficiency	Insufficient proficiency

6. The prospective scholar demonstrated appropriate communication strategies for resolving misunderstandings as needed.

Sufficient proficiency	Limited proficiency	Insufficient proficiency

Comments (optional):

This checklist reflects the assessment I conducted for \_\_\_\_\_

*Name of prospective J-1 scholar*

on \_\_\_\_\_ via \_\_\_\_\_.

*Date*

*In-person, videoconference, etc.*

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*Name and title of department interviewer*

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*Signature of department interviewer*