

J-1 English Proficiency Attestation Form

U.S. Department of State regulations [[22 C.F.R. §62.10\(a\)\(2\)](#)] require that applicants for J-1 Exchange Visitor (**EV**) Immigration status are proficient in English, as described on the [OIS website](#). This attestation form fulfills the requirements of the English Proficiency Interview option. This form must be completed by the Faculty Sponsor at Johns Hopkins University. The "Faculty Sponsor" is the faculty member who will primarily oversee the J-1 Exchange Visitor (**EV**) while at JHU. The Faculty Sponsor must review the Interview Guidelines and scoring rubric, conduct the interview with the prospective J-1 EV, and complete the attestation at the bottom of this form.

Suggestions for interview questions:

1. How have you prepared yourself to live and work/study in an English speaking environment?
2. Please discuss your current work/research. What skills and knowledge do you expect to gain while at Johns Hopkins University?
3. What type of activities do you enjoy in your free time?
4. Do you have any questions about your upcoming visit?

Scoring Rubric:

1- No Proficiency/Impossible to understand	Little to no knowledge of English. Unable to engage in basic conversation. Does not understand questions. Unable to construct complete sentences. When speaking <i>cannot</i> be understood by listener.
2- Limited Proficiency/Difficult to understand	Knowledge of English limited to key words (i.e. "yes", "no", "thank you"). Speech contains mostly simple phrases and repetition of vocabulary. Can be understood at times with <i>significant</i> effort by listener.
3- Working Proficiency/Possible to understand	Knowledge of English includes limited vocabulary and basic grammar. Able to consistently construct simple sentences. Able to engage in basic conversation. Can be understood with <i>some</i> effort by listener.
4- Proficiency in Professional & Social Environment/Easy to understand	Knowledge of English includes large vocabulary and complex grammar. Able to construct sentences with minimal errors. Able to engage in most professional and social conversations. Can be understood with <i>minimal</i> effort by listener.
5- Near-Fluent Proficiency/Communication is effortless	Knowledge of English is nearly fluent. Able to construct complex sentences with few to no errors. Able to engage in conversations on any topic professionally or socially. Can be understood with <i>no</i> effort by listener.

Faculty Sponsor Attestation:

I have conducted an interview in English with the prospective J-1 Exchange Visitor and understand that the EV must demonstrate sufficient English language skills to successfully carry out their activities at JHU and to function in the U.S. on a day-to-day basis. A score of 3 or above is acceptable for these purposes.

EV Name (First Name, Last Name) Date of Interview

Method of Interview Interview Score (1-5)

Faculty Sponsor Name

Faculty Sponsor Signature

Today's Date