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Certification of English Language Proficiency for Prospective UM J-1 Scholars

Exchange Visitor Program P-1-00212

Scholar's Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

Scholar's date of birth: _____/_____/_____
(month) (day) (year)

The U.S Department of State requires each J-1 scholar to have "sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, to successfully participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis." [22 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations 62.10 (a)(2), as amended by Federal Register 60294]

I certify that objective measurement of English Proficiency for the prospective J-1 scholar listed above was provided to me through one of the following options (please check the option that applies):

Option 1: (☐) Results of a recognized English language test (copy of test results, no more than two-years old, including name of prospective scholar and date test was taken, attached to this certification). Please check one of the following:

(☐) TOEFL iBT (internet-based test taken at a TOEFL Testing Center): Minimum required score is 80.
(☐) TOEFL paper-based, international (paper-based test taken at an international TOEFL Testing Center): Minimum required score is 550.
(☐) IELTS (internet-based test taken at an IELTS Testing Center): Minimum required score is 6.5.

Option 2: (☐) Signed documentation from an academic institution or English language school (signed documentation, no more than two-years old, including name of the prospective scholar, attached to this certification).

If Option 1 or 2 is used to certify objective measurement of English Proficiency, I am aware that should it become apparent after the scholar's arrival at UM that s/he is not proficient in the English language, it will be the scholar's responsibility to pay for English language training, and to provide proof of his/her enrollment in English language training to International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). Failure by the scholar to pay for English language training and to provide proof to ISSS that s/he is enrolled in English language training will result in the scholar's termination from UM's J-1 program.

Option 3: (☐) A documented interview, conducted by UM Faculty Member:

Date of Interview: _____/_____/_____
(month) (day) (year)

Mode of Interview:

(☐) #1: Interview conducted in person; or

(☐) #2: Interview conducted via videoconferencing.

Guidelines for interviews conducted in person or via videoconferencing:

1. During the interview, in addition to questions that pertain to the scholar's field of expertise, pose open-ended questions that pertain to other realms of the scholar's life such as travels, hobbies, etc.
2. Following the interview, document the interview and keep this documentation for three years beyond the end of the prospective scholar's program at UM.

Guidelines for interviews conducted via videoconferencing to make sure that you are in fact interviewing the prospective scholar:

1. Prior to conducting the interview, obtain a copy of the prospective scholar's passport's biographic data page and compare the passport picture to the person you are about to interview.
2. Make sure that you can clearly see the person you are interviewing on the screen.

If Option 3 is used to certify objective measurement of English Proficiency, I am aware that should it become apparent after the scholar's arrival at UM that the scholar is not proficient in the English language, it will be my department's responsibility to pay for English language training for the scholar, and to provide proof of the scholar's enrollment in English language training to International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). Failure by my department to pay for English language training for the scholar and to provide proof to ISSS that the scholar is enrolled in English language training will result in the scholar's termination from UM's J-1 program.

Name of UM Faculty Member Title Name of UM Department

Signature of UM Faculty Member Month Day Year