Visiting Scholar/Professor English Language Proficiency Policy

1. Participants must have their oral and listening English language proficiency assessed by the English Language Communications (ELC) department prior to program participation. The assessment, the Scholar Oral Proficiency Assessment (SOPA), will be administered prior to the participant’s sponsorship in the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program.
2. Participants who score a minimum of 4.0 out of a possible 5.0 on the SOPA may participate in the exchange program with no additional language requirements.
3. Participants who score between 3.2 and 3.9 on the SOPA may participate in the exchange program but will be required to have language support.
4. Participants who score below 3.5 on the SOPA will not be able to participate in the exchange program.
5. As an alternative to the SOPA, visiting scholars and professors may submit results from a standardized test such as the TOEFL or IELTS. An acceptable score is a minimum of 90 on the TOEFL or 6.5 on the IELTS. The test scores should not be older than 2 years.
6. Participants who might be offered to teach courses must achieve a minimum of 4.5 on the SOPA, 95 on the TOEFL, or 7 on the IELTS.

J-1 Student/Student Intern English Language Proficiency Policy

1. a) Participants who achieve the following total scores on standardized tests will require no additional language support:
   i. TOEFL: 86
   ii. IELTS: 6.5
2. b) Participants who score between 80 and 85 (TOEFL) and 6 (IELTS) will be required to take the Student Oral Proficiency Assessment (SOPA). Based on the results of the SOPA, and the TOEFL or IELTS subscores, participants will be required to take one of the following courses:
   i. CAL 101
   ii. ELC 71
   iii. ELC 81
   iv. ELC 91
3. Participants who score below 80 on the TOEFL or 6 on the IELTS will not be able to participate in the exchange program.
4. Participants who apply without standardized scores must take the SOPA and submit a writing sample.
5. Participants who score a minimum of 4.0 out of a possible 5.0 on the SOPA and a minimum of 4.0 out of a possible 5.0 on the writing sample will not be required to have additional language support.
6. Participants who score between 3.5 and 3.9 on the SOPA and 3.5 and 3.9 on the writing sample will be required to take one of the following courses:
   i. CAL 101
   ii. ELC 71
7. Participants who score between 3.5 and 3.9 on the SOPA, with a writing sample score between 4.0 and 5.0, will be required to take one of the following courses:
   i. ELC 81
   ii. ELC 91