

J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR VISA
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ATTESTATION FORM

This form must be completed, signed, and dated by the inviting/sponsoring faculty member for all visitors who will be sponsored by the UT Health Science Center San Antonio for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa.

To comply with U.S. Department of State regulations, a formal attestation of English proficiency is required for the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio to sponsor an individual for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa. This form must be signed by the inviting faculty member (mentor) or hiring authority. By signing this form, s/he confirms the visitor is proficient in English and attests to the means used to make this determination. Once signed and dated, the original form must be submitted to the Office of International Services (OIS) with the J-1 Exchange Visitor Sponsoring Department Questionnaire and all required supporting documentation. The form and checklist of the required documentation is available on the OIS website (www.uthscsa.edu/ois) under the J-1 Exchange Visitor tab.

Required Information

International Visitor: _____
 Family Name Given or First Name Middle Name

Department/Unit: _____

Division: _____

Dates of Appointment: _____ through _____
 Start Date End Date

I attest that I have determined the prospective J-1 Exchange Visitor's English proficiency and attach documentation in support of this, as identified below. Please check all that apply:

Evidence of earning minimum score of 80 iBT (internet-based test) or 550 PBT (paper-based test) on Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or overall band/score of 6.5 on Academic Examination of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Other English Language Proficiency tests will not be accepted for this category. **Must provide documentation of test score results (Copies are acceptable) taken within the past two years. Test scores more than two years old will not be accepted.**

Evidence of passing board or licensure examinations in English. **Must provide documentation of results (Copies are acceptable).**

Evidence of higher education degree or high school diploma from academic institution where curriculum is taught exclusively in English. **Must attach evidence from official institution registrar stating that program was taught exclusively in English.**

Evidence of completion of English language learning program at academic institution or English language school. **Must attach documentation of program completion and website printout/promotional materials for school/program to verify program legitimacy.**

Evidence of documented interview conducted either in-person, by videoconferencing, or telephone detailing who conducted the interview, how the interview was held; date and time of interview; questions asked; and responses received. Please include the typed transcript of the interview word for word, and do not summarize. The four questions below *must* be included with the interview transcription, in addition to two other questions relating to the Exchange Visitor's research. OIS can provide access to Skype for the department if needed. Please contact OIS to make arrangements.

- **What do you know about the city of San Antonio? What attraction would you like to see?**
- **What was your favorite movie and why?**
- **If you became sick with fever while you are here in San Antonio, what steps would you take to get better?**
- **What goals do you want to achieve outside of your research objectives prior to returning to home?**

Please be aware that OIS acts as the University's official Program Sponsor to ensure compliance with U.S. Department of State regulatory requirements and as such must verify English language proficiency upon arrival. If, upon arrival, it is evident that the Exchange Visitor cannot effectively communicate in or comprehend English in order to perform their program activities, navigate daily life in the U.S., fully understand their immigration responsibilities and rights, and know how to obtain assistance if necessary, OIS may not be able to validate the Exchange Visitor's record in the SEVIS federal database as s/he will not have met the Exchange Visitor program requirements. The Exchange Visitor would then need to depart the U.S. immediately. If OIS is concerned about the Exchange Visitor's English language proficiency, the sponsoring faculty member will be promptly contacted.

Print Name

Title

Signature

Date

For any additional questions, please contact OIS at (210) 567-6241 or via e-mail at international@uthscsa.edu.