

DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR J-1 SCHOLAR SPONSORSHIP

NAME OF DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL: _____

NAME OF EXCHANGE VISITOR: _____

DEPARTMENT FOAP FOR FEDEX BILLING: _____

REQUEST FOR J-1

- ☐ Foreign National is outside USA
- ☐ Foreign National is in USA in J-1 status and will transfer from another J-1 program
 - o Name of current J-1 institution: _____
- ☐ Foreign National is in USA and will need to change visa status to J-1 status
- ☐ Foreign National is already at TTUHSC in J-1 visa status and needs to extend the J-1 program

PROOF OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY

Federal regulations require that a J-1 exchange visitor must 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." At TTUHSC, all J-1 Exchange Visitors must show proof of English language ability through one of the four options below:

- A. Documentation that the prospective J-1 exchange visitor is a Native English speaker from an English-speaking country (examples: Australia, Belize, Botswana, Canada (except Quebec), Commonwealth Caribbean, Ghana, United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland), Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, Nigeria, Singapore, South Africa, or Zimbabwe. This is not an exclusive list).
- B. English Language Proficiency Test: The test must have been taken within the last two (2) years. One of the following tests, with the minimum score indicated, is acceptable:
 - 1. IELTS: 6.5 minimum score
 - 2. TOEFL:
 - a. Paper-based test (PBT): minimum score of 550
 - b. Computer-based test (CBT): minimum score of 213
 - c. Internet-based test (IBT): minimum score of 79
- C. Transcripts showing a degree earned from a U.S. college or university. Cannot be a bilingual program and degree must have been obtained within the last five (5) years.
- D. Interview in English conducted by the TTUHSC sponsoring professor. Interview can be in-person, by video-conferencing or by telephone.

CERTIFICATION OF EXCHANGE VISITOR'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

As the Department Sponsor for the J-1 Exchange Visitor named below, I certify that I established that the Exchange Visitor had proficiency in the English language by one of the following methods:

- ☐ The Exchange Visitor is from a country where the primary language is English. Country of origin: _____
- ☐ The Exchange Visitor took one of the following test, as indicated, within the past 24 months and received at least the minimum exam score noted below:
 - ☐ IELTS: 6.5 minimum score
 - ☐ TOEFL:
 - Paper-based test (PBT): minimum score of 550
 - Computer-based test (CBT): minimum score of 213
 - Internet-based test (IBT): minimum score of 79
- ☐ The Exchange Visitor earned a degree from a US college or university within the past five (5) years. (May not be a bilingual program of study). Transcripts are attached.
- ☐ As sponsoring professor, I conducted an interview in the English language, with the Exchange Visitor on this date: _____. I attest that Exchange Visitor had the required English language proficiency for successful participation in the J-1 program and to function on a day-to-day basis.
 - Interview Method:
 - In person
 - Video conferencing (including Skype, FaceTime)
 - Telephone

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND FULLY SUPPORT THE ABOVE-REFERENCED REQUEST FOR J-1 SPONSORSHIP ON BEHALF OF _____, A FOREIGN NATIONAL.

Department Sponsor Printed Name

Department Sponsor Signature

Date: _____