

**English Interview Proficiency Verification Form for J-1 Scholars  
(To be completed by Host Department)**

*In order to issue the required SEVIS Certificate of Eligibility (DS-2019) allowing a visitor to apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa, a documented interview must be conducted, either in-person or by Video conferencing. If videoconferencing is not a viable option, a phone interview is permitted, but this should only be used as a last resort. (If a telephone interview is conducted, please attach an explanation why an in-person or videoconferencing interview was not possible.)*

Name of J-1 scholar:

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Name of host faculty member:

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Name of sponsoring department:

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-----Interview-----

Name of interviewer:

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Date of interview: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Means of interview (in-person, videoconferencing, and phone):

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*Please ask the visitor the following questions during the course of the interview. If you feel that additional follow-up questions are appropriate, you should ask those as well.*

**Phase 1: Simple questions and requests:**

- Please tell me your name

- Where are you from?
  
- Where do you work?
  
- How long do you plan to be in the United States?
  
- What are some interesting places you have visited in the past? Please tell me about them.
  
- What do you know about the state of New Mexico? What are your impressions of New Mexico/Las Cruces?

**Phase 2: Conversation on a personal topic:**

- Please tell me about your family/hobbies/country/etc.

**Phase 3: Conversation on a professional topic**

- Please tell me about your research.

**Evaluation**

**The J-1 scholar understood (check one):**

- With ease virtually, everything that was said
- The main points of standard conversation about relevant topics, e.g. work, Academics, and life in the US
- Only everyday expressions and very basic phrases

**The J-1 scholar expressed him/herself (check one):**

- Spontaneously, very fluently, and precisely
- In a manner that allowed for functional interaction with a native speaker  
Without great difficulty
- In a simple or halting way that required clarification and assistance from the Listener

I certify by checking both statements below that I have made a good-faith effort to assess the English language proficiency of the above-mentioned J-1 scholar and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the interview confirmed the J-1 scholar has sufficient English language proficiency to:

\_\_\_\_\_ successfully participate in the program at New Mexico State University, and

\_\_\_\_\_ function on a day-to-day basis in the Las Cruces community.

Signature and Name of host faculty member:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_