



All J-1 applicants are required by the U.S. government to document an assessment of English language proficiency. Below are guidelines for prospective scholars and departments to use when submitting evidence of English language proficiency in accessVIS.

### English Language Test

A recognized English language test. The test must have been taken within the last 5 years. Potential J-1 scholars must upload a copy of their results in accessVIS.

Recognized tests and required scores are listed to the right.

**TOEFL iBT:** 85

**IELTS:** 6.5

**CEFR:**

**TOEIC:** 850

C1 (180-200)

C2 (200-230)

**Cambridge English:**

First Certificate in English (FCE) : Grade A, B

Certificate in Advanced English (CAE): Grades A, B, C

Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): Grades A, B, C

### Diploma

Applicants who have completed a bachelor's or graduate degree within the past 10 years in residence at a recognized institution of higher learning in the U.S. or a country listed to the right may use this option.

Potential J-1 scholars must upload proof of their diploma in accessVIS.

<b>Anguilla</b>	<b>Gambia</b>	<b>Montserrat</b>	<b>St. Lucia</b>
<b>Antigua &amp; Barbuda</b>	<b>Ghana</b>	<b>Namibia</b>	<b>St. Vincent/Grenadines</b>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>Gibraltar</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>Swaziland</b>
<b>Bahamas</b>	<b>Grenada</b>	<b>Nigeria</b>	<b>Tanzania</b>
<b>Barbados</b>	<b>Guyana</b>	<b>N. Ireland</b>	<b>Tonga</b>
<b>Belize</b>	<b>Ireland</b>	<b>Palau</b>	<b>Trinidad &amp; Tobago</b>
<b>Bermuda</b>	<b>Jamaica</b>	<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	<b>Turks &amp; Caicos Is.</b>
<b>Botswana</b>	<b>Kenya</b>	<b>Scotland</b>	<b>Uganda</b>
<b>British Virgin Is.</b>	<b>Lesotho</b>	<b>Seychelles</b>	<b>Vanuatu</b>
<b>Cameroon</b>	<b>Liberia</b>	<b>Shetland Is.</b>	<b>Wales</b>
<b>Canada (except Quebec)</b>	<b>Malawi</b>	<b>Sierra Leone</b>	<b>Zambia</b>
<b>Cayman Is.</b>	<b>Malta</b>	<b>Singapore</b>	<b>Zimbabwe</b>
<b>Dominica</b>	<b>Marshall Is.</b>	<b>Solomon Is.</b>	
<b>England</b>	<b>Mauritius</b>	<b>South Africa</b>	
<b>Fiji</b>	<b>Micronesia</b>	<b>St. Kitts-Nevis</b>	

### Interview with Sponsor or English Language Professor/Faculty

Applicants without a recognized English language test or diploma from an English speaking country may submit a letter certifying their English proficiency. The letter must be on **university letterhead** and **signed by the interviewer**. The letter can come from one of two sources:

1. A **faculty or professor of English** in the Foreign Language Department of an academic institution, or
2. **Stony Brook University's sponsoring department, after conducting and documenting an interview** either in-person or by videoconferencing. If videoconferencing is unavailable, a telephone interview is acceptable. A template letter is available at [stonybrook.edu/visa/forms](http://stonybrook.edu/visa/forms). The template may be modified as necessary.

*Potential J-1 scholars must upload the letter in accessVIS.*