

## Approval of Participation University of Florida J-1 Student Internship Program

Student participation in the University of Florida J-1 Student Internship Program must be approved by the student's home school. Indication of approval is provided by the signing of this form by the appropriate departmental representative.

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### Student's Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School:

School Phone Number (include country code): \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation: (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

### The above named student meets the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in and pursuing a degree at an accredited postsecondary academic institution outside the United States.
- Is in good academic standing.
- Will fulfill the educational objectives for the current degree program through participation in and successful completion of the U.S. internship.
- Approved by their academic department to participate in the internship program
- Has English language skills sufficient to function on a day-to-day basis in the internship environment and navigate daily life in the U.S. If the home institution will not verify English proficiency alternative confirmation is required. Acceptable methods of confirmation are noted on the second page.

**I certify the above information is correct and accurate.**

Authorized School Representative

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School Seal/Stamp

## Verification of English Skills

### English Proficiency Requirements

The University of Florida and the federal J-1 Student Intern visa regulations require proficiency in spoken and written English. The university accepts the results of the [Test of English as a Foreign Language \(TOEFL\)](#), the [Michigan English Language Assessment Battery \(MELAB\)](#) or the [International English Language Testing System \(IELTS\)](#). Proficiency in the English language is required of **internship applicants** from countries, including Puerto Rico, where English is not the official language.

Applicants must submit official results from one of the following tests with the required score or certification by the applicant's home school of English Language Proficiency:

**TOEFL:** (Institution Code is 5812)

Paper-Based: 550

Computer-Based: 213

Internet-Based: 80

**IELTS:** 6

**MELAB:** 77

**OR**

#### **Certification by hosting department:**

If official test scores like the ones mentioned above are not available or cannot be obtained in a timely fashion, the sponsoring UF faculty member can choose to certify in writing the student's language proficiency at a level necessary to participate and succeed in the internship program. The UF faculty sponsor will have to conduct a personal interview with the applicant (skype or phone) to verify those skills. A [verification letter](#) will need to be sent to UFIC along with the other application materials.

**Exemptions:** Internship students are exempt from the English proficiency requirement if enrolled for one academic year in a degree-seeking program at a recognized/regionally accredited university or college in a country where English is the official language prior to your anticipated term of enrollment at UF. The list of English exemption countries is in the following page: <http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/admission/english-exemption-countries>