

## J-1 Exchange Student English Verification

Exchange partners will need to verify English language proficiency for prospective exchange students during the online nomination process through the ISSS portal.

Exchange students can meet English proficiency if:

1. The student is a citizen of a country where English is an official language. Please see [here](#) for a list of English exemption countries.
2. The student is attending university in a country where English is an official language OR at a university where English is the language of instruction. Please see [here](#) for a list of English exemption countries.
3. The student has taken any of the following official tests of English language competence and received a sufficient score:
  - IELTS Academic: 6.0 Overall
  - MELAB: 77
  - TOEFL iBT: 80
  - TOEFL PBT: 550
  - Verbal GRE: 140
  - [GATEWAY English Test](#): 425
  - CEFR: B2
4. The student has a letter of English verification from their home institution, confirming that they have a sufficient language proficiency to successfully navigate day-to-day life in the United States, read and comprehend program materials, and know how to obtain assistance, if necessary.