

Application Requirements for Scholars

English Language Requirements:

Meet the university's [English proficiency requirement](#) (exceptions may be made if you are a native speaker or received a degree from an English-speaking country):

Note that, per federal regulations: "A prospective exchange visitor must have sufficient proficiency in the English language to undertake the anticipated program successfully. Participants may not avoid the English language requirement by claiming that their site of activity offers a work environment in their native language."

- TOEFL iBT minimum score – 70
- IELTS minimum score – 6.0
- Duolingo minimum score – 95
- Pearson PTE-A minimum score – 48
- ITEP minimum score – 3.7
- English3 J-1 English Interview minimum score – 3.0
- Language Certificate demonstrating B2 Level or higher based on the European Framework

Health Insurance Requirement:

The U.S. Department of State requires all exchange visitors (both J-1 principals and J-2 dependents; students and scholars) to have coverage for accident and medical insurance, medical evacuation, and repatriation of remains in effect for the duration of their exchange visitor program. A willful failure to carry insurance is considered to be a violation of federal regulations and will result in loss of immigration status. For more information see our [Health Insurance page](#).

Funding:

You must show a minimum of \$2,000 per month for living expenses and estimate approximately \$650 per dependent per month. Proof of funding is required in the form of a copy of an official bank statement from yourself or your sponsor showing a history of debits and credits, or a letter of sponsorship from your university, scholarship organization, or government. **All financial documentation must be current (no more than 2 months old) and in English.**

I certify that all of the information provided is correct and that I have read and understand the [J-1 scholar page](#) of the Office of Global Engagement website.

Signature: _____ Date: _____