



## SOPA Request Form J-1 Prospective Exchange Visitor

The U.S Department of State requires each J-1 exchange visitor (prof/scholar) to have "sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, to successfully participate in an exchange visitor program and to function on a day-to-day basis." [22 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations 62.11(a)(2)]. To comply with this requirement, prospective J-1 exchange visitors must either provide proof of a [valid TOEFL/IELTS score](#) or successfully complete the Scholar/Student Oral Proficiency Assessment (SOPA). The SOPA is administered via Zoom.

J-1 exchange visitors electing to take the SOPA will work with their sponsoring department to complete the fields below. Upon completion of Sections 1 and 2 of the form, the exchange visitor must return the form to the [ELC department](#). All Zoom interviews will be arranged by appointment within **20 business days** from the successful submission of this form. **Please come prepared with your passport for identification purposes and please find the SOPA Assessment Zoom Link below:**

<https://stevens.zoom.us/j/99024337430>

Meeting ID: 990 2433 7430

### SECTION 1: Completed by Faculty Sponsor

Prospective Exchange Visitor Name:

Date of Birth:

Requested Category:

#### Faculty Sponsor or International Programs Department Certification:

I certify that it is the intent of the department to sponsor the aforementioned prospective exchange visitor upon sufficient evidence of proficiency in the English Language.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### SECTION 2: Completed by Prospective Exchange Visitor

Prospective Exchange Visitor Name as it appears on passport:

Email:

Telephone:

#### Prospective Exchange Visitor Certification:

I certify that I am electing to complete the SOPA and will contact the ELC department, by submitting the completed SOPA Request Form, to arrange a time to conduct the Zoom interview. I understand that as a part of this process, I may be required to attend additional English Language programs (an ELC course and/or any on-campus organizational meetings designed to improve English language proficiency).

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