Department of State (DOS) regulations (22 CFR Section 62.10(a)(2) effective 1/5/2015) require verification/evidence of English language proficiency for all J-1 Exchange Visitors via “objective measurements” in order to determine eligibility to “successfully” participate in the programs offered and “to function on a day-by-day basis.” DOS believes “that not only is an exchange visitor’s success in his or her particular program dependent upon sufficient English language capability, but good English communication skills are essential to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of exchange visitors.” Additionally, lack of sufficient English proficiency may negatively impact the scholar’s capability “to navigate daily life in the United States; to read and comprehend program materials; to understand fully their responsibilities, rights and protections; and to know how to obtain assistance, if necessary.”

DOS requires that evidence be retained by the sponsoring institution and made available to DOS upon request.

To be completed by the J-1 Exchange Visitor Faculty Host Sponsor

Name of J-1 Exchange Visitor: _______________________________________________________________

I attest that the above named J-1 Scholar has sufficient English language ability to engage in their program at Northeastern University and function in daily life. English proficiency was objectively measured and confirmed by one of the following allowed methods (please confirm by including information/documentation requested):

- Preferred option: copy of English language test (TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS, etc.) (*documentation must be issued within 2 years)
- The scholar’s first/native language is English (UK, Australia, etc.)
- Scholar received college degree from an English speaking country (USA, Canada, UK, etc.)
- Documentation (attached) from academic institution or English language school attesting to English proficiency. (*documentation must be issued within 2 years)
- Video/Skype interview; date: ___________________________________________________________
- In person interview; date: _____________________________________________________________
- Telephone interview; date: _____________________________________________________________
- Returning scholar – proficiency confirmed prior to previous J-1 program
- This is an extension or amendment request – proficiency confirmed through successful participation in current J-1 program

If interview methods have been used, I confirm that they have been conducted in English language and I certify that I have records of questions asked and answers provided.

Signature of NU Faculty Host: _________________________________________________ Date: ________________

Name of NU Faculty Host (please print): ________________________________________________