

# Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program

Awards in Biomedical Engineering for Overseas Study/Research

## Foreign Language Report

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle Initial*

Respondent Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent Department and Institution \_\_\_\_\_

### To be completed by the Applicant:

1. Foreign Language being evaluated \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of years language was studied \_\_\_\_\_
3. You should be able to follow university lectures in the foreign language, participate in seminar discussion, take notes, and understand written material. Specifically, what are you doing now and what are you planning to do to bring your language facility to this point?
4. List other languages which you know indicating proficiency in each and the number of years studied.

This nomination is prepared with the understanding that my comments will  or will not  be held confidential.

To be completed by a professional language teacher (preferably by a university faculty member, however, if the language is an unusual one and a professional teacher of the language is not available, this may be completed by a native speaker.

1. Please comment on the applicant's present language ability in relation to the project in each of the following categories.

#### AURAL COMPREHENSION

- None
- Understands simple conversation
- Understands conversation on simple academic topics
- Understands sophisticated discussion of academic topics

#### SPEAKING ABILITY

- None
- Can only frame structurally simple, short utterances
- Uses basic grammatical structure, speaking with limited vocabulary
- Uses structural patterns, but not with consistent accuracy. Adequate to handle conversational subjects
- Has control over structural patterns; can handle a wide range of conversational situations

#### READING ABILITY

- None
- Limited to simple vocabulary and sentence structure
- Understands conventional topics and non-technical subjects
- Understands materials whose content contains idioms and specialized terminology
- Understands sophisticated materials including field of proposed study literature

#### WRITING ABILITY

- None
- Writes simple sentences on conventional topics, with some errors in spelling and structure
- Writes on academic topics with few errors in structure and spelling
- Writes with idiomatic ease of expression and feeling for the style of the language

2. Please mark the appropriate box to indicate your general opinion of this applicant's ability in the foreign language

- Will require considerable training before necessary competence can be attained
- Should be able to manage adequately after some additional formal language training
- Should be able to manage adequately after a short period of adjustment abroad
- Should have no difficulty

3. Is the applicant's present language competence adequate to carry out the proposed project?  Yes  No

Signature of Respondent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_