Important Information regarding the Scholars’ Language Assessment

1. Why was it developed?

The scholars’ listening and speaking assessment was developed by faculty at Michigan Tech’s English Language Institute (ELI); this interview is also administered by the ELI faculty. The purpose of this assessment is to determine if a scholar would be equipped to be self-sufficient in his/her language skills while conducting research at Michigan Technological University and living in Houghton County.

2. How do I order and pay for this assessment?

For this assessment, international scholars must have access to Zoom communication. The cost of this assessment is $25.00 (USD). Payments will be made online by using a link sent to you by the ELI Administrative Coordinator after the assessment has been ordered by a department coordinator. The scholar will receive an email from the ELI assistant requesting possible interview times. For more information, contact the ELI assistant at +1 (906) 487-1729.

3. What is the format of the language assessment?

Scholars are interviewed for approximately 15-30 minutes. Over Zoom, they receive several pictures and are asked questions about each photo. The questions range from descriptive to abstract. During the assessment, scholars may ask for clarification. In addition, two raters are present to ensure objectivity.

4. How do I connect via Zoom to the online language assessment?
a. Click on the link for the online Zoom meeting. It should look like this:  
https://michigantech.zoom.us/j/XXXXXXXXX

b. Open the Zoom Meetings program to get connect in to the session. If you are using a computer make sure to click “Open Zoom Meetings” when it appears.

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If you are connecting from a smart phone it will download the Zoom Meetings app that will look like this.

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c. Connect to the audio session to make sure you can hear your assessment. It is strongly suggested that you use headphones or earbuds for better quality. Smartphones should connect right away. On computers you will need to click this green button below.
If you do not have a microphone on your computer you can click the “Phone Call” button to view a list of phone numbers you can call to join in. Make sure to select the country you are in for available phone numbers and follow the instructions given over the phone to connect.

d. If you have any problems connecting via Zoom, contact the ELI assistant at +1 (906) 487-1729.