Please remind your faculty as well as new and continuing international graduate students of the following:

Please make sure that all of your international (non-native English speaking) graduate assistants you want to hire or rehire as Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) have passed the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPIc or former ProFluent+). An OPIc score of Advanced Low or higher is considered passing. This applies to all GTAs no matter the source of funding for the position.

**Incoming students.** If an incoming international graduate student will ever be employed as a GTA while at UW, programs must communicate to the student that any employment as a graduate teaching assistant is contingent on the student submitting a passing OPIc score by August 1 (for fall, and January 1 for spring). Furthermore, I *highly recommend* that programs that regularly employ international graduate students as GTAs make admission contingent on a passing OPIc score. The sooner these students submit OPIc scores the less likely last-minute funding changes will need to be made.

**Continuing students.** All current international graduate assistants who have not yet taken or did not pass the Oral Proficiency Interview will have to show proof of an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPIc) with a passing score of Advanced Low or higher in order to be rehired. In order to avoid any hiring delays, continuing students should complete the OPIc with a passing score by no later than one month before their start of employment as a GTA.

Information regarding UW’s OPIc requirement for Graduate Teaching Assistants and how to register to take the OPIc can be found at: