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DATE: April 23, 2019 (link fixed on 11/13/19)
TO: Department Heads, Graduate Coordinators, and Deans
FROM: Jim Ahern, AVP for Graduate Education
RE: REMINDER - OPIc Exam Requirement for All Graduate Teaching Assistants

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 OPIc (or 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, I recommend that you direct such students to take the OPIc as soon as possible. For those incoming international graduate students who are intended to be employed as GTAs in fall 2019, please direct them to take the OPIc as soon as possible and by no later than August 2 in order to avoid any last-minute funding and/or assignment changes.

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 fall 2019.

Information regarding UW's OPIc requirement for Graduate Teaching Assistants and how to register to take the OPIc can be found at: http://www.uwyo.edu/geo/elc/international-teaching-assistants/graduate_admissions/index.html [fixed link, 11/13/2019].