AT A GLANCE
- **Availability:** Online, on demand; $49
- **Format:** Online, adaptive
- **Test Length:** Adaptive, ~1 hour
- **Turnaround Time:** 48 hours or less
- **Components:** Score, Subscores, Video Sample, Writing Sample
- **Accepting Institutions:** 3,000+

FAST FACTS
- Students have taken the test from over 200 countries and speak 144 distinct first languages.
- Duolingo has provided fee waivers for 10,000+ high-achieving, low-income students, and are the only testing organization to offer fee waivers for high-stakes admissions tests.

ABOUT DUOLINGO
- Most downloaded education app with over 500 million learners
- TIME’s “Genius Companies 2018”
- Founded by Luis von Ann, inventor of reCAPTCHA, MacArthur Fellow, Lemelson-MIT prize recipient, and former international applicant

TEST PROCESS
- **Testing** – Test takers access the test via the applicants page and complete the test from their computer in a quiet, well-lit room via the Duolingo English Test desktop app.
- **Proctoring** - Recorded test sessions are immediately sent to the Duolingo proctoring team where they verify test taker identity and certify the results in a multi-tiered process.
- **Sharing** – Test takers select the institutions to which they want to send results. They can share with an unlimited number of institutions for free.
- **Reviewing** – Institution receives an email notification and results can be accessed on a dashboard or the institution’s CRM. Each certified result includes a proficiency score, subscores, video sample, and writing sample of each test taker.

SECURITY AND INTEGRITY
Preventing Violations
- Adaptive Administration draws from an extremely large question pool of test items which ensures every test experience is virtually unique.
- Duolingo English Test desktop app provides a stable and secure experience for all test takers while preventing access to other programs or plugins.

Detecting Violations
- Remote Human Proctors watch every test session and are trained to look for over 75 different behaviors. Multiple independent proctoring rounds review the test via the webcam, screen, microphone, keyboard, and mouse.
- Artificial Intelligence, specifically computer vision and biometrics authentication, support proctors to help verify test taker’s identity, along with a government-issued photo ID, and identify other suspicious behavior.

TEAM AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY BOARD
Our team who builds the test and our technical advisory board who counsels and evaluates our team’s research, design, and development of the test are comprised of world-renowned experts in the fields of Language Testing, Psychometrics, and AI.

SCORES AND EFFICACY
Measures reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. An overall score is calculated by computer-adaptive algorithms out of 160 in 5-point increments. Subscores (Literacy, Conversation, Comprehension, Production) reflect natural language use and are each scored and reported on the same scale.

Concordance - Since all English proficiency tests are on different scales, Duolingo has developed a concordance tool to compare Duolingo English Test results to TOEFL iBT®, IELTS® academic, and the CEFR.

Correlation - Research shows the Duolingo English Test is substantially correlated with other popular English tests. Correlations are above 0.76 and statistically significant (p<0.001). The most recent study relating TOEFL and IELTS scores reports a correlation of 0.73 (ETS, 2010). This indicates that the Duolingo English Test construct is aligned with TOEFL and IELTS as well as they are with each other.

Reliability & Fairness - The reliability of a test score is an indicator of the extent to which one score that a test taker achieves can be trusted to be consistent if the test were taken again. Evaluating via measures of internal consistency (r = 0.95) and test-retest (r = 0.82) indicate a high degree of confidence in the reliability of the test. Additional research indicates no statistical bias among different groups of test takers.

Validity - Research indicates that the Duolingo English Test may outperform other tests in predicting how ESL faculty who support international students on campus will rate the English proficiency and the support needs of incoming international students (Ishikawa, Hall, & Settles).