Age English Was Learned
Scholars, n = 221

Nearly 70% learn English before age 16

Frequency of Difficulty with English Language Proficiency
n = 198

At UCLA, people are respected regardless of their accent/English language ability, n = 185

Source: Dashew Center Survey of Scholars, 2016

KEY OBSERVATIONS

• Learning a language at younger ages implies a certain level of fluency.
• Most scholars learn English at age 16 or younger, and around a quarter of scholars learn English before age 11.
• Most scholars report that they rarely or never have difficulty with English language proficiency; however, over 10% report frequent difficulty.
• Most scholars agree that they feel respected regardless of their accent or English language ability; however, around 10% disagree, making language ability and accent the number one climate issue among scholars.