

Cultural and Language Immersion Scheme CALIS 2020 (Subject to approval of Funding)

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Cultural and Language Immersion Scheme (CALIS)

What is CALIS

- ❑ To provide a full immersion experience in British culture
- ❑ To improve English Language skills
- ❑ To foster personal development
- ❑ To polish their critical thinking
- ❑ To enhance problem solving ability
- ❑ To sharpen interpersonal and intercultural communication skills

Cultural and Language Immersion Scheme (CALIS)

- ▶ To take on a global perspective
- ▶ To gain cultural exchange experience
- ▶ To be more competitive for student exchange or overseas internship or scholarship interviews
- ▶ Fulfill the requirement of Global experience for GCSP

Language Component

- ❑ Particular emphasis on boosting achievement and increasing the number of students achieving IELTS 6.5 (*International English Language Testing System*) and above
- ❑ Placement test on arrival and taking IELTS at the end of the programme
- ❑ Study Programme is intensive and demanding

Language Components

- ❑ A Formal teaching Programme
- ❑ Professional UK instructors:
Practices on presentation / reading / listening / speaking / writing
- ❑ Classroom teaching & homework : Small class ~12-15 students each
- ❑ Student Learning Assistants (SLA) : Providing pastoral support, information about life in UK & leading off campus activities

Cultural Immersion....

London Group

- ▶ **Visits to museums & scenic spots:** British Museum, Royal Observatory, National Maritime Museum, House of Parliament and the Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Tower of London, River Thames, etc
- ▶ **Attending a musical:** “The Phantom of the Opera” in 2019
- ▶ **Industrial visit:** A guided tour of the Mini Cooper Plant in Oxford where students can learn about the contemporary car manufacturing industry in the UK
- ▶ **Sports events:** Horse-riding, cricket game
- ▶ **Social events:** Welcoming Lunch, Medieval Banquet
- ▶ **Weekend excursions:** West End London, City of London, Oxford, Brighton and Windsor Castle.

Cultural Immersion....

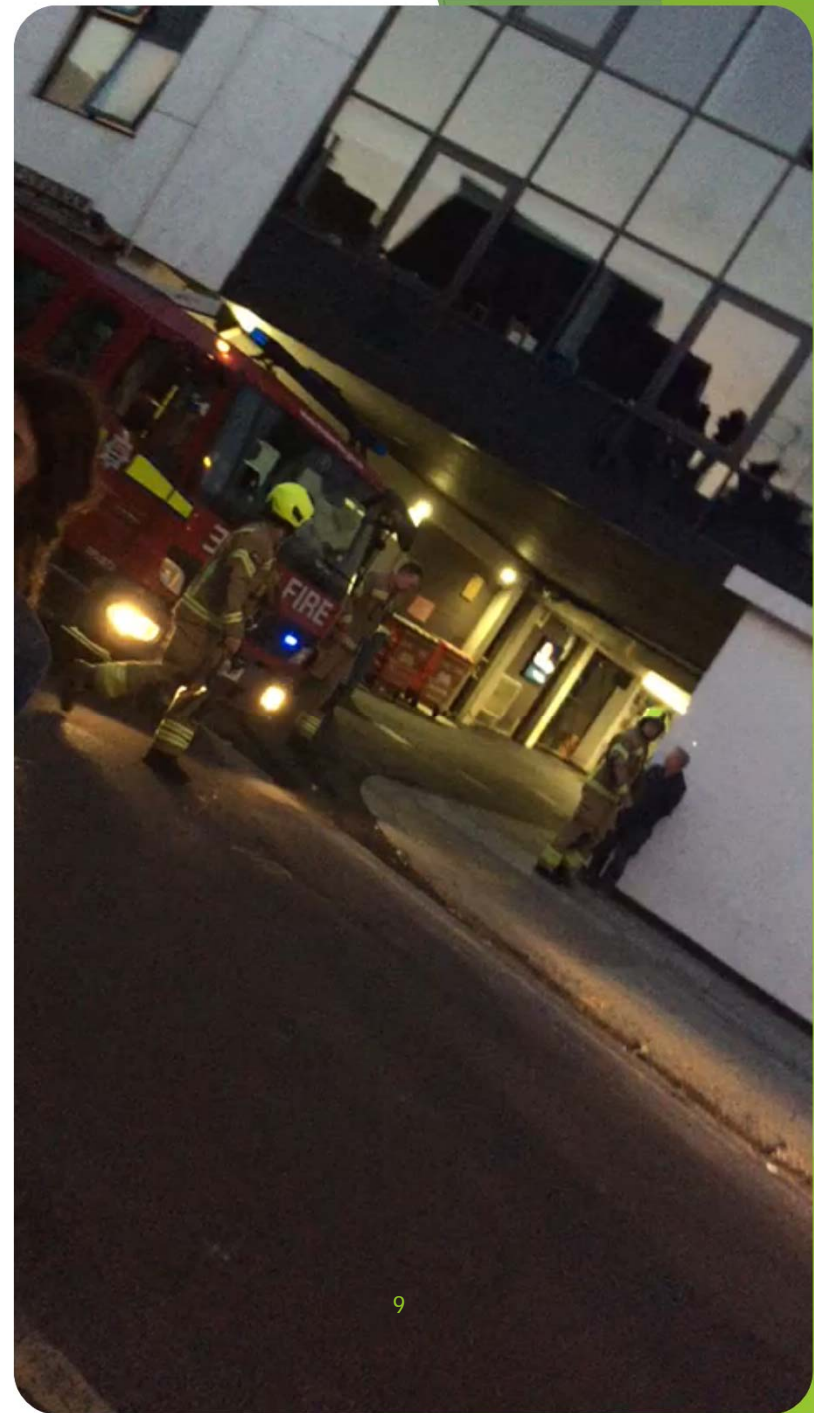
Sheffield Group

- ▶ **Visits to museums & scenic spots:** Weston Park & Museum, Sheffield Cathedral, Peak District, Visit to Mayfield Alpaca Animal Park, Sheffield United Football Stadium, Tower of London, Edinburgh Castle etc
- ▶ **Attending a musical** while visiting London: "Aladdin" in 2019
- ▶ **Industrial visit:** A guided tour of a wire joiner manufacturing plant (Gripple) in Sheffield
- ▶ **Sports events:** Ice-skating and cricket
- ▶ **Social events:** Arrival party and Graduation Dinner with Sheffield Hallam University staff, Student Ambassadors and Homestay
- ▶ **Cultural visits:** **Guided Weekend trip to London and Edinburgh**, as well as an traditional English breakfast at a local café (Grindleford Station Café) in Peak District

Personal Developments

- ▶ Group project
- ▶ Homestay
- ▶ Service Learning
- ▶ Through experiencing many aspects of life in Britain and British Culture

Cultural Difference



CALIS

(Scores of London Group in 2019)

IELTS Overall Score	No. of Students	%
8	3	4
7 - 7.5	30	40
6 - 6.5	34	45
5 - 5.5	8	11
	75	100

	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Overall
Placement Score	6.0	6.4	5.5	5.4	5.9
IELTS Score	7.0	7.3	5.8	6.1	6.6
Improvement	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.7	0.7

Feedback from Participants

CALIS 2019

- ▶ Undoubtedly, I've learned so much from this precious experience and have broadened my horizon to a great extent. To see, to learn and to make progress, which the CALIS program aims at, are just the right things to do.
- ▶ I surprisingly found that my English had improved a lot during the trip, especially English listening and speaking.
- ▶ I become more confident. I was not afraid of wrong pronunciation and wrong answers as before. I just expressed my ideas and thoughts bravely. I think it was a really important change for me.

Feedback from Participants

CALIS 2019

- ▶ On the whole, it was a remarkable month. I enjoyed the sight seeing and substantial interaction with peoples from different walks of life.
- ▶ The schedule was tight but it was fruitful. I made friends with the local people become more independently. I really appreciate the opportunity provided by CityU.

Feedback from Participants

CALIS 2019

- ▶ It was a good trip for us to know more about ourselves..... what we want and how to improve.... like to become more independent. Because we were not in Hong Kong. Without our parents, we need to take care of ourselves..... like how to cook, do the laundries and most of all, it's to make important decisions like managing the spending.
- ▶ Finally, I will recommend all students to participate in this meaningful trip, not only to learn English, but also to enjoy the amazing British culture in Summer.

Meetings & Workshops (Tentative)

COMPULSORY

- ▶ **Early Mar:** Briefing for participants & Grouping for the Group Project
- ▶ **18 May:** Pre-departure workshop & Final Briefing
- ▶ **On Return:** On the 2nd day after landing HK
 1. Post-trip presentation & debriefing
 2. Sharing & Review - Share your Group Video (around 2-3 minutes) and review your CALIS experience

Grouping

Key positions

- ▶ Chairperson & Vice-chairperson
- ▶ Service Project Manager
- ▶ Deputy Service Project Manager
- ▶ Media Manager / Deputy Media Manager
- ▶ Logistic Manager

Assignments

- ▶ Reflective Journal of 1000 words with 5 representative photos
- ▶ Group Project & Presentation
- ▶ Group Photo Album (around 70 representative photos with captions)
- ▶ Group Video (2-3 minutes) with caption and sharing

Photo NOT Acceptable



Video Clipping London Group 2019



Photo Album Sheffield Group 2019

Eligibility

- ▶ All non-final year CENG full-time students
- ▶ Students who are:
 - ▶ Eager to improve your English
 - ▶ Ready to explore the world
 - ▶ Hardworking, independent, responsible & with good self-discipline
 - ▶ Good at teambuilding and willing to contribute -
Form groups to work on a project with topic at your choice

Summer 2020 (Tentative)

	Period	Final Presentation	Quota
London A	20 May – 22 June	2 nd days after landing HK	40
London B	24 June – 27 July		40*
Sheffield	12 June – 13 July		40*

* Join with Division of Building Science and Technology

Application & Key Dates

- ▶ Application : 6 - 19 January 2020 (23:59 hrs)
- ▶ Application via CRESDA
- ▶ Interview: Week 4, Sem B
- ▶ Results announcement: Week 5

Exact dates to be confirmed and announced through email

Questions for CALIS Application

- ▶ Q1: Why do you apply for CALIS and what do you expect to learn? (in 150 words)
- ▶ Q2: Choose 3 words that best describe you and explain why (in 100 words)
- ▶ Q3: If you have to suggest a title for a group project that helps you understand the British culture, what will that be?

Work & responsibility

- ▶ Study hard & be serious
- ▶ Take IELTS test - target to **improve**
- ▶ Full participation in all activities
- ▶ Be cooperative and punctual at all times
- ▶ Contribute to the group & service projects
- ▶ **Work hard and play hard 😊**

Budget Estimate

- ▶ London & Sheffield :
Around HK\$50,000 (subject to confirmation)
- ▶ University: 60%
- ▶ Student: 40% (around HK\$20,000)
- ▶ Caution money: HK\$8,000 (will be returned after the trip by the end of September 2020)

Programme Fee includes

- ▶ Return Airfare
- ▶ Accommodation (Homestay)
- ▶ Half board: Breakfast & dinner
- ▶ Travel Card : Oyster Card (London) / Monthly Pass (Sheffield)
- ▶ Transportation: airport pickup, weekend visits, industrial visits, overnight weekend trips
- ▶ Tickets and entry fees of certain scheduled visits
- ▶ IELTS exam, teaching materials & tutor fees

Caution Money

- ▶ Non-transferable
- ▶ Additional cost, e.g. sudden increase in exchange rate, rise of fuel cost, may be deducted from the caution money
- ▶ Refund: Successful completion of CALIS
- ▶ NO refund, if:
 - ▶ Withdrawal at any time
 - ▶ Failure to attend all programme activities/submit report/presentation
 - ▶ complaints from the host university

Other Financial Sponsorship

- ▶ HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund - Non-academic Awards (ROA) 2019-20 (HK\$10,000)
- ▶ [SDS will announce by May]
Does not affect University sponsorship
- ▶ Eligibility: CGPA 3.0 or above

Payment Schedule

- ▶ Week 8: Airfare ~HK\$10,000
- ▶ Week 11: Caution money HK\$8,000
- ▶ Week 12: Balance payment

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Tentative Schedule

► CENG Website:

<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/ceng/student-life/cultural-language-immersion-scheme-calis>

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Q & A

Thank
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