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Cultural and Language Immersion Scheme [CALIS]

Subject to Funding Approval

College of Engineering
Maidie LO

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Agenda

- Components of CALIS
- Advantages of CALIS
- Eligibility
- Assignments
- Programme Fee
- Financial Sponsorship
- Other possible Financial Sponsorship
- Application Procedure

Cultural Components

Visits to museums & scenic spots: British Museum, Royal Observatory, National Maritime Museum, House of Parliament and Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Tower of London, River Thames, etc

Homestay : stay with a homestay family

Attending a musical: Lion King, TBC

Industrial visit: A guided tour of the World Famous working Fullers Brewery

Sports events: Horse-riding, cricket games, real tennis

Social events: Welcoming Lunch, Bowling, Life-sized Monopoly

Weekend excursions: West End London, City of London, Oxford, Brighton and Windsor Castle.

Language Components

- A Formal teaching Programme

- Professional UK instructors:

Reading / Listening / Speaking / Writing

Presentation Skills

- Classroom teaching & homework : Small class ~10- 13 students each

- Student Learning Assistants (SLA) : Providing pastoral support, information about life in UK & leading off-campus activities

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

Positive Outcome

- Full immersion 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

- 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 CityU X Sino Grand Challenges Scholars Program

Score Attainment (CALIS 2023)

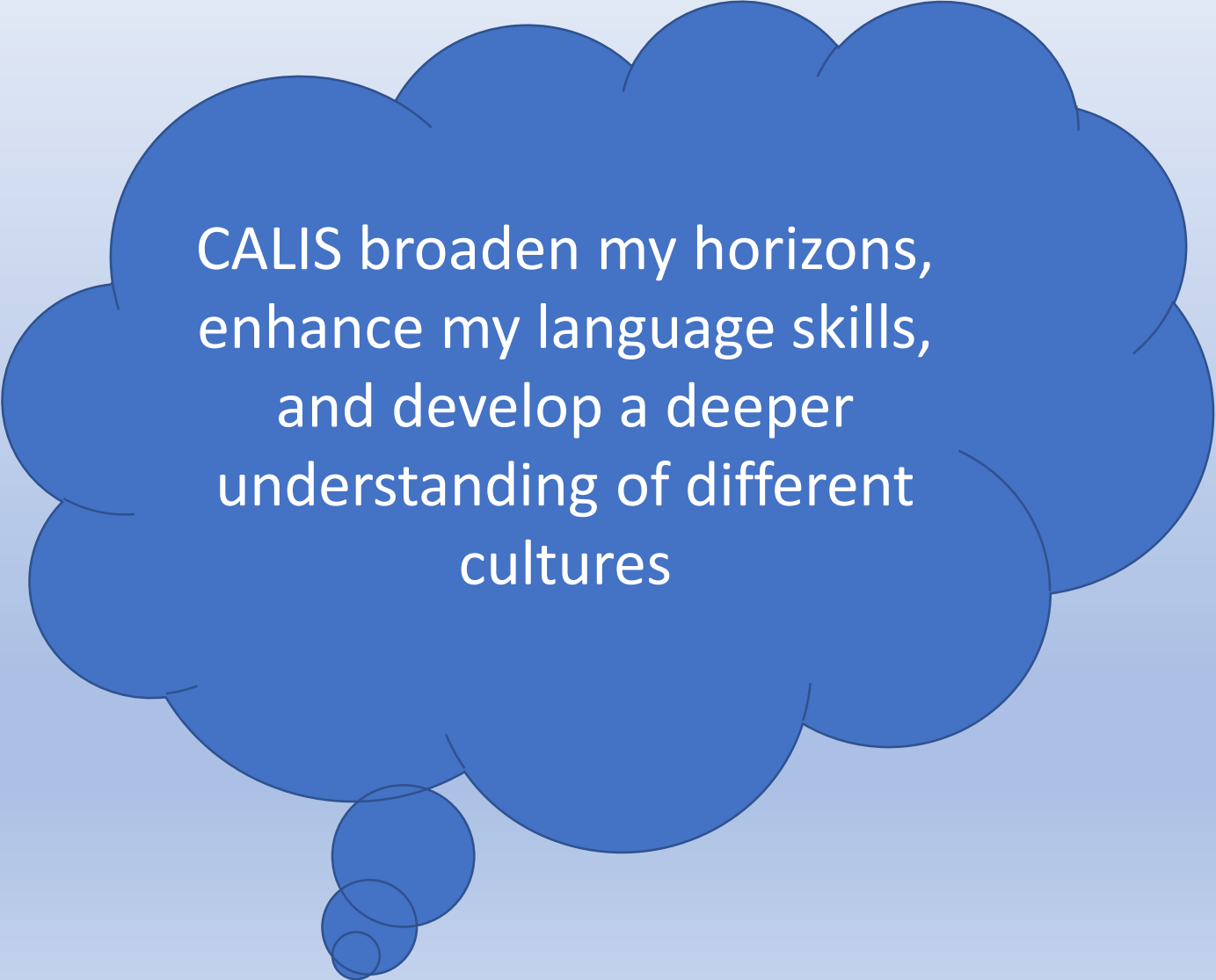
IELTS Overall Score	No. of Students	%
7.5	1	5
7	5	23
6.5	6	27
6	7	32
5.5	3	14
Total	22	100

SCORE IMPROVEMENT

	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Overall
Placement	5.9	6.0	5.6	5.4	5.8
IELTS	6.7	6.8	6.0	5.8	6.4
Improvement	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.6



Feedback from Previous Participants



CALIS broaden my horizons,
enhance my language skills,
and develop a deeper
understanding of different
cultures

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immersing myself in
British culture and
enhancing my English
language proficiency has
been an incredibly
transformative
adventure

CALIS promoted my personal development as well as my future career. I understand more about British culture. I learnt to be more independent.

Wanna to know
more?

Meetings & Workshops (Mandatory)

First Meeting in 10 April 2024 (Wednesday)

- Grouping
- Introduction to Service Learning and group project

14 May

- Pre-departure workshop & Final Briefing

30 August

Post-trip presentation & debriefing

- Presentation of your group project on cultural differences with a PPT for 15 mins (including Q&A), Each group member will have to present part of your findings
- Share your 2-minute Group Video capturing the essence of your CALIS experience

Assignments

Individual Assignments

- ▶ Reflective Journal of 1000 words with 5 representative photos (HD) with captions
- ▶ 1-minute video clipping

Group Assignments

- ▶ Group Project & Presentation
- ▶ Group Photo Album (around 20 representative photos with captions)
- ▶ 2-minute Group Video with subtitle and background music

Eligibility

- All non-final year CENG full-time students
- Students who are:
 - CGPA 2.0 or above
 - Eager to improve your English
 - Ready to explore the world
 - Hardworking, independent, responsible & with good self-discipline
 - Good at team building and willing to contribute – Form groups to work on a project with a topic at your choice

Schedule

Host Partner	Period		Quota
Middlesex University, London	22 May – 24 June Group Departure		25

Application & Key Dates

- Application : 2 - 17 January 2024
- Application via CRESDA
- Interview: Week 3-4, Sem B
- Results announcement: Week 5-6
- Acceptance, Home-stay Deposit and Airfare: Week 6-7

Exact dates to be confirmed and announced through email

Budget Estimate

Programme Fee around HK\$53,000

- **University: Around 60%** (HK\$28,400 in 2023, exact amount TBC)
- **Student: Around 40%** ~ HK\$24,600
- **Caution money:** HK\$8,000 (will be returned after the trip by the end of September/October 2024)
- **Additional Cost** – travel and medical insurance to cover COVID-19, Visa Fees, self-arranged sightseeing and souvenirs, etc to be borne by students, if applicable
- **Potential Cost** – Charges for cancellation of air tickets and a non-refundable programme fee of around HK\$10,000 if the programme is cancelled due to COVID-19. (Seeking approval for a 60% subsidy from the University)

Programme Fee includes

- Return Airfare
- Accommodation in a home-stay family with breakfast and dinner
- Travel Card : Oyster Card (London tour only) GBP150
- Transportation (Coaches): airport pickup, weekend visits, industrial visits, weekend day trips
- Tickets and entry fees for certain scheduled visits
- IELTS exam, teaching materials & tutor fees

Caution Money

- Non-transferable
- Additional costs, e.g. sudden increase in the exchange rate 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
 - Less than 80% punctuality
 - complaints from the host university

Other Financial Sponsorship on Competitive Basis

- HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund - Non-academic Awards (ROA) 2022-23 (HK\$10,000)
- Parent Department will announce in February
- Eligibility: **CGPA 3.0 or above**

Payment Schedule

- **Week 6-7**

Home-stay Deposit (non-refundable) and Airfare (subject to the refund policy of the airline) **HK\$15,000**

- **Week 10:**

- Programme Fee Balance \$9,600

and Caution money HK\$8,000 (Refundable)

Total : **HK\$17,600**

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Action Required

- Check with your home department if there is any lab session in late May
- Check the validity of your passport, it should have a 6-month validity before departure
- Renew your passport immediately otherwise
- Need your valid passport for registration of Homestay and IELTS Examination by the end of April

- Further Information available at CENG Website:

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

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Q & A

Thank you!