Cultural and Language
Immersion Scheme
(CALIS)

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Cultural and Language Immersion Scheme (CALIS)

What is CALIS?

- To provide a full immersion experience
- To improve English Language skills
- To develop intercultural awareness
- Through experiencing many aspects of life in Britain and British Culture
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Why CALIS? Staying 4-week in England

- To take on a global perspective
- To gain cultural exchange experience
- To become more independent and confident
- To be more competitive for student exchange or overseas internship or scholarship interviews
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
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- 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....

- **Sightseeing:** famous scenic spots in the UK
- **Cultural visits:** museums, galleries, musicals
- **Service Learning:** visiting the home for the elderly, primary school, the visually impaired, the homeless
- **Social & sports activities:** horse riding, cricket, sports day, golf, Hollywood Bowling, real tennis, medieval banquet
- **Industrial visits:** Mini Cooper production plant, brewery, windfarm, etc.
- **Home stay:** whole period of stay in England
### CALIS (Scores of London Group in 2018)

#### Score Attainment

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Total 45 Students (100%)

#### Score Improvement

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Summer 2019 (Tentative)

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Eligibility

- All non-final year CSE 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
Application & Key Dates

- Application deadline: **28 Dec 2018 (Fri) 5:00pm**
- Application form: [www.cityu.edu.hk/cse/cec](http://www.cityu.edu.hk/cse/cec)
- Submit **hard copy** to Dropbox at Co-op Centre: (Room A, 4/F, Block 1, To Yuen Building)
- Interview: Week 1-2, Sem B
- Results announcement: Week 3

**Exact dates to be confirmed and announced through email**
Budget Estimate

- London / Sheffield / Edinburgh:
  All around HK$50,000

- University: 60%

- Student: 40%

- Caution money: HK$8,000 (will be returned after the trip)
Programme Fee includes

- Airfare
- Accommodation (Homestay)
- Half board: only breakfast & dinner
- 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 (Sept)
- NO refund, if:
  - Withdrawal at any time
  - Failure to attend all programme activities/submit report/presentation
  - complaints from the host university
Other sponsorships

- HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund - Non-academic Awards (TDS & ROA) 2018-19 (HK$10,000) [SDS will announce later]
  Does not affect University sponsorship

- Eligibility: CGPA 3.0 or above
Payment Schedule

- **Week 5**: Airfare ~HK$10,000
- **Week 8**: Caution money HK$8,000
- **Week 12**: Balance payment

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Work & responsibility

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

- Meetings to attend (compulsory)
  - **Mar:** Briefing for participants
  - **Late April / May:** Pre-departure briefing & workshop
  - **On Return:** Post-trip presentation & debriefing (on the 2nd day after returning to HK)

- Assignments:
  Group project & presentation + reflective essay
Responsibilities

Key positions

- Chairperson & Vice-chairperson
- Service Project Manager
- Deputy Service Project Manager
- Media Manager
- Group Leader
- First Aider
Video Clipping CALIS 2018
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Q & A

Thank you!