

CLS Q&A for LIA

Who are eligible for the Language Immersion Award (LIA)?

The LIA is only open to students who take French 2 or German 2 in their Year 1 Semester 2, before the May - July vacation period. Priority will be given to French/German Language Preparation Programme (LPP) students with good grades in the language.

Is it compulsory to go for the language immersion?

No, it is an optional programme. However, students are strongly encouraged to participate in the immersion programme as it will greatly improve their language proficiency. Students who have gone for the immersions have found the programme enjoyable, enriching and beneficial to their language learning and SEP experience.

Are credits granted for the language immersion classes?

No, credits are not granted for the language immersion classes.

What is the funding difference between Centre for Language Studies (CLS) immersion and Language Immersion Award (LIA) immersion?

The CLS immersion is self-financed by students whereas the LIA immersion is funded by the university.

What are the items funded under LIA?

The award covers bulk of the cost of the language classes, accommodation and some meals. Students will have to co-pay S\$300 and bear the cost of plane ticket to France and Germany, as well as any other costs.

Do I have to go back to a certain university/country for SEP if I accept the Language Immersion Award?

We encourage you to go back to a particular university/ country for SEP if you accept the Language Immersion Award as this provides you an opportunity to use the language.

Where can I go on SEP after receiving the Language Immersion Award?

Please research on courses offered at partner universities, to ensure you are able to map relevant modules back to NUS. You will have to do your research and plan your SEP carefully. Please plan your studies such that you can be flexible with modules on SEP.

Can I go for the language immersion without accepting the Language Immersion Award?

Yes. You can apply for the self-financing language immersions organised by the Centre for Language Studies. More information is available here:

<http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/cls/courses/index.html#immersion>

When do the immersions take place?

The language immersions are held during the term break between academic years. Each of the language immersions in the various destinations operate on a slightly different schedule and will last for a period of 3 to 4 weeks sometime in May, June or July. For more information on the dates for the LIA immersions this year, please visit the 'Language Immersion Awards' section of the CLS website.

The Centre for Language Studies (CLS) also organizes students self-financed language immersions to France and Germany. Please refer to <http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/cls/courses/index.html#immersion> for more information.

I want to apply for the Language Immersion Award but I may have National Service training during that time. What should I do? Can I still apply for the Language Immersion Award if I have National Service training?

Please check with your camp in advance to see whether you have in-camp training on the dates of your desired immersion programme. If your camp is unable to give you an answer now, we suggest that you still apply for the immersion first.

In the event that you get selected and you find out that you have in-camp training during that time, we can write a letter to prove that you are attending the immersion for you to inform your camp, but we cannot guarantee that your camp will allow you to defer the training.