

CLS Q&A for LIA

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

The LIA is only open to Year 1 Language Preparation Programme (LPP) students who are taking French 2 or German 2 in semester 2.

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 difference in funding between the Centre for Language Studies (CLS) immersion and the 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 the cost of the language classes, accommodation, some excursions and some meals. Students will have to bear the cost of their plane ticket to France and Germany, as well as any other costs.

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 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/immersion.htm> 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.