

Have an idea for the Annual Chinese Teaching Conference 2015?

Call for Proposals

Submission deadline: Friday 16 January, 2015

12th Annual Chinese Teaching Conference
UCL Institute of Education Confucius Institute for Schools

We invite you to submit a workshop proposal for this year's conference (see guidance overleaf).

The UCL Institute of Education (IOE) Annual Chinese Conference is the largest opportunity of its kind in the UK for school teaching professionals to gather, share new ideas and best practice specifically in the subject area of Mandarin Chinese and about China. This year's conference will take place at IOE in central London on **Friday 12 and Saturday 13 June 2015**.

We are seeking proposals in the following **topic areas**:

1. Preparing global citizens

– including: initiatives to develop intercultural interaction and understanding; innovative exchange initiatives; community and business engagement.

2. New and forward-looking teaching and learning activities

– including: new teaching approaches for one or two of the four skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking); technology-based solutions; greater learner independence.

3. Curriculum models

– including: cross-curricular links with expertise from colleagues in other departments; programmes of study; immersion models; integrating contemporary Chinese literature, music, art, film, etc.

4. Assessment

– including: effective and creative ways to integrate formative and summative assessment in each of the four skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening); attainment measures for learning progression; assessment tools and technology.

5. Partnerships and sustainability

– including: partner schools in China, the UK and around the world; involving universities, businesses and other organisations to support learning in Mandarin and about China; budget management and income diversification.

6. Teacher development and career progression

– including: inspirational school leadership; managing your own professional development and achieving your career aims; successful working relationships and learning from colleagues; initial teacher training.

7. Primary school and Infant Mandarin Chinese

– including: schemes of work and learning activities; managing transitions to secondary schools approaches to offering a coherent learning journey from one level to the next.

8. Sixth form and transitions to university

– including: new and effective teaching and learning ideas at this level; ideas to inspire and stretch post-16 students, e.g. extracurricular opportunities; university course options for students and ideas for outstanding applications; examples of school/college and university collaboration.

9. Research

– including: teachers as researchers/ action research; the experiences of visiting Chinese teachers in the UK; strategies for teaching Mandarin Chinese in the UK and beyond.

Guidance for workshop proposals

Proposals should be brief (100- 250 words) and include the following:

- A working title
- The subject matter
- Clear learning outcome(s) for participants
- The format of the session
- Your full name and the names any other people involved in the presentation (no more than three presenters in total)

Workshop sessions are provisionally scheduled for **50 minutes** and should include sufficient time for questions and answers.

The selection panel will favour workshop proposals that:

- Offer practical hands-on advice from teaching professionals and for teaching professionals
- Emphasise new ideas, innovative approaches and fresh perspectives
- Support the conference topic areas (as listed above)
- Refer to examples from experience (and research where available): what works and what does not
- Encourage audience participation

We would like to encourage anyone with an idea to submit a proposal and warmly welcome submissions from all stages and backgrounds.

Workshop speakers will be invited by the IOE Confucius Institute team, based on the best proposals received.

Please note: Proposals to advertise commercial products or services will not be considered for the main conference sessions. Exhibition packages will be available.

We look forward to receiving your proposals by **5pm, Friday 16 January 2015**

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