

# “Be the Change”

## UCL Institute of Education Confucius Institute 2022 Annual Chinese Teaching Conference: Call for Proposals

**Submission deadline: 5pm, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinese Teaching Conference: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

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### **We invite workshop proposals for this year's conference (guidance overleaf).**

Our 19<sup>th</sup> annual conference will see the UCL IOE Confucius Institute focus on how we as teachers, departments, schools and a community can “Be the Change”. We will be thinking about ourselves as practitioners and asking how we can reflect upon our own practice to create positive change- both in our own work and in supporting Chinese as a subject beyond our classroom. We will also consider demands of assessment and curriculum and think about how we can incorporate those into our approaches to teaching Chinese more generally. We invite teacher-led workshop proposals on any topic of interest to the presenter, with preference given to those that focus on the areas detailed below:

#### ● **Curriculum design and delivery**

- How do we make a curriculum our own?
- Why do we do what we do, in the order we do it? Can we challenge that?  
Does curriculum design have to follow European languages in your school? How else might you achieve the same ends?

#### ● **Integrating ideas beyond “the exam”**

- Is getting students to GCSE your only aim? What else needs to be in there to move them beyond GCSE?
- How do you prepare students for transitional times- those key moments between Key Stages and preparing for university
- Language learning for life- the importance and potential of language for culture, future jobs, broadening horizons

#### ● **Reflective practice to innovate delivery**

- Do you reflect systematically? How about use of a journal, lesson reflections, or capturing the student voice?
- What new ideas can you introduce into your teaching? And what practice needs refreshing or letting go?
- Classroom research and how that informs your practice

#### ● **Back to the future**

- Where do you see yourself in the coming years? And how will you get there?
- Where do you want your department, your school, to be in terms of teaching Chinese?  
How are you going to create this?

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#### ● **Students at the centre**

- How do we keep students on track whilst maintaining a positive environment?
- Developing student resilience, independence and ability
- Ensuring learning is learner-centred

## Guidance for workshop proposals

Please submit all proposals at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DRTXNJ>

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

*(Please note: free entry to the conference on the day of presentation will only be granted to ONE presenter per workshop. Any other presenters will have to purchase a ticket.)*

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. *NB: If your workshop is predominantly a research-based presentation, please indicate this, so that we can make it clear to conference guests.*

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

*Please note: proposals to advertise commercial products or services will not be considered for the main conference sessions. Any commercial organisation wishing to submit a proposal will be asked to name a school/ teacher as the main presenter, and the workshop must be based on classroom teaching/ school-based experience.*

Exhibition packages will be available.

We look forward to receiving your proposals by **5pm, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

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