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## Mission Leadership Team

2-30 July 2022

### Essential Information

This is a virtual student missions project with Linguae Christi. It is a Track One project and offers placement for a minimum of two students. The application deadline is 1 June 2022. Please [visit our website](#) to view projects within the categories of Business, Creation, Knowledge, Leadership, and Translation.

### Programme Costs

\$250 (USD) or £180 (GBP) or €205 (Euro). Assistance with programme costs is available.

### Competencies and Academic Credit

This is a training programme for leaders of short-term missions projects who do not currently have much experience. We have no specific requirements related to competencies before the start of the training programme, though there are certain skill sets or training which might be helpful for this assignment, such as communications, management, marketing, general organisation skills, accounting, computer skills. However, none of these are prerequisite. For students or educators who would like to receive or offer academic credit for this project, please view the [academic credit information sheet](#) on our website.

### Rationale

Short-term missions projects have become a strategic and effective way to contribute to the local work of missions among people groups and areas across the world. Someone reading this may have been asked to help plan and lead a short-term missions projects overseas someplace on behalf of your church or ministry—or even as a group of friends engaged in missions. You might be really excited about this possibility, but at the same time perhaps a bit terrified. Maybe you're not sure where to start. Linguae Christi has many years of experience in planning and implementing short-term missions projects for students. We would like to offer some of what we've learned over the years as a short training programme for those who want to organise, plan, and implement a short-term missions project overseas. The training will be very practical and hopefully immediately applicable.

### Goals

1. That the Lord Jesus would be glorified in the industry and obedience of the participants in these programmes (Col. 3:17).
2. That the participants would develop a sense of missions calling and service through utilising their existing gifts, skills, interests, and fields of study and/or training.
3. That the participants would discover, learn and grow in their:
  - Love and devotion to Christ
  - Knowledge of missions, missiology, and especially the work and mission of Linguae Christi
  - Understanding of themselves and their place in God's will and mission to the world
  - Ability to serve in a team setting
  - Ability to use their education, skills, talents, and interests for the sake of the Kingdom and to God's glory
4. That the participants in their teams and projects would produce "real world" resources with immediate and/or future applicability to the on-going ministry of Linguae Christi in the areas of mobilisation, education, and direct missionary engagement. These resources would not be possible or available were it not for these projects and participants.

### Introduction

This project is a training programme designed specifically for those who have been given leadership

roles related to planning and leading short-term missions trips overseas. We have a great deal of experience both in planning and working with teams on short-term missions projects in every aspect of the process.

## **Background**

This programme is designed to help those with responsibilities or a personal desire to be involved in leading successful short-term missions projects overseas. Through the course of the programme, we would walk the participants through every stage of planning and leading a project of this kind, including:

- Discernment
- Recruitment
- Training and preparation
- On-field project
- Debriefing
- Return home

## **Assignment**

Each participant during the course of the project will work on developing a plan for a short-term mission project. We will use areas of Linguæ Christi's focus for the purposes of this training, but the principles learned could be applied to any project elsewhere in the world. In addition to looking at the steps chronologically as mentioned above, we would look at these broad categories which are each a part of planning and implementing a successful, short-term missions project overseas:

1. Discernment and direction
2. Logistics and contingencies
3. Communication and vision-casting
4. Team formation
5. Training and field preparation
6. Managing the team on-field
7. Effective debriefing and reporting

By the end of the programme, each participant would have a fully-formulated plan which could be adapted to a real-world opportunity. Certain participants who successfully finish this training programme may be invited to apply for on-field student leadership positions with Linguæ Christi during summer 2022.

## **How to Apply**

Please visit Linguæ Christi's website to access our [interest form](#). Applicants will then receive access to an application form, including references and, where relevant, examples of their work. Face-to-face interviews via video calls may be required for specific placements. Please contact us at [info@linguaechristi.org](mailto:info@linguaechristi.org) for more information.