Virtual Student Missions | Summer 2022

Program Dates
2–30 July 2022

Applications Due:
1 June 2022

Students
Ages 16–35 enrolled in or recently graduated from secondary schools, universities, seminaries or trade schools.

Language
The primary language will be English; proficiency to a high degree is essential.

Technical Requirements
A stable Internet connection for video calls, syncing files and web browsing is essential.

Track One
Opportunities include projects focused on art and graphic design, web and media development, business and accounting, ethnographic research and translation, and many more. Participants will commit 25 hours each week and demonstrate competency in their field of focus.

Track Two
Participants will commit 10–13 hours per week and demonstrate academic rigour in order to contribute to Linguæ Christi's research within the fields of missiology, ethnography, and more.

The world of Christian missions has been severely disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many agencies have seen programmes and initiatives put on hold in the face of restrictions on travel and the worldwide health crisis. Linguæ Christi's summer mission programme in Europe was postponed in 2020. Despite the good news of the vaccine and reduced cases in many countries, many people face substantial obstacles to travel abroad.

However, all is not lost. In 2021, God prompted us to reflect on the experience of students whose plans have been thwarted, and we also considered the many students who have been unable to join us under normal circumstances in the past— perhaps due to classes, work, or other activities. Each year student ministries emphasise the importance of giving summer holiday time to mission endeavors. Such sacrifices are not lightly placed to the side. We also weighed the very real development needs of our organisation, as we educate and mobilise people to reach the indigenous minority language groups of Europe.

Consequently, we are grateful that the Lord has opened a door for students to join us virtually for in-depth missiological training, spiritual formation, language study, and the creation of real-world resources that will aid us in the pursuit of the mission God has given us. Our focus will remain on equipping teams of students to use their God-given talents, skills, and training in the pursuit of seeing His Kingdom come in Europe.

Program Components

Introduction Day
Our first day will include getting to know one another, sharing more about Linguæ Christi, and broad goals for the summer.

Orientation Week
Our summer projects have always featured an intensive orientation week. Virtual participants should expect to spend a minimum of five hours per day in training with Linguæ Christi staff. Topics will include missionary methods and missiology; spiritual formation; team dynamics; language study of European minority languages; and team-specific direction for assignments. These are not just information sessions; they are interactive trainings that require full attention and participation.

Cost
All costs are non-refundable.

Track One
250 USD | 180 GBP | 205 EUR

Track Two
150 USD | 105 GBP | 120 EUR

Academic Credit
There is significant merit to applications for academic credit. We are happy to work with faculty and institutions to provide credit with specific fields of study, as an interdisciplinary course or as volunteering. Please contact your academic advisor first about applying for credit. For more information, view the information sheet on our website.

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.

Contact Us
Please contact us at info@linguaechristi.org should you have any further questions.

Project Weeks 1–3
The main focus of the program will be turned toward the specific focus of the given projects, described more in detail in the track descriptions below and in the individual project descriptions. Students will be working collaboratively within teams and project-specific guidance and direction will be provided by Linguæ Christi staff and partners. These teams will also be hubs for spiritual formation through daily Scripture readings and regular gatherings for prayer, worship and reflection. The language study and missiological training that began during the Orientation Week will also continue through resources and exchanges provided by Linguæ Christi. Students will have the opportunity to consult and pray with Linguæ Christi staff, whether for general encouragement and support or for discernment for a calling to missions.

Debriefing Day
The program will end with a gathered time for the teams to reflect on their experiences, share their projects and findings, and give thanks to God for the ways in which He has revealed Himself to us.

Description of Tracks

Track One
This track is for students who are not otherwise engaged in full-time employment or academic pursuits. The commitment required is robust and resembles the investment of time and effort that is required for on-field service. Students should expect to spend 25 hours per week engaged in project research and development, spiritual formation, language learning and team meetings. Though the projects within Track One are diverse in terms of specific focus, each require specific knowledge, training, skill, or gifting. These competencies are prerequisite to an application. Project descriptions and their required competencies can be viewed on our website.

Track Two
This track is for students who are unable to devote the majority of their time to the project. Full participation in the program is still required, but with a reduced time commitment to the project's core focus at only 10–13 hours per week. For this reason, all participants will be grouped within the same project and further subdivided into teams focused on a shared topic. Each team will present their findings in a 3000-word paper at the end of the project. For more information, visit our website to view the Missions Research Team.