

Language training for CHASE funded researchers

How CHASE funded researchers can find a suitable language training course through CHASE

This guide sets out your options for accessing language training through CHASE. Please read this guide through carefully before arranging any language training you require for your CHASE funded PhD studies.

Introduction

There are three main ways of arranging language training through CHASE:

- 1) through your institution;
- 2) through the SOAS Language Centre;
- 3) through the Modern Languages Centre (MLC) at Kings College London.

These providers should be explored in the order presented here. Please only move to the next provider once you are satisfied that the current provider cannot meet your language training needs.

Please ensure you have discussed language training with your supervisory team before applying to any of the providers outlined below.

1. Language training at your institution

This is your primary provider for language training. Availability of language training varies between significantly between CHASE member institutions. Your supervisory team and the graduate/doctoral school/college at your institution will be able to help you identify language training opportunities at your institution.

Your institution's website will have details of language training courses available and how you apply to take a language training course.

Any costs incurred can be reclaimed from CHASE by filling out the student support funding form.

2. SOAS Language Centre

Once you have confirmed that your institution cannot meet your language training needs, please browse the SOAS Language Centre's range of courses.

You can view the current list of courses here: <https://www.soas.ac.uk/languagecentre/languages/>

You can apply to take one of these courses here: <https://www.soas.ac.uk/languagecentre/applying/>

Any costs incurred can be reclaimed from CHASE by filling out the student support funding form.

You can contact the centre direct to ask any questions you may have about the course.

Please note: SOAS Language Centre courses start in August each year. Newly funded CHASE studentship holders, whose studentships start in September/October, must check with their institution to ensure they will be able to claim courses fees despite the language course starting before their studentship.

3. Modern Languages Centre (Kings College London)

If neither your institution nor the SOAS Language Centre offer the language training you need, please browse the range of courses offered by the Modern Languages Centre at Kings College London.

You can view the current list of courses here: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/modern-language-centre/collaborations/dtp>

CHASE, along with the London Arts and Humanities Partnership (LAHP) and South West and Wales Doctoral Training Partnership (SWW DTP), have entered into partnership with the Modern Languages Centre. This means that your fees will be paid directly from CHASE to MLC. It also means that you will be learning alongside PhD researchers from all three doctoral training partnerships.

Enrolment takes place through July and August each year, for the following academic year. You will undergo an assessment to determine the appropriate learning level for you. The application form can be found on the MLC website.

In the 2021/22 academic year, classes will be online and there will be opportunities for in-person social gatherings (covid regulations permitting).

4. Additional language training opportunities

In addition, CHASE funds bespoke language training events and programmes each year. These vary each year and should not be relied upon to meet any urgent or imperative language training needs you have. They will, however, provide a valuable addition to your overall acquisition of language skills.

Details of CHASE funded language training events and programmes will be published here throughout the year: <https://www.chase.ac.uk/development>

5. Questions about language training

Please contact us at any time if you have any questions about language training: training@chase.ac.uk