

# **FIND A PARTNER SCHOOL: FACILITATED SEMINARS IN FRANCE, GERMANY AND SPAIN**

# BRITISH COUNCIL VISIT TO FRANCE, GERMANY OR SPAIN

## Would you like to set up a student exchange visit to a partner school in France, Germany or Spain but don't yet have a partner school?

Give your students a truly intercultural experience by applying for a grant for travel to visit a partner school. The visit can be used to enhance curriculum teaching, improve language learning or help build soft skills.

Grants are aimed at young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. Priority will be given to applications that show the school, or the group of students involved, have significant levels of disadvantage (e.g., Pupil Premium, Opportunity Area, Index of Multiple Deprivation, Additional Needs etc). Visits do not need to include homestay, but connection and shared activities and learning with their peer group is important. More information about how to access up to £11,000 to support your exchange here: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/exchanges>

For schools that don't yet have a partner school, we are arranging seminars in Spain, France, Germany in the Autumn term 2019, to allow schools to set up a partnership and plan an exchange.

- Travel, accommodation and meal costs all covered
- All arrangements will be made by the British Council
- Meet overseas teachers and build partnerships
- Visit a local school
- Understand more about education approaches overseas
- Cultural visits
- Pupil workshops jointly with overseas pupils
- Students from your school can learn how to become an ambassador for exchange visits
- Plan an exchange visit with your new partner
- Get on-the-spot advice about the application form and the programme objectives

**France 16 - 19 October, Le Havre.** We will be looking for 1 or 2 teachers and 2 or 3 pupils (years 8 or 9) from 15 schools to meet with similar from France.

**Germany 28 November – 1 December, Dusseldorf** We will be looking for 1 or 2 teachers and 2 or 3 pupils (years 8 or 9) from 15 schools to meet with similar from Germany.

**Spain 10-14 October, Madrid.** We will be looking for 1 or 2 teachers and 2 or 3 pupils (years 8 or 9) from 10 schools to meet with similar from Spain.

The outcome of the seminar will be for schools to establish their exchange partnerships and make concrete plans together for an exchange visit (with the UK leg to take place before the end of May 2020). Pupils should be ready to act as Ambassadors for the partnership and to help promote the opportunity of the exchange in their schools.

<b>Who is eligible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secondary schools teachers from state schools in England (not independent schools)</li> <li>• Don't need to be teaching French, German or Spanish</li> <li>• One or two teachers per school and two or three pupils per school can attend this event</li> </ul>
<b>How will the visit work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel, accommodation, meals, visa costs all covered</li> <li>• All arrangements will be made by the British Council</li> <li>• Meet teachers and build partnerships</li> <li>• Visit a school in France, Germany or Spain</li> <li>• Understand more about education approaches in France, Germany or Spain</li> <li>• Draft programme:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrival</li> <li>• Paralleled Programmes for teachers and pupils (including seminar, school visit and cultural visit)</li> <li>• Departure</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>You need to</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have the approval of your headteacher</li> <li>• Be committed to carrying out a student exchange</li> <li>• Ready to apply for up to £10,500 funding for the exchange, by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, with Exchange Visit with students to take place before 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.</li> <li>• Have plans to include the most disadvantaged pupils (who would not normally have this opportunity) in the visit and in the partnership</li> <li>• Be ready to continue the partnership on the longer term.</li> </ul>

## How to apply?

Schools that are interested in this opportunity should apply online here:

[https://britishcouncil2.formstack.com/forms/expression\\_of\\_interest\\_facilitated\\_seminars\\_in\\_france\\_germany\\_and\\_spain](https://britishcouncil2.formstack.com/forms/expression_of_interest_facilitated_seminars_in_france_germany_and_spain)

Selected applicants will then receive a second questionnaire closer to the event, to ask for the specific names and details of the people that will be travelling, and more information about your school to help make partnerships.

Questions or queries? Email us at [school.exchanges@britishcouncil.org](mailto:school.exchanges@britishcouncil.org)