

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information



TO: Academic Council

DATE: 27 November 2018

FROM: Curriculum and Program Review Committee

SUBJECT: ESL Partnership with The Language Gallery

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

CPRC approved the proposed partnership with The Language Gallery in accordance with its mandate under Section III(5) of its Terms of Reference.

CPRC is providing this report to Academic Council for information.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

After a review of the curriculum and a site visit to the campus, it has been determined that The Language Gallery would provide superior English preparation for UOIT applicants. This partnership is similar to other partnerships currently in place at the University and provides an alternative to the means by which a student will demonstrate having met the admissions standards.

Alternative methods by which the student demonstrates meeting admissions standards are reviewed by CPRC as a quality check on the admissions process. CPRC reviewed the report and recommendation from the Registrar and agrees that it meets the established academic standards for admissions.

The attached memorandum from the Registrar and the profile of The Language Gallery provides further information.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

- No additional resources are required.

NEXT STEPS:

- Students will be given the opportunity to be admitted through this new partnership as of Fall 2019
- After the partnership has been active for two years, the Office of the Registrar will include this new partner on the annual ESL Partnership Student Success Report, which is presented in each February to Academic Council

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- Memorandum from Joe Stokes, University Registrar
- Profile of The Language Gallery



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

To: Curriculum and Program Review Committee

From: Joe Stokes, University Registrar

Re: The Language Gallery Partnership Agreement

Date: October 9, 2018

In an effort to increase the quality of UOIT's undergraduate international applicant pool the Office of the Registrar is proposing an admission based partnership with The Language Gallery. This partnership would allow for international students who have successfully completed The Language Gallery's Academic English Program Level 6 to be evaluated for admission to UOIT undergraduate programs that require a 6.5 IELTS on a competitive basis without the presentation of a standardized English language test (TOEFL, MELAB, CAEL etc.) Programs that require a 7.0 IELTS (Nursing and Education), would not be included in this partnership.

After a review of the curriculum and a site visit to the campus, it has been determined that The Language Gallery would provide superior English preparation for UOIT applicants. This agreement would become effective for the January 2019 intake.

Attachment: Profile of The Language Gallery for Proposed ESL Partnership

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School Name

The Language Gallery

<https://www.thelanguagegallery.com/>

DLI number

0129472251057

About/History

The Language Gallery (TLG) is part of the Global University systems (GUS) group. With centrally located campuses, accommodation, and exciting social activities, TLG offers a world of study and career opportunities for students on both sides of the Atlantic.

TLG original home was in the Bloomsbury area of London, and it subsequently established branches in Manchester, Birmingham, Toronto and Vancouver, Canada. By 2013, it was catering to 3,000 students. TLG offers General English and English for Business purposes as well as University Preparation Program (Pathway) in Canada, UK and Germany. TLG also has preparation classes for the IELTS, Cambridge and TOEFL exams. With the acquisition of GISMA Business School by Global University Systems in 2013, further campuses established in Hanover and Berlin, Germany. TLG in Germany provides German-language training and preparatory courses for the TestDaF language proficiency certificates.

The Language Gallery's UK branches are accredited by the British Council; TLG Toronto is accredited by the Languages Canada.

TLG offers a comprehensive and immersive program for international students with different short-term and long-term goals. Students interested in the Pathway program in Canada study 30 or 40 lessons per week. TLG students receive detailed consultation about Canadian education and help with application process.

Campus Locations

The Language Gallery has locations globally (all listed here). The priority of this agreement will be on the two locations in Canada – Toronto and Vancouver.

TLG Vancouver: 626 W Pender St, Vancouver, BC V6B 1V9

TLG Toronto: 22 College St #300, Toronto, ON M5G 1K2
TLG London: 18 Southampton Pl, London WC1A 2AJ, UK
TLG Birmingham: 2nd Floor Podium, Centre City, 5-7 Hill Street, Birmingham B5 4UA, UK
TLG Manchester: Barlow House, 4 Minshull St, Manchester M1 3DZ, UK
TLG Berlin: Potsdamer Straße 180/182, 10783 Berlin, Germany
TLG Hanover: Goethestraße 18, 30169 Hanover, Germany

Accreditation

The Language Gallery is accredited by both Languages Canada and the British Council.

Enrolment Breakdown

The current enrolment at the Toronto campus is 93 students. Students enrolled are from a diverse nationality mix included Brazil, South Korea, Mexico, Colombia, Spain, Russia, Japan, Venezuela, Ecuador, Turkey and Italy.

Curriculum

The curriculum used is designed by The Language Gallery and approved by Languages Canada. The program has six levels. Classroom hours range between 22.5-30 hours per week. Each level is 12 weeks in length. Level 5 and 6 are focused on Academic English preparation.

Faculty

All teaching staff must have TESOL certification, a bachelor's degree and prior experience teaching ESL.

Current University Partnerships

The Language Gallery is just beginning its university partnership program. UOIT would be its first university pathway partner in Canada.

Site Visit/Post Phone Conference Thoughts

- Great location in desirable neighbourhood of Toronto
- Approach to teaching focuses on inquiry and discovery based teaching
- Sat in on a classroom, with an engaged student body
- Professional school environment.
- Being the first university pathway partner in Canada will give UOIT greater traction in recruiting students from the Academic English program to undergraduate studies.