

Beijing



The University of Manchester has many links world-wide. One of the biggest global partnerships that the University has is the Confucius Institute. This is a partnership between the University of Manchester, the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) and finally, Beijing Normal University. Manchester is proud to be home to the second Confucius Institute to be established in the UK.

The main focuses of the Confucius Institute in Manchester are:

- Chinese Learning, Teaching and Testing
- Promotion of Contemporary China
 - Education Exchange
 - Engagement with China

The main purpose is the teaching of Chinese language through evening classes, school partnerships and teacher training programmes. And secondly, they aim to encourage a broader and deeper understanding of Chinese culture and contemporary China through their vibrant public events programme.

Over the last decade thousands of students have been taught, they have built links with over thirty schools in the region and worked with major cultural festivals all over the city,

establishing as a centre for Chinese language teaching and a hub for Chinese culture in the North West.

To find out more information on the Confucius Institute, please visit their [webpage](#).

What research is undertaken by the Confucius Institute?

There is a multitude of research undertaken by the CI, for example Language Research. This includes informed research into pedagogy, multimedia learning, cultural factors, cognitive psychology and language for special purposes.

Since 2010, the Confucius Institute (CI) has also held, and will continue to hold, international symposia on Chinese language learning and teaching on a biannual basis.

The purpose of the symposium is to provide a platform where Chinese and British scholars are able to communicate in-depth, inspire each other and share their academic research and achievements. The most recent (4th) International Symposium on Chinese Language Learning and Teaching in the UK took place in 2016 at Beijing Normal University and the Confucius Institute at the University of Manchester.

To find out more, click [here](#).

How else does the University of Manchester link with Beijing and South Asia?

A south Asia gallery is opening as part of Manchester Museum. This will be the North of England's first large-scale gallery of South Asian history and culture, created in partnership with the British Museum, bringing together the very best of Manchester Museum's own South Asian collections and world-class sculpture, textiles and artefacts from the British Museum. It will be the UK's first permanent gallery to explore the stories, experiences and contributions of diaspora communities. At the heart of the gallery will be a unique performance space, dedicated to showing the very best live music, dance and performance from and inspired by South Asia. See [UoM News](#) for the plans and structure!

