

Shuxian Deng

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Position Fit Statement

As a current MEd student in Educational Studies at the University of Glasgow with five years of full-time teaching experience in Uganda, I offer a strong combination of academic preparation and international teaching practice.

For the past five years, I have served as a Lecturer in Chinese and Asian Studies at Makerere University, delivering courses to culturally diverse students from over ten countries—including Uganda, the US, the UK, and Singapore. I have also taught IB Chinese at the International School of Uganda and SQA Chinese in the UK, using communicative, task-based, immersive and TPR approaches tailored to international learners.

My teaching experience includes Business Chinese using New Silk Road Intermediate Business Chinese and curriculum development for Uganda's national secondary Chinese syllabus and local teacher training programmes. With advanced digital literacy (Zoom, Quizlet, Jamboard, Worldwall, Epic, ClassDojo, TikTok Vlog), and four years as Director of the Planning Department, I bring not only pedagogical strength but also rich experience in event organisation, curriculum planning, and academic administration.

Teaching and Research Statement

My teaching philosophy is student-centred, focusing on meeting learners' diverse needs through task-based, immersive, and situational methods. I have taught IB Chinese, SQA Chinese, and Business Chinese (New Silk Road) to students from over ten countries, using both in-person and digital platforms like Zoom, Quizlet, and Epic. I have also contributed to Uganda's national secondary Chinese curriculum and local teacher training projects.

My research interests focus on IB leadership, global citizenship education, and intercultural competence in the context of globalisation. I intend to further research curriculum design that integrates language skills with intercultural and professional competencies.

Education Background

Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages	2015/09-2019/06
Xiangtan University, Hunan Province	China
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Core modules include <i>Teaching Methodologies for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language</i>, <i>Modern Chinese</i>, <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i>, <i>Contemporary Chinese Literature</i>, and <i>Chinese Culture</i>.	
The Master in Educational Studies, MEd	2024/09-2025/12
The University of Glasgow	the UK
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Core modules include <i>Introduction to Educational and Social Research</i>, <i>Modern Educational Thought</i>, <i>Seminars in Contemporary Issues</i>, <i>Contemporary Themes in Education Policy</i>, <i>Educational Leadership and Management at System Level</i>, and <i>Language and Intercultural Education for a Globalised World</i>	

Professional Employment History

Chinese Teacher(Part-time)	2024/10-2025/04
Glasgow Chinese School Kelvin College	Glasgow
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mandarin Speaking Teacher for SQA Higher 11C	
Lecturer in Chinese and Asian Studies(Full-time)	2021/09-2024/08
Confucius Institute at Makerere University	Uganda
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Courses taught include Business Chinese, Integrated Chinese, Human Geography of China, Chinese Film, and Chinese-English Translation.Supervised undergraduate thesis projects in Chinese and Asian Studies for three consecutive years; several students received the Outstanding Thesis Award at Makerere University.	

- Director of the Planning Department, responsible for organising over 30 events. Planned and guided college and secondary school students in the Chinese Bridge Competition for several times where most of them achieved top 10 & top 30 global ranking

Chinese Teacher(Adjunct Role) 2022/09-2023/03
Ambrosoli International School Uganda

- Delivered Chinese language and cultural lessons to primary school students

Primary and Secondary Chinese Teacher(Full-time) 2020/09-2021/09
Uganda ISU International School Uganda

- Responsible for IB Chinese teaching for kindergarten, primary and middle school students

Chinese Teacher(Full-time) 2019/08-2021/09
Confucius Institute at Makerere University Uganda

- Responsible for Chinese teaching
- Director of the Planning Department

Student Affairs Office Team Leader, Class Secretary(Part-time) 2016/03-2018/06
Foreign Language School China

- The class was rated as "Top Ten Classes of Xiangtan University in 2016-2017", "Top 100 Youth League Branch of Xiangtan University" and other excellent titles

Chinese teacher(Internship) 2018/08-2018/11
School of International Exchange, Xiangtan University China

- International Chinese Education Internship

Volunteer Experience

Volunteer 2017/08
Xiangxi Autonomous Prefecture, Hunan Province China

- Won the title of "Excellent Team Member" of Xiangtan University's summer social practice research

Scholarship and Awards

- Outstanding International Chinese Teacher (awarded by the Center for Chinese-foreign Language Exchange and Cooperation) 2022-2023
- Outstanding Thesis Supervisor at Makerere University 2022-2023
- Top 30 Chinese Bridge Excellent Team Leader Teacher 2019-2022
- Outstanding International Chinese Teacher Volunteer 2019-2022
- 'Excellent Graduate Award' of Xiangtan City 2019
- 'Excellent Student Cadre' of Xiangtan University 2017-2018
- 'Excellent Academic Assistant' of the School of Foreign Languages 2017-2018
- Xiangtan University 'First Class Scholarship' and 'Excellent Students Award' 2015-2016
- Xiangtan University 'Excellent Volunteer' 2015-2016

Skills

Education and Activity Planning Skill

I repeatedly planned the Chinese Bridge Competition for College, Secondary and Primary School Students (National Level - Uganda). Other activities at national level included: Chinese Language Summer Camp, Voice into My Heart Singing Competition, etc.

Educational leadership and intercultural communicative competence

I can adapt to students of different age groups and diverse international backgrounds. This experience has also helped me gain insights into and adjust to the educational environment in international schools.

Chinese Calligraphy Skill

Through six years of self-studying Chinese calligraphy, I have showcased my calligraphy art works for all Chinese cultural exhibitions that I organised.

Language Skills

English	Professional Working Proficiency
Mandarin Chinese	Native/Bilingual Proficiency
Oluganda	Elementary Proficiency
Spanish	Elementary Proficiency