Call for Applications

Summer School on AI-assisted research in Chinese Studies

Dates: 7-9 July, 2027
Venue: KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium

The Summer School *AI-assisted Research in Chinese Studies*, sponsored by European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS), will be held at KU Leuven on 7-9 July, 2027. This three-day program provides a hands-on introduction to digital scholarship for researchers working on historical and contemporary Chinese and Sinophone societies. No prior programming or data science experience is required. Participants will also have the opportunity to present their own research projects and receive feedback on how to incorporate digital methods into their research workflow.

There is no registration fee. Participants are responsible for their own travel, accommodation, and meals during their stay. For reference, affordable accommodation in Leuven is available from €67 to €127 per night for a single room.

Who can Apply

We welcome doctoral students and early-career researchers interested in exploring how digital methods can enhance their current research.

How to Apply

Please complete the application form [https://form.jotform.com/263203177082351] and upload the following documents by **January 8, 2027**:

- A research proposal (max 250 words)
- A CV (max 2 pages)

For student applicants, one reference letter from an academic advisor is required. Please ask your advisor to send the letter directly to infrastructurelives@kuleuven.be by 8 January 2027.

Travel grants

Three travel grants are available for graduate student applicants, covering travel within Europe and accommodation costs up to €300. Awards will be based on the quality of the research proposal, with priority given to applicants from Central and Eastern European universities or research organizations.

To apply, please indicate your interest in the application form and include a budget plan. Successful applicants will be informed individually and announced on the summer school webpage.

Program

The three-day program includes:

- Exploring Digital Research Platforms and Workflows
- Evaluating AI Capabilities: Model Limitations or User Limitations
- Reading, Extracting, and Linking Historical Sources with AI
- Annotating and Modeling Visual Data with AI
- Social Network Analysis
- Analyzing and Visualizing Text Corpora with R
- Analyzing Relational and Spatiotemporal Patterns in Structured Data
- Analyzing Born-Digital Data with Computational and Mixed-Method Approaches
- Designing Data Visualizations

Contact

For questions about the summer school, please contact us at infrastructurelives@kuleuven.be.

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