



# Study in Ireland

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE



# Warmest of Welcomes



**Ireland's worldwide reputation for high quality education is built on the solid foundation of commitment to excellence.**

Ireland is a beautiful island, combining contemporary modern cities with an unspoilt countryside, cityscapes steeped in history and a rich natural habitat. Renowned for friendliness, our safe, English-speaking country offers the warmest of welcomes to students from all over the world. Ireland has been extending its warm welcome to overseas visitors for hundreds of years, gaining a worldwide reputation for our friendly nature and convivial approach to life.

Beyond a reputation for academic quality and choice, students are drawn to Ireland for our deep cultural traditions, diverse outdoor activities and a vibrant young population. The country of 'a hundred thousand welcomes', Ireland has become synonymous with wit, intellect and lively debate. Studying in Ireland gives you the unique opportunity to discover an island rich in heritage and colourful contrasts. Irish institutions consistently produce renowned intellectuals and thought-leaders that inspire, enlighten and entertain the world. Opting to study in Ireland means you will be joining the growing number of international students choosing to maximise their potential here, experiencing a welcome like no other in the world.

**Giles O'Neill** - Head of Education in Ireland



# Why Study in Ireland?

## High quality education, leading to internationally renowned qualifications.

Ireland has one of the best education systems in the world, renowned internationally for academic quality. This longstanding reputation for high quality education is built on a strong commitment to excellence:

Ireland is an  
**English speaking country.**

Ireland offers the  
**highest quality education,**  
an investment for life.

Ireland produces  
**unique graduates;**  
**creative, innovative**  
and ready to work.

Ireland is **globally connected,**  
and is home to many of the  
world's top high-performance  
companies.



Ireland offers a **fun  
and active student life**  
in a **friendly, safe and**  
welcoming environment.



Ireland offers international  
students the **ability to work  
part-time while studying,**  
and has a 24 month stay back  
option at postgraduate level.



*I think graduating with a Computer Science degree from a reputable university in Ireland opens up a whole world of opportunities to work or study anywhere in the world. Ireland, with its host of IT giants like Google, Microsoft and so on, would be an ideal foundation to kick-start anyone's career.*

**Pranav Kashyap Narasimhan (India)**  
Computer Science student at University College Dublin.



# Choose Your Future...

Ireland's 33 higher education institutions offer a remarkable 5000+ programmes! Covering a huge and diverse range, these courses lead to internationally recognised, quality assured qualifications. So whether you want a strong, focused business school, a centre of scientific and technological excellence, or a world-renowned English language, humanities and arts faculty... you'll find it in Ireland.

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*I chose Ireland as it offered me the opportunity to achieve a great level of education. It is a place where students are a valued future workforce, where you can grow and shape your professional profile through work experience. The variety of cultures you can find in Ireland makes this country a special place to build up unforgettable memories as a foreign student.*

**Maria de los Angeles Martinez Moreno  
(Venezuela)**

ICD Business School - Business Studies

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1 Unique Location

33 Higher Education Institutions

5000+ Programmes



## Universities and Colleges in Ireland

- 1 Athlone Institute of Technology
- 2 CCT (College of Computing Technology)
- 3 Cork Institute of Technology
- 4 Dorset College
- 5 Dublin Business School
- 6 Dublin City University
- 7 Dublin Institute of Technology
- 8 Dundalk Institute of Technology
- 9 Galway Business School
- 10 Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
- 11 Griffith College
- 12 ICD Business School
- 13 Independent Colleges
- 14 Institute of Art, Design & Technology
- 15 Institute of Technology Blanchardstown
- 16 Institute of Technology Carlow
- 17 Institute of Technology Sligo
- 18 Institute of Technology Tallaght
- 19 Institute of Technology Tralee
- 20 Letterkenny Institute of Technology
- 21 Limerick Institute of Technology
- 22 Mary Immaculate College
- 23 Maynooth University
- 24 National College of Ireland
- 25 National College of Art and Design
- 26 National University of Ireland, Galway
- 27 Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
- 28 Shannon College of Hotel Management
- 29 Trinity College Dublin
- 30 University College Cork
- 31 University College Dublin
- 32 University of Limerick
- 33 Waterford Institute of Technology

# Change More Lives Than Just Your Own

**Irish universities are global research leaders. In many different fields, Irish universities are in the top 1% of research institutions in the world in terms of research impact.**

**Overall, Ireland is ranked 10th globally for scientific research, and holds these impressive rankings:**

In the 2017 IMD Competitiveness Results, Ireland was ranked as having the 6th most competitive economy globally. There have been 2,359 academic collaborations with international partners. From natural sciences through to social sciences and the humanities, our research programmes drive innovation and change lives. Why not join us?

(Source: SFI / IMD.org)



**2nd** for Nanotechnology



**2nd** for Immunology



**2nd** for Animal & Dairy



**3rd** for Materials Science



**4th** for Agricultural Sciences



**5th** for Chemistry





# Ireland is Home to the World

Some of the world's leading multinational companies – such as **Google, Facebook, Twitter, Apple, Intel, Genzyme and EA Games** – have international, European, or EMEA headquarters in Ireland. In fact, it has become the European hub for more than 1,000 leading multinational companies. Courses can often include work placement and intern opportunities so studying here can also kick-start a successful career!

ERICSSON  Google

genzyme Allianz 

 SAP 

 PayPal

 Abbott Lilly

  EA

## In fact...

9 of the top ten global ICT companies;

8 of the top ten global ICT companies;

8 of the top ten global pharmaceutical companies;

6 of the top seven diagnostics companies;

15 of the top 20 medical device companies;

50% of the world's leading financial services firms; and five of the top 10 companies on Forbes' list of The World's Most Innovative Companies ...have Irish operations.

(Source: IDA Ireland)

These international companies all have one thing in common: they require a skilled, educated and highly capable workforce to drive their success. Thousands of Ireland's graduates are already innovators in their fields and leaders in their companies.





# Study in Ireland

**7  
STEPS**

**THE APPLICATION PROCESS:**  
There are seven steps to take in order to begin your new life studying in Ireland!

## 1. CHOOSE YOUR COLLEGE AND PROGRAMME

Get as much information as possible about the college and the course you're interested in. Once you have narrowed down your choices, contact the college to which you wish to apply and ask them to send you detailed information on the course and on application procedures. (These may vary across different institutions, so if you're interested in more than one college, ask each one for its procedures).

## 2. APPLYING FOR A COURSE

Carefully consider all the information you have been sent. Before you, apply ensure that your academic and English language standards meet those required. Again, selection criteria can vary. It is important that you provide everything that has been requested.

## 3. CONFIRMING A PLACE

If you are offered a place, congratulations! Now, you will be asked to send the admission fee. It is important that you do this as soon as possible in order to secure your place.

## 4. BOOKING ACCOMMODATION

Once you have been offered and have accepted your place, think about the practical aspects of living in Ireland. Generally, three types of accommodation are on offer: rented apartments, student accommodation, and home stays. Most universities and colleges have accommodation officers to help you decide which type is best for you. It's really important to organise your accommodation well in advance of your arrival.

## 5. GOT YOUR PASSPORT?

Be sure to get your passport as soon as possible. If you already have one, check it is valid for a sufficient amount of time. If it's due to expire in less than twelve months, apply for a new one.

## 6. CHECK THE IMMIGRATION AND VISA REGULATIONS

Apply for your student visa (see FAQs for more information).

## 7. YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome! When you arrive in Ireland, it's very important that all your documents are in order and that you have fulfilled all the requirements of your visa approval. If you are staying in Ireland for more than 90 days you will be required to register with the Gardaí (the Irish police service). Make sure you do this within three months of arrival.





# How Much Will it Cost for Me to Study in Ireland?

Tuition costs vary depending on the course, the institution and whether you are classified as a European student or non-European student. They also can vary, so check the fees with your chosen institution before you begin an application process.

SUBJECTS	UNDERGRADUATE	POSTGRADUATE
Business	€9,750 – €18,000	€9,250 – €34,500
Engineering	€9,750 – €23,000	€9,250 – €24,000
Science and Technology	€9,750 – €22,000	€9,250 – €45,000
Arts and Humanities	€9,750 – €20,000	€9,250 – €22,000
Medicine & Health Sciences	€45,000 – €52,000	€4,000 – €31,000+

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST FOR ME TO LIVE IN IRELAND?

Living expenses vary depending upon where the higher education institution you choose is located; on the type of accommodation you prefer; and on the personal expenditure you choose. On average, expect to spend between €8,000 and €12,000 per year (depending on where you are studying and your lifestyle).

## DO I NEED A STUDENT VISA?

If you are a European citizen there are no visa requirements when entering Ireland. If you are not a European citizen, your nearest Irish Embassy or Consulate will help you find out if you require an entry visa. If your home country does not have an Irish diplomatic mission, visit <http://www.inis.gov.ie> to find out if you need a visa and how to apply.

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR A VISA?

Make a visa application using AVATS at <https://www.visas.inis.gov.ie/avats/OnlineHome.aspx>. Completing the on-line application form is the first step. The application will only be processed when the on-line form is completed AND the required documentation, passport photograph and appropriate fee are received by the relevant office, as indicated by AVATS. Read the visa application details very carefully. If you do not provide the documentation required, your visa will be refused.

## Please note!

### When making an application you must:

- 1 Complete your online application.
- 2 Check the Irish Embassy details to see where your documentation must be sent.
- 3 Provide a passport sized photo.
- 4 Pay the application fee.
- 5 Provide a signed letter of application to explain why you require the visa.
- 6 Have an internationally recognised English proficiency certificate, e.g. IELTS.
- 7 Provide evidence that you have been accepted on a full-time course of study from the higher education institution in Ireland.
- 8 Show evidence of tuition fees paid. Where the course fees are less than €6,000, fees must be paid in full. Where the course fees are in excess of €6,000, you must pay at least this amount prior to applying for your visa. This minimum amount of €6,000 is an immigration requirement of the Irish Government.
- 9 Show evidence of finances. You should be able to demonstrate that you (or your sponsor) have sufficient funds to support your living expenses while in Ireland, and can meet the cost of your programme of study. The INIS (Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service) recommends at least €7,000 per year for living expenses for students.





**WHAT ARE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS?**

To be accepted for a degree programme, students must show a proficiency in English. All English language certificates (as per those listed) must have been issued within two years of the expected start date of your course of study in Ireland.

EXAMINATION	LEVEL REQUIRED
GCSE English Language	Grade C
GCE O-Level English Language	Grade C
University of Cambridge	Pass in Use of English Examination
IELTS	Composite score of 6.0 - 6.5 with not less than 6.0 in any one component
Cambridge Proficiency	Grade C
Cambridge Advanced	Grade A
ETAPP	Grade C1
PTE Academic	Minimum score of 62

**CAN I WORK WHILE I'M STUDYING IN IRELAND?**

Yes, subject to certain conditions. International students holding a valid Immigration Permission Stamp 2 can work up to 40 hours per week only during the months of June, July, August and September, and from 15th December to 15th January inclusive.

At all other times students holding Immigration Permission Stamp 2 are limited to working up to 20 hours per week. The permission to work will end when your Stamp 2 expires. If you are a degree programme student, you are eligible for casual work once you are:

- Registered with the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB).
- Enrolled on a recognised programme leading to a qualification recognised by the Minister for Education & Skills.
- Attending a full time programme of education at or above NFQ Level 7.
- Undertaking a minimum of 15 hours day time study per week.
- Receiving tuition between the hours of 8am and 6pm per week for a minimum of 25 weeks per annum.
- On a programme of at least one year's duration.

**CAN I WORK WHEN I COMPLETE MY STUDIES IN IRELAND?**

Yes. Under the Irish Third Level Graduate Scheme, non-European third level graduates can remain in Ireland for up to 24 months upon completion of studies to look for full time employment.



**ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?**

Yes. Over a thousand scholarships are available for international students. These come from a wide variety of Irish sources, including the Government, the higher education institutions, and other organisations. These are awarded solely at the discretion of the individual organisations, each of which has their own criteria for eligibility. For further information, go to: [www.educationinireland.com](http://www.educationinireland.com)





# A Small World...

The location and flight times across the world from Ireland are:



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