IRELAND
It’s where your journey to world-class research and career opportunities begin
Each year Ireland welcomes international students from over 161 countries who chose Ireland to fulfill their potential. If you're thinking of studying in Ireland, the information below may answer some of your questions.

WORLD-CLASS STANDARDS
WARMEST OF WELCOMES

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

Study
in one of the best education systems in the world for Higher Education Achievements*

Benefit
from Ireland’s investment in the education system

Choose
from over 5,000 internationally recognised qualifications

Access
world-class research opportunities in world-leading programmes

Connect
with career opportunities with leading global companies located in Ireland

Achieve
your ambitions in Europe’s most entrepreneurial country

Join
the 35,000 students from 161 countries enjoying Ireland’s vibrant culture

Live
in the only English speaking country in the Eurozone

Experience
living in one of the friendliest and safest countries in the world

* IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2014
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Join 35,000 international students from:
Africa
The Americas
Antarctica
Asia
Australia
Europe
Oceania
Looking for world-renowned education? Academic excellence is in Ireland’s DNA.

EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

Top 5%

All of Ireland’s universities are ranked in the top 5% globally*

Quality

Irish qualifications are quality assured by the Irish state agency, Quality & Qualifications Ireland

Top 20

Ireland’s higher education system is in the top-twenty worldwide**

100+

Hundreds of scholarships awarded annually

10%

The Irish Government investment in knowledge and higher education increased by an average annual rate of 10% in the past decade compared with EU and OECD average rates of 3%

Highest

At 65% Ireland has one of the highest educational participation rates in the world

* QS World University Rankings 2012/13
** IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2014
Ireland’s longstanding reputation for high quality education is built on the solid foundation of commitment to excellence. Today we have one of the best education systems in the world and an internationally renowned reputation for academic quality.

34 Higher Education Institutions offer an extensive range of over 5,000 programmes leading to internationally recognised, quality assured qualifications. International students can choose to meet their education needs in highly respected business schools, centres of scientific and technology excellence as well as renowned language, humanities and arts faculties.
Looking for world-leading research opportunities?
You’ll find them in Ireland.

RESEARCH

The Irish Government invests over €782 million annually in research in Ireland’s higher education institutions. The impact of this funding is that Ireland’s higher education institutions now lead the world in an increasing number of fields.

Irish universities are in the top 1% of research institutions in the world in terms of research impact in 19 fields, spanning natural sciences, social sciences and the humanities. This creates a unique opportunity for you at undergraduate and post-graduate level to join research programmes that are driving innovation and changing lives worldwide.
1,383 academic collaborations with international partners in 2013*

Europe
North America
Asia
Rest of World

* Active SFI Census Awards **SFI Annual Report 2013

1st in Immunology**
1st in Animal and Dairy**
3rd in Nanoscience**
4th in Computer Science**
6th in Materials Science
10th in the 2013 Global Innovation Index
Ireland is Europe’s most entrepreneurial country with a large exporting sector and is the European hub to over 1,000 leading multinational companies. A wide range of courses include work placement and internship opportunities with leading Irish and international companies so while studying you can take the first steps to a successful career.

Companies such as Google, Facebook, Pfizer, Apple, Intel, Genzyme and EA Games who require a skilled, educated and highly capable workforce to drive their success choose to locate in Ireland. Post-qualification, you can join thousands of Ireland’s graduates who are innovators in their fields and leaders in their companies.
LOCATED IN IRELAND

9 of the top 10 global ICT companies*

8 of the top 10 gaming companies*

8 of the top 10 global pharmaceutical companies*

6 of the top 7 diagnostics companies*

15 of the top 20 medical device companies*

50% of world’s leading financial services firms*

* Enterprise Ireland
Fernanda Servian
Undergraduate, Geomatics (Surveying and Mapping)

Ireland is a world leader in my area of Geomatics, Surveying and Mapping. Studying in Ireland changed everything I wanted for my future. It gave me the opportunity to grow both professionally and as a person. In my course I worked with the latest equipment in my field and during my time in Ireland I met the Minister for Education and the Taoiseach.

Eileen Tan
PhD in Business

I chose Ireland because of its reputation for quality education and the range of internationally recognised qualifications on offer. As a PhD student my research benefits from the level of access to excellent academia I experienced the Irish institute.

Audrey Ernern Chew
Psychology & Sociology

I wanted to study in Ireland because of its reputation for excellence in education and because my Psychology and Sociology degree is recognised by both the Irish and British Associations. During my course I had direct access to great resources and help from college staff. Becoming a Student Ambassador under the Education in Ireland programme was a highlight for me and later I was hired as one of the global ambassadors for my college.

ATTAINING INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

What people are saying about studying in Ireland

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LEADING GLOBAL INNOVATION-
RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES IN IRELAND

Panpan Lin
M.Sc. Interactive Digital Media, M.Phil. Textual and Visual Studies

I wanted to study in a reputable university that would provide great post-graduation research opportunities. I love literature and undertook an M.Phil in Textual and Visual Studies in Dublin, a city famous for literature. I went on to complete an M.Sc. in Interactive Media as well. But there is more to Ireland than well-designed programmes, Ireland’s friendly welcoming people make you feel at home.

CONNECTING WITH EXPANDING BUSINESSES-
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN IRELAND

Luiz Fernando Zago
Bachelor of Business (Hons)

I participated in several international events around the world and experienced a close relationship with university staff, not only in terms of professional mentoring, but friendship as well. Working on my projects in my institute’s Business Innovation Centre opened up my path to work in a similar institution in Brazil. Today I manage a Business Innovation Centre in Brazil and have established partnerships to increase trade links between our countries. Studying in Ireland literally changed my life.
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What are the tuition costs?
Tuition costs vary depending on the course, the institution and whether you are classified as an EU student or non-EU student. They also fluctuate so check the fees with your chosen institution before beginning the application process.

What will it cost to live in Ireland?
Living expenses differ depending upon the location of the institution, the type of accommodation preferred and on the personal expenditure you choose. On average, you can expect to spend between €6,000 and €11,000 per year depending on where you are studying and your lifestyle.

Do you need a visa?
There are no visa requirements when entering Ireland if you are an EU citizen. If you are not an EU 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.

Are there scholarships you can apply for?
There are 100s of scholarships available for overseas students available from the universities and colleges. These are awarded solely at the discretion of the individual institutions who set down their own criteria for eligibility. To find out if you qualify, contact the institution of your choice directly.

Can you work when studying in Ireland?
If you are a non-EU student approved to study in Ireland with higher education institutions listed on the Internationalisation Register, you can avail of casual work while in Ireland. You are allowed to work part-time (up to 20 hours a week) or full-time (up to 40 hours a week) during holiday periods.

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Location and flight times across the world from Ireland:

- England 1 hour
- Europe 1.5–2 hours
- USA 7 hours
- Canada 7 hours
- Brazil 12 hours
- Kuala Lumpur 13 hours
- Dubai 8 hours
- Beijing 11 hours
- India 9 hours