WHY STUDY FOR A PHD IN IRELAND?

IRISH UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION
Ireland consistently places among the **TOP 10 IN THE WORLD ON INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS** of countries’ quality of life, peace, and human development.

Ireland ranks among the **WORLD’S TOP 10 MOST COMPETITIVE COUNTRIES** and has a highly sophisticated business infrastructure including the European headquarters of the world’s largest technology firms (e.g., Google, Facebook, and eBay).

International students are attracted to the **WELCOMING VISA AND IMMIGRATION ENVIRONMENT** in Ireland. Under the Third Level Graduate Scheme, masters and postgraduate students can work for two years after they graduate.

The higher education system in Ireland is robust, with **GLOBALLY RANKED UNIVERSITIES** renowned for research output.

To find out more about what it is like to live and study in Ireland you can visit:

- [WWW.PPI-IRLANDIA.ORG](http://WWW.PPI-IRLANDIA.ORG)
- [WWW.EDUCATIONINIRELAND.COM](http://WWW.EDUCATIONINIRELAND.COM)
Ireland’s higher education system is among the best in the world, according to the IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook. The system is especially known for being responsive to labour market needs, ranking 1st in the world for producing graduates for a flexible and adaptable workforce, and 5th for the ability of its education system to meet the needs of a competitive economy.

Over 1 in 10 full-time higher education students in Ireland are international students. Of these, three-quarters are from outside the European Union, leading to a healthy diversity of cultures on Irish University campuses.

Quality assurance, QA lies at the heart of the Irish education system. All of the Irish universities have developed comprehensive internal QA procedures underpinned by the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area.

There are seven universities in the Irish Universities Association (IUA). All seven IUA member universities are placed highly in international rankings and are among the top 3% of research universities in the world in terms of research impact in major fields.

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Irish universities are autonomous and self-governing, and they offer degree programmes at the foundation, bachelor’s, master’s, and PhD levels. Irish Universities have dedicated international offices to help foreign students adjust to Irish academics and culture and to encourage their participation in campus clubs and societies.

Ireland is at the forefront of quality PhD education in Europe, with over 6,500 researchers currently undertaking PhD education in Ireland.

A PhD typically takes 4 years full-time to complete. PhD students are expected to make a substantial and original contribution to knowledge, normally leading to peer-reviewed publications. The examination for the degree of PhD is based on a description of the research written up as a thesis and defended in oral examination (“viva voce”).

Over 80% of these PhD students are located in one of the seven Irish Universities Association (IUA) universities, who are committed quality provision through the National Framework for Doctoral Education and the IUA PhD Graduate Skills Statement.

Most PhDs in Ireland are “structured”. A Structured PhD enables students to achieve the best possible graduate research and training through several innovative measures designed to support students to achieve their academic and professional objectives.
The Irish Universities Association, (IUA) is the representative body for seven universities in Ireland.

- The University of Dublin (Trinity College Dublin - TCD)  
  www.tcd.ie
- University College Dublin, (UCD)  
  www.ucd.ie
- Dublin City University (DCU)  
  www.dcu.ie
- Maynooth University, (MU)  
  www.maynoothuniversity.ie
- National University of Ireland Galway, (NUI Galway)  
  www.nuigalway.ie
- The University of Limerick (UL)  
  www.ul.ie
- University College Cork, (UCC)  
  www.ucc.ie
PHD SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS FROM INDONESIA

On the 17th September 2018 the then Minister for Education and Skills Richard Bruton signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education of the Republic of Indonesia and the Department of Education and Skills of Ireland on “Cooperation in the Field of Research and Higher Education”. Following on from this MOU the IUA has negotiated that all 7 universities are eligible to participate in the Directorate General of Resources for Science, Technology and Higher Education (DG-RSTHE) scholarship programme for staff of Higher Education institutions in Indonesia to undertake PhD training at an IUA member university.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE TALENT SCOUTING DAYS AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS PLEASE VISIT THE DG-RSTHE WEBSITE. WWW.RISTEKDIKI.GO.ID

HOW TO APPLY:

The DG-RSTHE open applications for staff at Higher Education Institutions to apply for a PhD scholarship at an Irish University in January every year. Applicants must submit an offer letter from an Irish University during this period. DG-RSTHE then invite qualified candidates for interview during July of each year and notify candidates in August whether or not their application has been successful. Further details can be found on www.ristekdikti.go.id

DG-RSTHE hold a number of talent scouting days from June to December at Indonesian universities. Members of Irish Universities or a member of the Education in Ireland team will be at these talent scouting days where you can find out more about PhD Education in Ireland. To find out more about the talent scouting days and the application process please visit the DG-RSTHE website: www.ristekdikti.go.id

Applications for PhD courses by scholarship holders to IUA member universities can be made through the international office at one of the IUA member universities. You will find links to each office here: www.iua.ie/international/applying-to-an-irish-university/
VISA INFORMATION

For information on Visa requirements for Ireland please refer to www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Study

For further support please contact the Embassy of Ireland in Jakarta through this link www.dfa.ie/embassies/irish-embassies-abroad/asia-and-oceania/indonesia/

FURTHER INFORMATION

Webinar series:
The Irish Universities Association has commenced a webinar series for scholarship students in Indonesia who are considering a PhD Education at an IUA member university. You will find details of this on the IUA Linked In page.

www.linkedin.com/company/irish-universities-association

YouTube channel:
Go to our You Tube channel to hear from IUA member supervisors who are interested in supervising Indonesian PhD students.

www.youtube.com/user/irishuniversities

Visit www.iua.ie for more information.