We are Ireland's 7 Universities

All 7 Irish Universities are ranked in the **top 3% of worldwide universities**.

Our Professors and lecturers are at the **cutting edge of their disciplines**.

We have **research intensive universities** – an ideal space to develop students' creativity and employability.

Irish Universities achieved a **91% overall student satisfaction rate** in the International Student Barometer.

There is **high competition for places** in Irish Universities - Ireland is ranked 1st in Europe for graduates per 1000 of population.

We have **internationalised campuses and curriculum** with over 22,000 international students in the seven universities.

The Irish universities are **ranked amongst the Top 20** participating organisations in many of the FP7 Marie Curie Action Calls.

An Irish University Experience offers...

- A comprehensive range of specialist and non-specialist degrees
- Scholarships - Fully funded highly competitive Government of Ireland Scholarships for taught undergraduate and Masters are available. In addition, all universities have undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships available to international students
- Tailored English Language and Foundation Programmes
- Erasmus mobility programmes
- Structured PhD's
- Internships
- On Campus Accommodation
- Student supports
- State of the art libraries

"NUI Maynooth is very warm, with a vibrant and multicultural student community. We are provided with ample facilities, from an extensive library and centres that offer free guidance for students in their subjects, to student-run clubs and societies that support extra-curricular activities. Ireland is a beautiful country, very friendly, safe and welcoming. I consider my experience here valuable, as it helped me gain a wider perspective, both in terms of my studies and in general".

Amrita Manohar
India, **Government of Ireland Scholarship Winner**,
M.Sc. in IT Management, NUI Maynooth

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a distinctive experience...

Dublin City University

- Ranked in the top 3% of worldwide universities by the QS World University Rankings 2012
- Ireland's only University ranked in the QS Top 50 Under 50 - Universities under 50 years of age 2013
- Ireland's 'University of Enterprise'- DCU actively fosters students' graduate attributes through integrated work placements and enterprise skills development

Trinity College Dublin

- Ireland's oldest and highest ranked university featuring consistently in the top 100 of the QS World University Rankings
- Situated in a historic city-centre campus with world class teaching, research and sports facilities
- Ranked in the top 1% of research institutions in the world in 18 fields according to Thomson Reuters Essential Science Indicators 2013

University College Cork

- UCC is ranked in the top 2% of world universities by the QS World University Rankings 2013
- UCC has been voted Sunday Times University of the Year three times in the last decade
- UCC was the first university in the world to be awarded the international green flag for environmental friendliness

University College Dublin

- Ranked in the top 1% of world universities by the QS World University Rankings 2013
- Ireland's Global University: most popular university for international students with over 5,000 students from 127 countries
- Ireland's university of first choice for undergraduate Irish students

National University of Ireland Galway

- In 2012, the University rose to third position in Ireland in the Times Higher Education (THE) Rankings - to become the top ranked institution outside of the capital city Dublin, and is in the top 2% of worldwide universities
- In 2012, NUI Galway was awarded the top Five Star Rating in the QS Stars ranking system
- NUI Galway is Ireland's top university for graduate employability, student retention and commercialisation of research
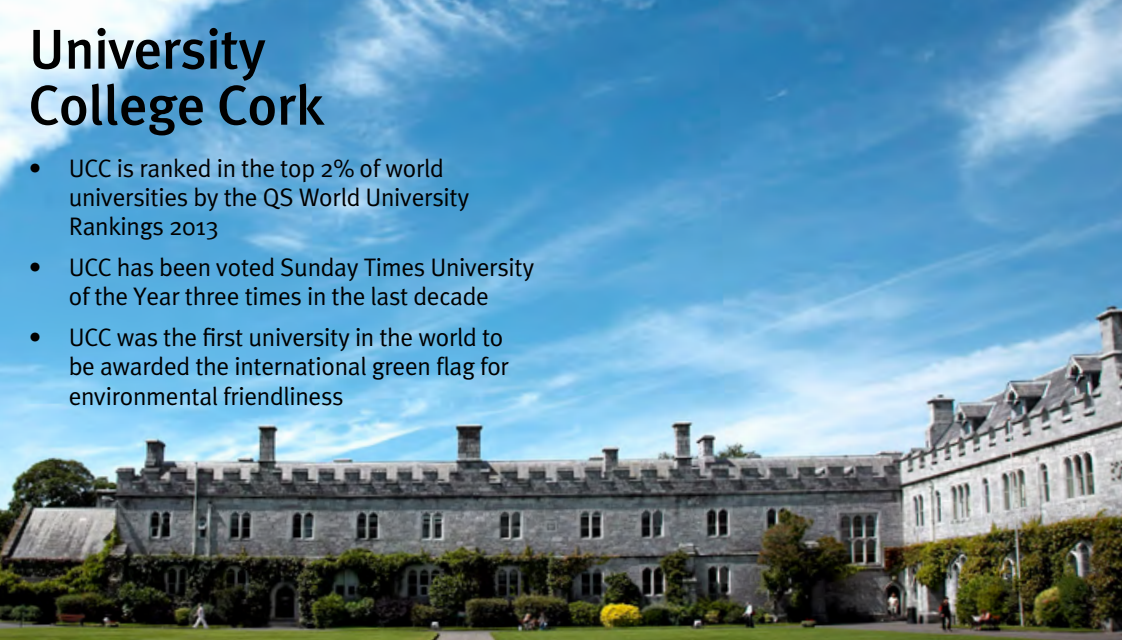
National University of Ireland Maynooth

- Ranked in the top 3% of world universities by the QS World University Rankings 2012
- Ranked in the World's Top 100 Universities under 50yrs old by the Times Higher Education Rankings 2012
- Listed in the 2013 Princeton Review of Top 378 Best Colleges – In 2012 NUI Maynooth became the first university outside of North America to be listed in the guide

University of Limerick

- Ranked in the top 3% of world universities by the QS World University Rankings 2012
- 5 Star rating for "Employability" of graduates and for "Teaching", "Infrastructure", "Internationalization", "Innovation", and "Engagement" in the 2012 QS Stars report
- The University runs one of the largest cooperative education (internship) programmes in the European Union
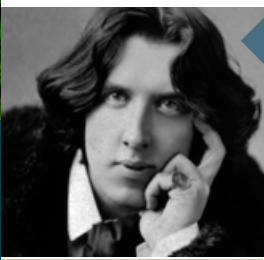

What it means to be an Irish University Graduate

Irish University Graduates emerge as **leaders, thinkers, innovators** and **problem solvers**.
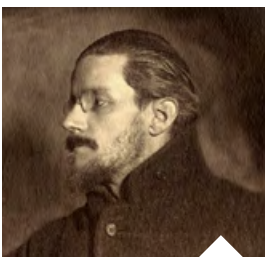
Irish University Graduates are **great communicators** and **team players**.

Irish Graduates are **in demand from employers**. International recruiters believe that Ireland produces the **most highly-employable graduates** in the world (2009 European Commission study on third-level education).

Irish University **qualifications are internationally recognised** and are fully integrated into the European-wide Bologna Process.

Oscar Wilde (1854 – 1900) Irish writer, playwright and poet.

Maeve Binchy (1940 – 2012) Irish novelist, playwright, short story writer, columnist, and speaker.
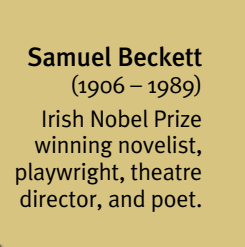
Mary Robinson United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Former President of Ireland.

James Joyce (1882 – 1941) Irish novelist and poet, considered to be one of the most influential writers in the early 20th century.

Samuel Beckett (1906 – 1989) Irish Nobel Prize winning novelist, playwright, theatre director, and poet.

"Right from the day I started with orientation at UL till the time I left to take up a job in Dublin, every day has been a learning experience for me. It was here that I came to know that there is much more to life than just your studies. There are so many sports, a million clubs and societies, huge numbers of recreation activities and above all, a life worth living! Words cannot express the great time that I spent at UL."

Charandeep Arora
India. **Software and Product Development Engineer**, Iskus Health, Dublin.
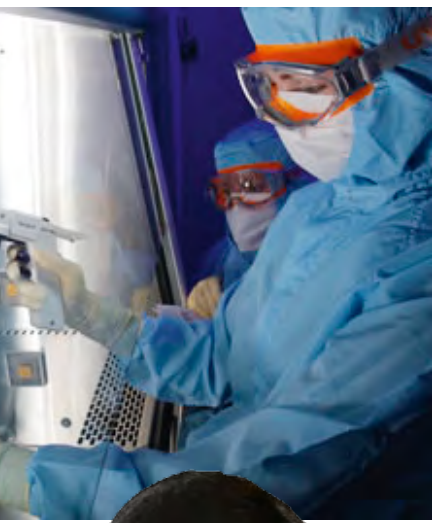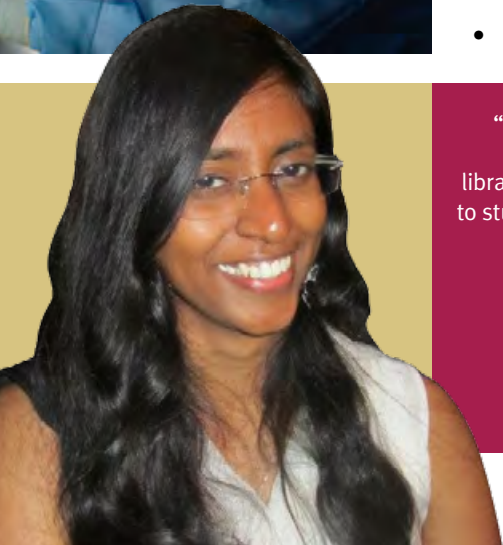MSc Software Engineering from UL

"I can say that absolutely, hands-down, without a doubt, my year in Cork was the best year of my life... The Computer Science Department in UCC is a hot-bed of talent. My professors were some of the best in their fields; the material was interesting, stimulating and challenging; and my classmates were serious and passionate. I am positive that my top-notch education in UCC absolutely secured my current position in Google."

Adam Tart
USA, **Software Engineer at Google** in Mountain View, CA at Google's "Googleplex" headquarters
MSc Mobile Networking and Computing from UCC

Why Ireland

Thousands of students come to Ireland each year to pursue a quality education in one of the most developed, safest and friendliest countries in the world.

Ireland's higher education system is one of the world's best. Graduates with degrees from Irish Universities are highly sought after by businesses, governments, international organisations and academic institutions throughout the world.

Safe and Friendly

- " World's Friendliest Country" Lonely Planet 2010
- "**6th** safest country in the world" Global Peace Index.
- Ireland is known as the land of a thousand welcomes – a "céad mile fáilte"

Vibrant Cultural Cities

- **Dublin** - in the **Top 10** QS Best Student Cities in the World 2012.
- **Cork** - in Lonely Planet's **Top 10** "Best in Travel".
- **Galway** - in the **Top 2** European Capitals - Travellers Choice Destination Awards 2008.
- **Limerick** - Ireland's first City of Culture 2012.

Multinational base

- **8 of the world's Top 10** ICT companies are located here
- **15 of the top 25** Medical Devices Companies
- **8 of the top 10** Pharmaceutical Companies
- World Bank: "One of the top ten places in the world to do business"
- Attracts more US FDE than all BRIC countries combined

Attractive Destination for Overseas Students

- **1 year stay back option** for international students to seek employment
- **32,000** International Students registered with Irish HEI's, including 7,000 offshore
- Over **105,000** English language students come to Ireland each year
- On-going commitment to quality and student engagement by the Irish Universities, Education in Ireland, Irish Council for International Students (ICOS) & the Union of Students in Ireland
- High level of Pastoral Care for international students with great emphasis on Student Ambassadors and International student events
- Many opportunities to join cutting edge research teams

How to Apply

Students from outside the European Union (EU) apply directly to their chosen university. Applicants should contact the Admissions Office or International Office of the relevant university for information on the application process, as each university has its own application procedures and closing dates.

Entry Requirements

Entry Requirements will vary between different universities and degree programmes. The international offices of the seven universities will let students know what grades are needed for each course.

Costs

Tuition costs for non-EU students compare favourably with other countries, ranging from €8,000 - €22,000 per year. Medical and Veterinary Programmes can be up to €40,000 per year.

Living costs:

A student can expect to spend between €7,000- €10,000 per year, depending on accommodation and lifestyle.
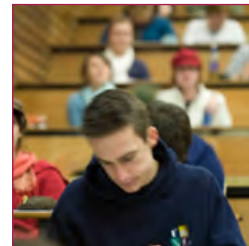
Visas

Full details on visa application procedures and a link to the online visa application form can be found on the website of the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS) - **www.inis.gov/ie**.

For EU citizens, there are no visa requirements when entering Ireland.

Some but not all non-EU/EEA students require an entry visa for Ireland. A list of countries that are not visa required can be found on the INIS website. If a country is not on the list then a visa is required.

Details of the Irish Embassy attached to each country can be found on the website of the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs - **http://www.dfa.ie**.

Want to know more?

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Contact details for the International Offices of the 7 Irish universities can be found on:
www.iua.ie/international/international-office-contacts/

As a Master's student in Economic Policy Evaluation and Planning I was impressed by NUI Galway's students, faculty, and facilities. The program size was small, allowing me to learn from and become friends with my fellow students in a collegial atmosphere. The faculty were fully dedicated to students, easy to talk to, and well-versed in their fields. Facilities were top-notch, with great computer labs, libraries, and social spaces. I enjoyed living in Galway, with its historic city centre and seaside promenade; Galway was also a perfect launch pad for trips across Ireland and Europe.

Mohit Agrawal
Graduate Student, USA (On completion of his MA at NUIG Mohit will study economics at Oxford University having been awarded a prestigious **Rhodes Scholarship**.)

FROM STUDENT TO
LEADER, THINKER, INNOVATOR, PROBLEM SOLVER.

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IRISH UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

Ireland (Éire)

€36K
GDP per Capita (Eurozone average €28K)

Population: 4.5 MILLION

EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER since 1973

ENGLISH SPEAKING

Currency EURO

Exports €161 BN

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