YOUR UNIVERSITY
YOUR EXPERIENCE

GUIDE FOR
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

www.tcd.ie/study
“The ‘Trinity Experience’ is a chance in a lifetime for personal development in the broadest sense. Trinity College Dublin has many diverse and colourful societies and clubs, which contribute much to the life and fabric of the university and community. Committed to the highest excellence in all academic endeavours, Trinity College Dublin is a university with a global reputation—we guarantee a distinctive all-round experience that will change your life forever. As a student you feel a great sense of history, of walking in the footsteps of famous graduates, many of whom have and are helping shape the history of Ireland and the wider world. I hope you will consider joining us to study here and look forward to welcoming you to Trinity for an exciting new journey that will open your mind to new experiences, ways of thinking and friendships, many of which will last a lifetime.”

Dr Patrick Prendergast, Provost
TRINITY BY NUMBERS

Founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I
Ranked 1st in Ireland
Top world 100 university (QS World University Rankings)
17,000 students from 122 countries
Over 600 course options
More than 95,000 alumni living in 130 countries
Historic 47-acre campus at the heart of Dublin’s city centre
A deposit library holding over 6 million volumes
40% international faculty
200 student societies, sports clubs and publications
Top 1% worldwide in 18 fields
Ranked in the Top 50 in the world for International Outlook (Times Higher Education Rankings)
Modules offered in over a dozen foreign languages
Trinity researchers attract about €70 million annually in external funding
Hosts 35 campus spin-out companies
Approximately 1,200 works of art displayed throughout college facilities
Over 1 million visitors to Science Gallery since opening in 2008
The Book of Kells in Trinity’s Old Library was written around the year 800AD
Situated in the centre of Ireland’s vibrant capital city, Trinity’s stunning campus is home to a community of scholars at the cutting-edge of research and teaching. Combining historic traditions with world-renowned centres of research excellence, Trinity College Dublin offers a unique opportunity to blend a rigorous academic programme with an unparalleled array of cultural, social and professional experiences. A Trinity education is not confined to the classroom. Students passionately engage in creative, entrepreneurial, innovative and charitable pursuits within the University, throughout Dublin and around the world. As part of such a diverse, intellectual and curious community, there are unlimited ways to define the ‘Trinity Experience’. At Trinity College Dublin, students are equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to build the lives they want and succeed in their chosen careers.

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Did you know that students can rent paintings from Trinity’s prestigious art collection? The College Gallery Art Hire Scheme allows student residents to borrow pieces by renowned artists such as Albers, Braque and Picasso.
UNDERGRADUATE HONORS DEGREES

Undergraduate students choose from over 400 full-time four-year courses, covering all disciplines. These include flexible subject combinations in Arts and Humanities, Science, Engineering and Health Science, allowing students to focus on the areas that interest them most. A full list of courses is available at www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate

For students with multiple academic interests, Two Subject Moderatorships (TSM) are double honors degree programmes. A listing of possible combinations is available at www.tcd.ie/TSM

Trinity College Dublin encourages its students to develop skills in critical thinking by taking a course outside their main disciplines. To this end we offer Broad Curriculum courses in a range of subjects such as global environmental change, business studies, literature, film studies, geology, history, art and society, linguistics, law, philosophy, psychology, politics, science and sociology. For more information, see www.tcd.ie/broad_curriculum

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that Ireland is a hub for medical devices? The industry is one of Ireland’s biggest exports, employs over 26,000 people nationally and is growing exponentially, creating more jobs every year.

WEBYI, UNDERGRADUATE BESS STUDENT FROM CHINA

STUDENTS HERE HAVE EASY AND WIDE ACCESS TO BOTH PUBLIC SECTOR AND CORPORATES DUE TO TRINITY’S GREAT LOCATION AND ITS HIGH REPUTATION.
Trinity offers a wide range of world-class postgraduate programmes at both Masters and Doctoral (PhD) level. Our renowned interdisciplinary research centres and institutes attract leading researchers in every discipline, from biomedical engineering to film studies, from history to ubiquitous computing. Many of our taught Masters programmes can be completed in a single year and are more cost-effective in comparison to our international counterparts. For more information on taught and research postgraduate opportunities see www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/postgraduate

Research Excellence
Trinity College Dublin is a research-led university, where teaching is delivered by accomplished researchers and enriched by their discoveries and advances. Trinity is committed to leading global change through research, with particular focus on these dynamic research areas:

- Ageing
- Creative Technologies and Arts Practice
- Cancer
- Digital Humanities
- Genes and Society
- Identities in Transformation
- Immunology, Inflammation and Infection
- Inclusive Society
- Intelligent Content and Communications
- International Development
- Making Ireland
- Manuscript, Book and Print Cultures
- International Integration
- Mathematics of Complexity
- Nanoscience
- Neuroscience
- Next Generation Medical Devices
- Smart and Sustainable Cities
- Sustainable Environment
- Telecommunications

www.tcd.ie/Research

BRUNO, POSTGRADUATE STUDENT FROM BRAZIL

DUBLIN IS A FANTASTIC PLACE PULSING WITH CULTURE, HISTORY AND ART. THE PEOPLE ARE SO WELCOMING, I FEEL AT HOME HERE!
Global Partnerships
Trinity has established strategic partnerships with some of the world’s best institutions, allowing our students to spend a semester or a year abroad in another top university. Through the Erasmus Programme, Trinity students may study for a year in one of many distinguished European universities. Our expanding network of student exchanges also provides students with the opportunity to attend leading universities across North America, Asia, Australia and around the world. www.tcd.ie/globalrelations

Study Abroad
Each year Trinity welcomes a large number of visiting international students for a single semester or full year of study. Studying abroad allows you to gain valuable international experience that can add significant value to your future career. You can join us as an exchange student, through a study abroad provider or by applying directly as a visiting student. Talk to your university’s study abroad office to determine what will work best for your academic programme. For details on how to apply to study abroad at Trinity, please see www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/study-abroad/ or email us at study.abroad@tcd.ie.

Online Education
Trinity’s Online Education initiative offers exciting online courses, allowing students to receive a Trinity-quality education from anywhere in the world. In 2014, Trinity launched its first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) in Irish History.
See www.futurelearn.com/courses/irish-history to register. For more information on all Online Education opportunities, please visit www.tcd.ie/OnlineEducation/

DID YOU KNOW
Did you know that the fossil remains of the largest deer that ever lived can be seen in Trinity’s Museum Building? The Giant Irish Deer lived in Ireland until the end of the last Ice Age, over 11,000 years ago.
Study in Ireland
As the gateway to Europe, Ireland has been renowned for learning and creativity for centuries. Our English-speaking, well-educated population has drawn global companies like Google, Facebook, Intel and HP, who now collaborate in our research and employ our innovative graduates. Ireland is world-famous for its friendly citizens and warm welcomes.

Live in Dublin
With a fast-growing, cosmopolitan population of just over one million, Dublin is a vibrant European capital city. Located at the heart of Dublin, Trinity sits at the very centre of everything the city has to offer. Blending a high-energy, multinational professional culture with traditional Irish warmth and hospitality, Dublin has sprawling parks, cozy cafes and quirky restaurants for the daytime, with Victorian pubs, fashionable clubs, music gigs and theatre by night.

Dublin at a Glance
- Top 15 student city in the world
- Official UNESCO City of Literature
- European City of Science 2012
- Popular DublinBikes public cycling scheme
- Famous for local music, literature and theatre
- 5000 acres of green space, including Europe’s largest urban park
- Travel hub for easy access to Europe
- EU headquarters for Google, Facebook and many others
- Home to many of Ireland’s most famous musicians including U2, Sinead O’Connor and Enya

For more information about Dublin, see www.visitdublin.com
DID YOU KNOW
Did you know that Dublin is bordered by the Irish Sea and the Wicklow Mountains? You can access beaches, cliff walks and mountain trails using public transport.

TRADITION
From the oldest student societies in the world - debating societies ‘the Phil’ and ‘the Hist’ - to the annual Trinity Ball - a formal outdoor music festival and Europe’s largest private party, the student experience at Trinity reflects the rich, celebrated history of the University.

URBAN
Studying in Trinity and living in Dublin go hand-in-hand. Our students learn from leading academics in the classroom and leading cultural and professional practitioners working throughout the city, just a stone’s throw from the campus gates. Based in a city centre campus, Trinity students are thoroughly immersed in every element of Dublin life.

CUTTING-EDGE
A research-led university, Trinity is home to multiple centres for excellence, including leading nanoscience institute, CRANN, and the state-of-the-art Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute, a €130 million facility opened in 2011. Trinity consistently ranks in the top 50 universities in the world for research impact.
Trinity's extracurricular life is in a league of its own—boasting over 200 societies, sports clubs and publications, including some of the oldest in the world. At Trinity, involvement in student organisations is not seen as just a hobby, but plays an integral part in your education. The wealth of offerings allows every Trinity student to construct his or her own unique university experience.

The historic campus is dotted with the chambers and facilities of Trinity's societies, such as the Trinity FM radio station, Players Theatre and 'the Phil' and 'the Hist'—the oldest debating societies in the world. From Amnesty International to the Juggling Society to the award-winning University Times, there is something for every interest. For a full list see www.trinitysocieties.ie

THE TRINITY EXPERIENCE

Trinity Ball
Trinity's packed social schedule culminates in the iconic Trinity Ball, one of the world's largest private parties. An outdoor, formal event featuring the finest new musical talent from Ireland and the UK, playing across the campus to an annual audience of about 8,000 students, staff and alumni, it really must be seen to be believed!

Sport
Sport at Trinity College Dublin forms an important part of campus life. Enjoying over 60 sports clubs, open to all levels, students have an opportunity to hone their skills and have fun in the process. In addition to opportunities for intervarsity competition, the clubs offer training and instruction. Using the exceptional on-campus Sports Centre, open to all students, as well as Trinity's many playing fields and courts, there are countless options for fitness and sport.

www.tcd.ie/sport

JADESOLA, UNDERGRADUATE LAW STUDENT FROM NIGERIA

I FEEL SAFER HERE THAN IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THERE IS A COMFORTABLE ATMOSPHERE DURING THE DAY AND AT NIGHT. I GET LOTS OF SUPPORT AS A LAW STUDENT AND I STARTED THE ANIMATION SOCIETY. I LOVE THE FACT THAT TRINITY HAS GIVEN ME THE OPTION AND HELP TO DO THAT.
**Personal Tutor**

Trinity’s Tutor Service is a unique approach to student care. Every student is assigned a tutor—a professor who provides personal and academic advice and support throughout their years in the University. A blend of mentor and advisor, tutors assist students with any difficulties, listen to their concerns and help them to get the most out of their time at Trinity College Dublin.

[www.tcd.ie/Senior_Tutor](http://www.tcd.ie/Senior_Tutor)

**Support Services**

A range of supports in Trinity are designed to help students in all areas of their lives and development.

- Academic Registry | [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry)
- Alumni Relations | [www.tcd.ie/alumni](http://www.tcd.ie/alumni)
- Careers Advisory Service | [www.tcd.ie/careers](http://www.tcd.ie/careers)
- College Chaplaincy | [www.tcd.ie/chaplaincy](http://www.tcd.ie/chaplaincy)
- College Health Service | [www.tcd.ie/collegehealth](http://www.tcd.ie/collegehealth)
- Disability Service | [www.tcd.ie/disability](http://www.tcd.ie/disability)
- Orientation Programme | [www.tcd.ie/orientation](http://www.tcd.ie/orientation)
- Student Counselling | [www.tcd.ie/student_counselling](http://www.tcd.ie/student_counselling)
- Students’ Unions | [www.tcdsu.org](http://www.tcdsu.org) (undergraduates) and [www.tcdgsu.ie](http://www.tcdgsu.ie) (postgraduates)

**International Career Guidance Counsellor**

In coordination with the Careers Advisory Service and the Global Relations Office, guidance is available for students looking to gain international work experience while studying at Trinity as well as students looking to translate their experience in Trinity to a career back home.

The University is committed to your success and strives to develop current students’ knowledge of the labour market and career paths in addition to employability skills such as networking, through nurturing career-learning relationships with alumni mentors working in a range of career areas.

[www.tcd.ie/careers/students/international](http://www.tcd.ie/careers/students/international)
**Accommodation**

University housing is available on and off campus. Undergraduate students may apply for rooms in Trinity Hall in Dartry, a quiet, safe residential community about 4 km from the city centre, easily accessible by bus, tram and bicycle. Self-catering apartments contain single and twin bedrooms with shared kitchens. Trinity Hall is more than just a living space and includes games rooms, on-site sports facilities and music rooms.

A limited number of rooms are also available for postgraduates on the main campus. Information on accommodation options can be found at [www.tcd.ie/accommodation](http://www.tcd.ie/accommodation).

**Visas**

Non-EU citizens may require a visa to enter Ireland, although many countries (including Australia, Brazil, Canada, Japan and the United States) are designated as Non-Visa Required. All non-EU students must register with the Immigration Bureau within a set period after arrival. The requirements vary depending on your citizenship, so you should check the “Students” section at [www.inis.gov.ie](http://www.inis.gov.ie) or contact the nearest Irish consulate or embassy.

In order to register with the Immigration Bureau, non-EU students will be required to provide proof of full-time university registration, private health insurance and sufficient funds to support their stay. For complete details on the requirements please check [www.inis.gov.ie](http://www.inis.gov.ie).

A list of insurance providers can be found in the pre-arrival information available at [www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/undergraduate/coming-to-trinity/pre-arrival/](http://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/undergraduate/coming-to-trinity/pre-arrival/).

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**DID YOU KNOW**

Did you know that the world’s first experiments in seismology were carried out in Dublin by a Trinity graduate? Robert Mallet studied mathematics and science in Trinity and is regarded as the father of seismology.

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MITILESH MOHAN, POSTGRADUATE COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENT FROM INDIA

THE PEOPLE IN IRELAND ARE SOCIABLE AND IT’S VERY EASY TO MAKE FRIENDS IN TRINITY. THERE ARE LOTS OF SOCIETIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHICH IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET PEOPLE.
Trinity College Dublin was named a ‘Fiske Best Buy College’ by the renowned US publication, The Fiske Guide. Its rating was based on the high-quality of degree programmes and competitively low cost.

**Average Undergraduate Fees***
- Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences: €16,528
- Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science: €21,623
- Faculty of Health Sciences: €19,668

*Fees vary by course and are subject to change. For the most up-to-date figures for both undergraduate and postgraduate fees see: [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-payments/](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-payments/)

A breakdown of the estimated cost of living while studying in Dublin can be found in the pre-arrival information available at [www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/undergraduate/coming-to-trinity/](http://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/undergraduate/coming-to-trinity/)

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**Trinity Global Room**

The Global Relations Office maintains the Trinity Global Room as a social and event space with an international focus, open to all students. With access to over 300 international television stations, students can keep up on news from home. The Global Room is staffed by a Student Support Officer and a team of Student Ambassadors who are available to talk to prospective students and help current students find the services they need. Many of them have experience studying abroad or are international students themselves, and all of them are available to chat if you drop into the room. Feel free to visit the Global Room in the Watts Building on your next visit to Trinity.

[www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/global-room](http://www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/global-room)

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**DID YOU KNOW**

Did you know that the Trinity Botanic Gardens are beside Trinity Hall? Originally established in 1806, the Gardens moved to Dartry in the 1960s.
Undergraduate Admissions
Entry to Trinity College Dublin’s undergraduate programmes is highly competitive. International applicants must have completed a high school qualification equivalent to the Irish Leaving Certificate. General matriculation requirements include pass grades in English, mathematics and a language other than English. Additional requirements may apply for some courses. Specific admissions standards for A-Levels, US and Canadian high school diplomas and International Baccalaureate points are available here: www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/undergraduate/country-specific/

For more guidance on the admissions requirements for your secondary school system, please consult the website or email International Admissions at noneudegree@tcd.ie.

Postgraduate Admissions
Entry to postgraduate taught programmes normally requires a high second class honors degree in a relevant subject, though some courses require a higher standard. Students interested in research programmes should first explore the research interests of the relevant school or department and make contact with a potential supervisor. All applications for postgraduate study are made through Graduate Studies. www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/postgraduate

English Language Proficiency
With the exception of foreign language studies, English is the language of teaching at Trinity. All students applying for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes must provide supporting documents demonstrating their competence in English. Scores must not be older than two years prior to admission.

How to Apply
If you would like to become part of the Trinity story and join an historic community of scholars at the cutting-edge of knowledge, you should:

1. Determine if you are an EU student or an International (non-EU) student. Note that EU status is based on residency. Guidelines can be found here: www.tcd.ie/study

2. Find the course that interests you by visiting www.tcd.ie/courses

3. Follow the link on the course page to the online application portal.

4. Complete an application form, provide contact details for academic references and pay your application fee.

*If you are undecided on which course you like best, you are welcome to make an application to up to three courses.

Application Deadlines
Undergraduate degree courses*
Your application must be completed by:
• 1 February for a decision by April
• 30 June for rolling decisions

*Applications for Medicine, Dental Science, Music and Drama Studies must be made by 1 February.

Postgraduate deadlines vary by course. Please see your course page for details.

Meet Trinity
To truly get a feel for campus life at Ireland’s top university we encourage all prospective students to visit campus. Interested students can book a campus visit online at www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/events. If you are not in a position to travel to Ireland perhaps our team will be visiting a fair, school or university near you! Our travel calendar is available at www.tcd.ie/globalrelations. Meet us and discover the range of opportunities available to you at Trinity College Dublin.