AN INTRODUCTION TO TRINITY

www.tcd.ie/study
Your offer of admission to Trinity College Dublin is a great achievement.

You should be very proud! We are confident that you will make a great addition to Trinity’s academic and social community. Studying at Trinity means joining over 400 years of tradition. With a city-centre campus and the oldest student societies in the world, Trinity students live, learn and engage far beyond the classroom.

Many factors contribute to choosing the right university for you. The information in this booklet will help you picture your life as a Trinity student.

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*If you have questions or concerns about the decision timeline or accepting your offer, please get in touch. See the last page of this guide for contact details.*
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At Trinity, involvement in student and community organisations is integral to your education. The wealth of offerings allows every Trinity student to construct his or her own unique experience.

**SPOTLIGHT ON: SCIENCE GALLERY**

Art and science merge at Trinity’s Science Gallery, a venue for ideas. Science Gallery hosts multidisciplinary exhibitions open to the public throughout the year and ranks as one of Dublin’s most unique attractions. It also allows students the opportunity to work part-time as mediators, engaging visitors and demonstrating experiments. [https://dublin.sciencegallery.com/](https://dublin.sciencegallery.com/)
A Trinity education values community engagement and global citizenship. A great way to get to know people who share your interests, both in and out of the classroom, is by joining one of the 150 student societies, which cover everything from the Afro-Caribbean Society to the Zoological Society. Some societies, like the Business and Economics Society (DUBES), are subject-based, but you can join no matter what you study. Other societies, like the Photography Association or the Comedy Society, give all levels of photographers and comedians a place to practice, learn and show their work. Among the most popular societies are the Philosophical Society (“the Phil”), dating from 1684 and the Historical Society (“the Hist”), dating from 1770, the oldest student societies in the world. Joining student societies is a great way to complement your classes and research, explore non-academic interests and gain valuable leadership experience.

At the start of the academic year, all the clubs and societies set up stands in Front Square and do their very best to enroll new members. It’s a great way to see the range of activities available on campus and gets the year off to a buzzing start! www.trinitysocieties.ie
Every student at Trinity is automatically a member of the Students’ Union. The Students’ Union is a representative body with full-time officers on sabbatical from their studies, and a number of part-time officers, who look after the educational and welfare needs of Trinity’s student population, as well as organising entertainment and events. They also represent students on all College committees. There is a dedicated International Students Officer who works on making sure students feel at home in Trinity. The Graduate Students’ Union also has a common room open to all postgraduates.

Trinity has 50 sports clubs, from aikido to windsurfing, open to all levels of participation. If you’re a decorated swimmer, you’ll have access to plenty of opportunities to compete with the Swimming Club. But if you just want a group of people to train in the pool with a couple times a week, you’ll find just as warm a welcome. You may want to try something new such as rugby or one of the Gaelic sports, hurling and Gaelic football. Whether your favourite sport is on water, in snow, astride a horse or keeps your feet firmly planted on the ground, the Central Athletic Club has an option you’ll love. Every year, the Department of Sport and Recreation awards scholarships to outstanding sports people who represent the University. Details are available here: www.tcd.ie/Sport/scholarships
SPORTS CENTRE
www.tcd.ie/Sport
Sport plays an important role in a well-rounded university education and Trinity has a full range of sports facilities on and off campus.

As a registered student, you’ll have full access to the state-of-the-art Sports Centre, including a Fitness Theatre, which has a full range of cardiovascular and weights stations; a 25m swimming pool, with an adjustable floor and disabled hoist; an 11m-high climbing wall; aerobic fitness and cycling studios; a mind & body studio; a hall for martial arts and more. There is also a full schedule of fitness classes and personal trainers and physiotherapists are available. Off-campus facilities include extensive playing fields at Santry and the boathouse on the River Liffey at Islandbridge.

TRINITY BALL
Trinity clubs and societies pack the calendar with social events, culminating in the iconic Trinity Ball. One of the world’s largest private parties, this annual event combines a music festival with a black-tie ball. Around 8,000 students, staff and alumni gather in formal dress as tents and stages across campus host top musical talent from across Ireland and the UK, dancing into the early hours of the morning.

You really have to see it to believe it!
Low cost airlines connect Dublin to hundreds of European destinations cheaply and quickly. Fly to London or Paris in an hour. Jet over to Rome in three. Just be sure not to miss out on all the great spots right here in Ireland!

An official UNESCO City of Literature, Dublin is renowned for its art, music and theatre. See a play in the storied Abbey Theatre or an experimental piece in the Project Arts Centre, both only a 10-minute walk from Trinity.

Home to the EU headquarters of tech companies ranging from Google to Twitter, Dublin is a hotbed of global innovation. A young, multicultural population keeps Dublin at the forefront of European business development.

The Irish Climate is temperate and mild. Temperatures rarely drop below 0°C (32°F) or rise higher than 24°C (75°F). Light to medium showers are common, but heavy rain is much more rare. And it’s the rain that keeps the many Dublin parks and rolling Irish countryside so very green!
Hike the peaks of Kerry. Surf the waves off Sligo. Stroll Cork's beaches. Gallery-hop around Dublin. From millennia-old archaeological sites to major international music festivals, you’ll never run out of things to explore in Ireland!

Ireland’s warm welcomes are world-famous. Tell an Irish person where you’re from and expect a funny story of a long-lost cousin having an adventure in your hometown.

The Global Peace Index consistently ranks Ireland among the ten safest countries in the world. We also have some of the cleanest air on earth.

For more information about visiting Dublin, hotel accommodation and Irish travel, please see www.failteireland.ie/ and www.visitdublin.com/home/
UNDERGRADUATE
All first year non-EU students are given priority for rooms in Trinity Hall. Trinity Hall is a large, friendly complex housing around 1,000 students with its own Junior Common Room (similar to a Student Centre) that organizes social activities and outings. Located 4 km (2.5 miles) from the city centre, it is accessible by public tram and bus. Accommodation is apartment-style with single and twin rooms sharing well-appointed kitchens and sitting rooms. After first year, students are welcome to apply for Trinity housing both in Trinity Hall and on campus and will be considered alongside their Irish peers. Many students choose to live off-campus after first year in shared houses and apartments throughout Dublin. Trinity’s central location makes travelling in and out of College very convenient and allows students to truly integrate into Dublin.

www.tcd.ie/accommodation/StudentsandStaff
www.tcd.ie/accommodation/StudentsandStaff/Students/TrinityHall/
www.wardentrinityhall.tcdlife.ie/

POSTGRADUATE
A limited number of campus rooms and rooms in Trinity-certified accommodation throughout Dublin are available to postgraduate students, but most postgraduates find their own private accommodation.
You can get a sense of the types of accommodation available by visiting www.daft.ie. If you are not allocated Trinity housing, you can apply for up to two weeks temporary housing on campus while you look for long-term accommodation. The rooms are available from mid-August to mid-September at a special rate.
Before term begins, many students find peers on Facebook or Trinity message boards to team up and find housing together.

Accommodation Advisory Service
The Students’ Union runs an Accommodation Advisory Service available to all students. It opens before term begins and helps students find potential landlords and house listings. They can also help you figure out what neighbourhoods are the most convenient and appropriate for students new to Dublin.
DINING IN COLLEGE

www.tcd.ie/catering/StaffandStudentOutlets

All Trinity accommodation, both on campus and in Trinity Hall, includes self-catering kitchen facilities. Trinity does not operate meal plans; however, the Catering Department provides a number of food outlets in College. As Trinity’s campus is right in the centre of Dublin, there is a huge array of places to eat within walking distance, as well as a range of grocery stores offering everything from fresh produce to ready-made meals for students to best cater to their own dining needs.

Check out http://lovindublin.com/restaurants for reviews of some of Dublin’s most popular restaurants.

COST OF LIVING IN DUBLIN

The currency in Ireland is the Euro (€). The following figures represent estimated living costs for one academic year (September – June). Your personal lifestyle and living standards will determine your specific expenses. Travel and entertainment costs are not included.

- Rent (shared apartment) €5,500
- Utilities €1,000
- Food €3,000
- Miscellaneous €2,500
- Insurance (required for Non-EU students) €1,000
- Commuting €1,000
- Total €14,000
The Academic Registry provides services including applications and admissions, student finances, registration and record management, lecture timetabling, and examination, assessment and graduation services. They are open from 9.30am to 5pm on weekdays with extended opening until 6pm on Thursdays. They operate a service desk in the Watts Building and can be reached at academic.registry@tcd.ie

Celebrating cultural diversity at Trinity, the Global Room is a social space with an international outlook and a staff of student ambassadors available to assist with locating student services, adjusting to life in Ireland or planning internationally-themed events. Peer mentors host a “New to Dublin” programme throughout the year, addressing concerns from immigration to the best grocery store deals. The Global Room hosts celebrations of national holidays, film screenings, international dance, music and art showcases, along with seminars and talks.

Each undergraduate student is assigned a personal Tutor. A Tutor is a member of the academic staff who is trained to advise on general welfare and student development. Tutors are a first point of contact and a source of support throughout students’ time in Trinity. They provide confidential help and advice on personal and academic issues, essentially anything that may impact your student life.

The Postgraduate Advisor is available to assist students on a range of issues including supervisor relationships, academic difficulty or personal concerns.
COLLEGE HEALTH SERVICE  
www.tcd.ie/College_Health

All students are eligible to use the College Health Service throughout the year. The service offers on-campus primary health and psychiatric care in House 47. As well as general practice (including sports medicine) and nurse-run clinics, there are specialised clinics in physiotherapy, psychiatry, travel health, sexual health, eating disorders and minor surgery. Most visits are free, with a small fee for some services.

*Note that all non-EU students must have private health insurance for immigration purposes. Details on Irish providers can be found at www.tcd.ie/study/noneu/undergraduate/coming-to-trinity/prearrival/#Insurance

STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICE  
www.tcd.ie/disability

The Student Disability Service supports students with disabilities or special learning difficulties. Supports can range from peer tutoring or additional examination time to assistive technology and accessibility. Students requiring support from Trinity due to the impact of their disability or specific learning difficulty should contact the Service as early as possible to explore the supports available.

COUNSELLING AND PEER MENTORING  
www.tcd.ie/Student_Counselling  
www.tcd.ie/Student_Counselling/student2student/

The Student Counselling Service is a confidential, professional service available free of charge to every Trinity student. It offers help in coping with any personal or emotional concerns and offers learning support and development aids. The Counselling Services runs a course ‘Feeling at Home in Trinity’ which is aimed particularly at international students. All undergraduate students will be paired with a trained Student 2 Student mentor, who will arrange meet-ups throughout the year and help students get to know their way around campus.

CHAPLAINCY  
www.tcd.ie/Chaplaincy

Trinity College Dublin is non-denominational and supports a chaplaincy service run by the four principal Christian traditions in Ireland. All share the College Chapel equally. The College also maintains prayer rooms for Muslim students.
WORKING IN IRELAND
Non-EU students registered on a degree course for at least one academic year can work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week during term and up to 40 hours per week during College holidays.

Further information can be found at www.icosirl.ie/eng/student_information/working_in_ireland

WORKING AFTER GRADUATION

After finishing an Undergraduate degree, non-EU students can receive a stay-back visa, permitting you to work full-time for one year.

The Irish Government has also agreed to extend the Third Level Graduate Scheme. The new permission will double the ‘stay back option’ for masters and PhD students from 12 months to 24 months. This will allow eligible graduates who have studied in Irish higher education institutions and whose award is granted by a recognised Irish awarding body at Masters or PhD level to remain in Ireland for two years to seek employment.
A Trinity degree is one of the most respected in the world. Over 95% of graduates are employed or in further study within six months of completing their degrees. Nearly a third of undergraduate students go on to postgraduate education. With Trinity alumni working in the highest offices of corporations and governments around the world, global employers are eager to hire Trinity graduates.

LIFE AFTER TRINITY

ALUMNI
www.tcd.ie/alumni/
Trinity has over 110,000 alumni currently living and working in 130 countries. Trinity graduates have access to an extensive, global alumni network with active chapters around the world. To study at Trinity is to become part of a community of thinkers, creators, scientists, artists, inventors and entrepreneurs spanning over 400 years.

GRADLINK Gradlink pairs graduates of your school with current students to provide career mentoring and guidance.
www.tcd.ie/alumni/mentoring/

CAREER GUIDANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
www.tcd.ie/careers
Career Guidance is available for students looking to gain work experience while studying in Trinity, as well as for students looking to translate their experience in Trinity to a career back home or internationally.

The University is committed to your success, and the Careers Advisory Service is on hand to support you in developing your career skills. The service provides career guidance, advice and feedback on job applications, and interview preparation, as well as advertising vacancies and organising employer events on campus throughout the academic year.
www.tcd.ie/careers/students/international
ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

To accept your offer, you will need to log into your my.tcd.ie portal account, accept your offer and then pay a deposit. This will hold your place and allow you to apply for university accommodation.

For students who require visas, you should pay the minimum payment amount required to secure a visa as your deposit. Your fee balance will be adjusted accordingly.

APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION

After your deposit has been processed, your application number will become your new student number. You can use that number to apply for Trinity accommodation via the website www.tcd.ie/accommodation/StudentsandStaff/Students/

HOW TO PAY

Our preferred method of payment for international students is via Pay to Study, accessible at https://tcd.paytostudy.com/

You will pay a deposit (amount dependent upon your course of study and visa requirements) when you accept your place. After the acceptance deposit has been received, you will receive an email to check your MyTCD portal. An invoice for the balance of your fees will be presented to you in your portal. Due to card limits, multiple transactions may be required. If you prefer to pay the fees by electronic transfer, this can take up to ten working days to clear.

For more information on fee payment, please see www.tcd.ie/academicregistry
FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/scholarships/
www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-payments/course-fees/

Tuition fees vary by course and can be found on the Academic Registry website. A range of scholarship and funding options are available. Trinity accepts student loans and works with the US federal loan programme. Postgraduate students should be sure to check with their schools and departments for subject-specific funding. PhD students should discuss funding with their potential supervisors. Unless explicitly excluded, local scholarships and grants can be used towards Trinity fees. Please visit our website for more information on Trinity scholarship opportunities.

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

Residents of some countries, including the United States and Canada, do not require a visa to enter Ireland. The list of countries from which visas are required can be found here: www.dfa.ie/travel/visas/visas-for-ireland

Visa applications can take over 2 months to process, so you should begin your application as early as possible. Trinity has no control or influence over visa issues but will advise where possible.

Whether or not you need a visa to enter Ireland, all non-nationals who are not citizens of an EU state, the EEA or Switzerland, must register with the Irish Naturalisation & Immigration Service (INIS) after arrival. Further details on immigration can be found online and will be provided in your student handbook.

Please note that you should print off your offer letter to show immigration officials when you arrive.
UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS
The offer letter you received in your MyTCD portal is your official offer letter. In June, you will receive a welcome pack including an international student handbook. Please check your student record in the MyTCD portal to make certain that we have your correct email and mailing address on file!

VISIT TRINITY
The best way to decide if Trinity College Dublin is the right choice for you is to pay a visit to our Dublin city-centre campus. To arrange a Campus Visit, including meeting with a student ambassador and receiving a tour of the College, please visit www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/events/CampusVisit

When you fill out the visit form, please be sure to list your biggest questions, what course you’ve been accepted to and anything specific you’d like to discuss. This will help us plan the best possible visit for you and your family.

SPOTLIGHT ON: THE TRINITY LONG ROOM HUB
The Long Room Hub is a multidisciplinary arts, humanities and social sciences institute. Through academic events, public lectures, seminars and conferences, it links the university with the city and its cultural institutions. www.tcd.ie/trinitylongroomhub
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TALK TO CURRENT STUDENTS
Want to connect with a student from your region for a chat? Please contact tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie and we can arrange for a student to email or Skype you to get an inside look at international student life in Trinity College.
www.tcd.ie/study/non-eu/globalroom

The student ambassadors also have a blog at tcdglobal.wordpress.com where you can read about their experiences.

TRINITY IN YOUR COUNTRY
Trinity has representatives based in the US, India and China. The Dublin-based Global Relations team makes frequent visits abroad. If you would like to know if your representative will be travelling to your area, check the travel calendar at www.tcd.ie/globalrelations or feel free to get in touch directly.

CONTACT DETAILS
If you have any questions about deciding to attend Trinity College Dublin, feel free to contact our Global Relations team.

For all queries, please email international@tcd.ie