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Inspiring Generations for Generations to Come
Trinity College Dublin has been inspiring generations for over 400 years and continues to promote intellectual inquiry and inspire innovation. Today, the demand for higher education is greater than ever, as society looks to universities to equip graduates with the innovative skills and attitudes to tackle contemporary global issues around sustainability and humanity.

Our beautiful Dublin city-centre campus occupies some 51 acres and is home to over 18,000 students and more than 3,500 staff. From famous historic structures to award-winning contemporary architecture with state-of-the-art facilities, the campus - also home to the Book of Kells - is a hugely popular attraction, welcoming a million visitors a year.

Global connections are a hallmark of Trinity. We have staff and students from over 120 countries, and collaborate with universities and industry partners across six continents. To study here is to become part of an international community of creative thinkers, creators, scientists, artists, inventors and entrepreneurs. As the alma mater of internationally-renowned innovators in science, technology and the creative industries, we continue to establish ambitious international partnerships in education and research with other leading like-minded universities around the world. We have an international network of students, staff, institutional partners, academic collaborators and alumni: graduates become part of a global community of 131,000 alumni across 148 countries. We are actively engaged in further diversifying our student body in addition to giving students more opportunities to study abroad, and continuing to integrate students into the global Trinity community.

As students soon discover, a Trinity education is unique: it is an education for life.

“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.”

Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland, and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Trinity College Dublin is Ireland’s top ranked University (QS World University Ranking 2021, Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2021, Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai), 2021). Using the QS methodology, Trinity ranks joint-101st in the world, and using the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking methodology, 155th. Trinity is ranked 40th in the world for international outlook (THE, 2021), and in the Top 100 in the World for Graduate Employability (QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2020). Ranked Ireland’s most innovative university (Reuters Most Innovative European Universities, 2019). For the sixth consecutive year, Trinity is ranked first in Europe for producing entrepreneurs (Pitchbook Universities Report 2020).

Trinity ranks in the top 100 in 18 subjects (QS Subject rankings, 2020), including Modern Languages, Computer Science & Information Systems, Law, and Politics & International Studies. Trinity has produced some of the world’s finest and most enquiring minds, including writers Oscar Wilde and Samuel Beckett (Nobel Laureate); scientists William Rowan Hamilton, Ernest Walton (Nobel Laureate) and William Campbell (Nobel Laureate); former President of Ireland, and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson; and former President of Ireland, Mary McAleese. Such alumni success, consistently high international rankings, and popularity among students are a source of considerable pride. Our 18,000 students hail from 120 countries, with 28% of the student body coming from outside of Ireland.
As a globally connected community of learning, research, and scholarship, Trinity inspires successive generations to meet the challenges of the future. A Trinity education fosters a life-long desire for knowledge and understanding, a capacity for creativity and innovation, cross-cultural awareness, and a sense of global citizenship. Graduates have the ability to think independently, communicate effectively, act responsibly, and develop continuously.

With three faculties - Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences; Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); and the Faculty of Health Sciences - and 24 academic schools, Trinity offers a wide variety of undergraduate programmes as well as postgraduate programmes at Masters and Doctoral levels.

The distinctive features of a Trinity Education are:

- **Capstone Project.** Every undergraduate student completes an independent research project.
- **Global Mobility.** Exciting opportunities to study, work and travel abroad.
- ** Employability.** Students graduate prepared for the diverse challenges of the contemporary workplace and to be active members of society and special 'Employability Awards' are offered to undergraduate Laidlaw Scholars.
- **Trinity Electives.** Standalone modules broaden students' knowledge beyond their own discipline.
- **Open Modules.** Taught complementary programmes broaden students' perspective on their core discipline.
- **Partners in Learning.** Students and staff are collaborators and partners in the learning process, and diverse methods of assessment are used.
- **Co-Curriculum.** Students are encouraged to participate in student societies and sports clubs, and to engage with all aspects of student life.

For the academic year 2020/2021, teaching and learning is offered through a blended programme of on-campus and online classes, tutorials and lectures.
Growing Globally: Partnerships & Mobility

Trinity is at the forefront of making this the century of global partnership. Central to our mission is the knowledge that today’s internationalised world demands that we as individuals and as a society understand ourselves in a global context. The challenges confronting humanity are global ones that know no borders: climate change, inequality, migration, data security, water shortage, conflict, energy provision.

Trinity’s Global Relations Office actively seeks to expand current partnership activity and to identify and develop new global partnerships through dual and joint degrees, articulation programmes, and global mobility programmes. Trinity works with over 300 universities around the world, offering students opportunities ranging from student exchange programmes to dual and joint degrees.

A ground-breaking new partnership is that with top US institution, Columbia University: in 2018, we joined forces in a strategic partnership which gives students from all over the world the opportunity to study in these two globally renowned universities on both sides of the Atlantic. Students are full members of both university communities throughout the four years of the programme and graduate with a degree from each university.

A Trinity education opens doors and creates networks across the world: students and graduates are truly globally mobile. And with global connectivity comes campus diversity. We educate and inspire global citizens who will shape the world’s future through research impact, study abroad opportunities, cultural exchange and international collaborations.

“This degree allows you to become a more globalised, more conscious, and aware person.”

“You get double the resources, double the experience.”

Students on Trinity College Dublin and Columbia University dual programmes
Universities play a pivotal role in finding solutions for an increasing number of today’s challenges. Innovation and entrepreneurship is a fast-growing mission for universities globally and one in which Trinity excels, both in terms of commercialising ground-breaking research and educating students to be creative and entrepreneurial.

A culture of innovation and entrepreneurship permeates every facet of activity at Trinity. Between 2006 and 2019, graduates from Trinity founded more venture-backed companies than graduates from any other European university, raising US $4.8 billion in funding across 254 companies. Trinity is ranked first in Europe for producing entrepreneurs for the sixth successive year (Pitchbook Universities Report 2020). Established in 2013, Trinity’s student accelerator LaunchBox, has also been very successful: over 80 student start-ups have emerged from LaunchBox, creating 130 jobs, and raising over €9.2 million in investments.

Trinity is Ireland’s leading research intensive university and from this strong base emerges our many innovation outputs. The University generates a fifth of all spin-out companies in Ireland, and interacts with 400+ industry partners annually, ranging from multinationals to Irish SMEs and startups. Building on this success, in 2019, Tangent, a new ideas workspace was established. Housed in a world-class facility in the new Trinity Business School, Tangent bridges the gap between the university and the wider start-up ecosystem by collaborating with companies who play active roles in nurturing student entrepreneurs and start-ups.

One theme that consistently emerged during 2020 is the importance of universities in times of global challenge and change. Trinity is determined to keep innovation and entrepreneurship at the forefront, and meet today’s global challenges head-on.

→ Ranked 1st in Europe for graduate entrepreneurship
→ 500 industry partnerships in last 5 years
→ €100M in annual research income
→ 250 Invention Disclosures, 82 Licences and 75 Patents Filed in the last 4 years
→ 12 SpinOuts (9 HPSUs) in three years raising €48M
→ Equity and Licensing income >€10M in 5 years
Innovation, Identity, Information: The Role Of Research

Research is as important to our identity as teaching. With a rich history of collaboration and a strong track record in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary initiatives, the quality of our research continues to contribute significantly to Trinity’s international success. We are always alert to the rapidly changing landscape in which we operate, and the necessity of research for the good of society, locally and globally. Research is active across all three Faculties. Current themes include: Ageing; Identities in Transformation; Genes & Society; and Smart & Sustainable Planet.

International collaborations are a key focus. Between 2014-2018, 3,304 global institutions collaborated with Trinity (as per co-authored scholarly output), and in 2019, there were 2,905 research partnerships (as measured by joint publications). Trinity Research Centres allow groups of researchers with different perspectives to come together to tackle questions from a multifaceted perspective. Five flagship Research Institutes do this at a large scale. On a national level, we engage with academic colleagues throughout Ireland, and host three Science Foundation Ireland Research Centres. Trinity is the only Irish member of LERU, the prestigious League of 23 European Research Universities.

In 2019, we published a Research Charter and the Living Research Excellence Strategy, which identifies six actions to reaffirm our commitment to the need for, and power of, research in Trinity:

1. Stimulate and build strategic research collaborations.
2. Make it easier to do research.
3. Generate the research funding and resources we need.
4. Radically revise how we do research communications.
5. Join the dots on all policies relating to our research.
6. Be bold in planning our long-term research future.

“We are driven by a passion for research and scholarship. Research is one of the factors that makes Trinity the leading university in Ireland and a university of international standing.”

Professor Linda Doyle, Trinity College Dublin
Trinity Business School

The Nexus of Industry and Research Expertise

Founded in 1925, Trinity Business School is recognised as a global leader in innovative business education programmes. One of the top 1% business schools worldwide, Trinity Business School provides life-long education focused on careers and business performance, with a full suite of challenging business programmes spanning undergraduate, postgraduate and executive education.

Trinity Business School ranked 1st in Ireland, 4th in Ireland & the UK, and 18th in the European Union in the 2020 Global Masters in Finance rankings (pre-experience) produced by the Financial Times; and was ranked second globally and Best in Europe for Student Gender Balance in Executive MBA Economist 2020 rankings.

A pioneer in bringing the MBA to Europe, its hugely innovative role in management education and research has both served and influenced national and international industry. Trinity Business School is partnered with the prestigious Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) Association, and affiliated to the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute.

Trinity Business School has grown by over 150% in the last five years. Growth is underpinned by a transformative strategy involving innovation, diversity and inclusion; a huge emphasis on high-quality business education and research; and an €80 million new flagship building, which includes an Innovation & Entrepreneurial hub, a 600 seat auditorium, smart classrooms, and an executive education centre.

By learning from leading researchers and high performance business executives and entrepreneurs on a campus surrounded by some of the most creative thought leaders and companies on the planet, students leave prepared to lead and innovate in the contemporary work environment.

“Global businesses are eager to work with our students and professors because they understand the exceptional learning community they are coming from.”

Professor Andrew Burke, Trinity Business School
In a world of change, Trinity is determined to make positive change in the world. Through E3 – Engineering, Environment & Emerging Technologies – Trinity brings together engineers, natural scientists, computer scientists, and statisticians to develop balanced technological solutions that enhance the wellbeing of the planet and create a better world. Trinity is building facilities to match the talent of educators and the ambition of researchers. The Martin Naughton E3 Learning Foundry is based on the main Trinity campus. The E3 Research Institute (E3RI) will be a state-of-the-art facility located on Trinity’s new innovation campus – Trinity East.

By creating a seamless and innovative integration of teaching, project work and research, the Martin Naughton E3 Learning Foundry (opening 2023) will revolutionise learning on campus and online. Graduates of this completely new education experience will be fully equipped to lead in a technology-enhanced future.

To be housed in a bespoke €300m building, E3RI is founded on the belief that the inter-dependence between the natural world and the economy can and must be a productive one. The fundamental challenge at the heart of E3RI is reconciling a vibrant economy with the well-being of people and the planet. Trinity researchers will take a challenge-based approach to discovery and problem solving to create a better world. Applying the perspectives of Data, Production, Wellbeing, Environment, Resources, and Communities will ensure that E3 solutions are balanced.

Trinity is at the forefront of ensuring students gain the skills they need to tackle the global challenges of today and tomorrow. As one of the first initiatives globally to integrate engineering, technology and the natural sciences at scale in the search for balanced solutions to address the challenges of a liveable planet, E3 has the potential to be internationally transformative.
Trinity is proud to spearhead Grand Canal Innovation District (GCID), a new innovation quarter in Europe’s fastest growing capital city economy. This €1.1 billion initiative will cluster research centres, entrepreneurs and educational institutes, high growth companies, and tech and creative start-ups in a single neighbourhood at the heart of Dublin. The Grand Canal location presents the ideal environment, as Trinity has a 5.5 acre campus in this thriving, mixed-use urban neighbourhood. Known as Ireland’s ‘silicon docks’, the area is already home to some of the most globally-renowned technology companies – including Google, Facebook, Stripe, and Twitter – as well as Ireland’s largest theatre and largest convention centre.

GCID will create a new university innovation campus to co-locate at scale world-class researchers from leading universities with the world’s most innovative companies. Supported by significant backing from Government and key stakeholders across academia and industry, GCID aims to provide a home for 350–400 start-up companies. Such active collaborations and connections have the power to create a sum far greater than their parts, driving inward investment, new employment pipelines, and exciting graduate opportunities. The area will also benefit from the development of a cultural and creative hub to connect Ireland’s renowned artistic community with the technology community.

GCID represents Trinity’s long-standing mission to forge connections between Ireland with the world, and to drive meaningful research through national and international collaboration. The most successful innovation districts in the world have a university at their centre, acting as a catalyst for interactions and driving the development. A magnet for talent, investment, innovation and industry, GCID will reimagine 21st century innovation and research.

“When you build in the these concentrators of starts ups in one place it draws in the investors, it draws in the experts and you get this alchemy where people say ‘if I graduate from the local university and I have an idea, if I go in here I can grow a global business here.’”

Tim Rowe, Founder and CEO, Cambridge Innovation Center
Capital Success: Dublin And Europe

Ireland is one of the most open and globally connected countries in the world. Already centrally located for the US, UK, Europe, and the Middle East, Brexit means Ireland becomes the only predominantly English-speaking member of the EU. Vibrant and cosmopolitan, Dublin is Ireland’s talent hub. It dominates Ireland’s urban, economic and social success, with Irish and multinational companies operating across a wide range of sectors. A leading digital location, with a well-educated and highly skilled employee base, it is home to some of the world’s largest leading tech and social media companies.

Perfectly positioned with the sea to the east and mountains to the south, Dublin’s population has more than doubled in size since 1950 to over one million. Dublin has become more multicultural and diverse over the last number of decades, and is known for its openness, energy, and creativity: it ranked 8th in the most recent index (2018) of the Council of Europe flagship programme Intercultural Cities, a review of policies, governance and practice across 93 cities. A robust and forward-thinking education presence, young and talented workforce, and competitive corporate tax environment has already drawn so many of the world’s top tech firms to the city, and with the Grand Canal Innovation District underway, Dublin will become where the European city where the world does business.

Dublin is a city of great significance within Europe and internationally, and Trinity is the educational institution of greatest significance in Dublin. Being part of Trinity means being part of a network and a community that begins in Dublin yet is felt all over the world.

“It is that quality of the Irish — that remarkable combination of hope, confidence and imagination — that is needed more than ever today. The problems of the world cannot possibly be solved by sceptics or cynics, whose horizons are limited by the obvious realities.”

John F Kennedy, 1963.
→ Dublin is a warm and welcoming place, and the Trinity campus is the city’s heart. The *Trinity in Twelve Weeks* orientation programme aids with the transition to university life by covering practical matters such as study skills as well as health and well-being supports. Bespoke programmes are in place for international students: *Trinity Smart Start* is a week-long programme to introduce new international students to Irish history, literature and culture; *International Student Orientation* sessions address cultural adjustment as well as practical concerns such as banking and immigration; and *English for Academic Purposes* offers English language programmes for incoming and current students who are non-native speakers of English.

Trinity is famous for its exciting and diverse student life. From the Animation Society to the Zoological Society, our 170 societies and sports clubs constitute the most dynamic and active ‘A-to-Z’ of university student societies in Ireland, including 50 sports clubs and a state-of-the-art sports centre. Trinity is home to the world’s oldest student societies: the ‘Hist’ Historical Society was founded in 1770, and the ‘Phil’ Debating Society in 1683. Proud to be a Green Flag Campus since 2013, Trinity’s commitment to sustainability extends to student life. Students actively participate in imagining, driving and implementing campus sustainability initiatives.

Dublin is a vibrant and diverse city known for its friendly people; it ranked 12th for Student Mix in the QS Best Student Cities, 2019. University life is about so much more than education, and nowhere is this more evident than here. Our city centre location offers students a unique opportunity to blend a rigorous academic programme with exciting cultural, social and professional experiences.
Trinity College Dublin seeks to pursue ambitious projects in innovation, education and research; to fearlessly advance the cause of a pluralistic, just and sustainable society; and to make a transformative impact on Ireland and the world. The *Inspiring Generations* campaign helps the university realise this vision by raising crucial philanthropic support from alumni and friends.

Campaign goals include raising €400m in donations and 150,000 volunteer hours.

*Inspiring Generations* covers a wide variety of projects across the university including:

- **A Campus for the 21st Century:** Building for our students' future while honouring our heritage.
- **Healthcare Challenges of our Generation:** Working to identify causes, improve our defences and discover cures.
- **New Generations:** Trinity will create a diverse campus that reflects Irish society and attracts brilliant talent from around the globe.
- **Cherishing the Humanities:** Understanding what it means to be human in our rapidly-changing world.

These transformative initiatives will bring Trinity into the next decade and beyond, consolidating our position as a leading global university and inspiring many generations to come.

**A 131,000 strong alumni network**

A student’s relationship with Trinity is for life. And with 131,000 alumni worldwide, graduates benefit from a strong global network. A vibrant calendar of events keeps the connection with the university alive, while mentoring and volunteering programmes provide an opportunity to give back and inspire the next generation.