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Executive Summary

Turbulence and uncertainty have continued to shape the global landscape in the academic year 2025–26, yet Trinity has remained steadfast in its commitment to international engagement, student support and partnership development. Across a year marked by geopolitical instability and growing complexity for higher education, Trinity Global has continued to strengthen the University's global connections in ways that are strategic, values-led and impactful.

Our students remain at the centre of all we do. In 2025–26, Trinity welcomed 23,150 students, including 5,218 non-EU students, meeting 100.6% of the student recruitment ambitions set out in the Trinity Global Strategy (GRS3+2). We supported students through immigration advice, pre-departure and transition programming, and opportunities to build belonging and connection from the earliest stages of their Trinity journey.

This year also saw important progress in Sanctuary, Mobility and Partnership development. We welcomed 14 new students through the Gaza Scholarship Programme, supported 1,393 students to undertake an international experience, and deepened engagement through diplomatic outreach, strategic partnerships and key international networks. As this is my final year as Vice President for Global Engagement, I am especially proud of what has been achieved through the dedication, imagination and generosity of colleagues across Trinity and beyond, and I offer my sincere thanks to all who have supported our work.



Dr. Emma K. Stokes

Vice President for
Global Engagement

We are a globally connected community of learning,
research and scholarship, inspiring generations to meet
the challenges of the future.



Key Achievements

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Since achieving our Athena Swan Bronze award, our Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee has continued working hard to ensure Trinity Global provides an inclusive environment for all staff and students. Our new action plan ensures continued progress and a renewed commitment to making Trinity Global a place where everyone feels like they belong.

Ranking

Trinity is the **24th** most international university in the world (*THE Rankings 2026*).

Global Incident Response Unit

We continue to support the Trinity community at home and abroad through a range of crises and emergencies, ensuring students receive the help they need when it matters most.

University of Sanctuary

Trinity College Dublin is a University of Sanctuary, a member of the Scholars at Risk network as well as a member of the New University in Exile Consortium.

Trinity Students

We have **120** students from **16** countries on the International Foundation Programme.

Global Mobility

42% of third year undergraduate Trinity students undertook an international experience as part of their programme.

Gaza Scholarship programme

Trinity continued to expand the Gaza Scholarship programme from 4 students in 2024–25 to the arrival of **14** new students in 2025–26 (2 undergraduates and 12 postgraduates).

International Trinity Student Consultation

The survey results paint a positive picture of the student experience at Trinity. Of the **1,365** students who responded, **94%** reported enjoying their time at Trinity, **91%** said they would recommend Trinity to others, and **96%** agreed that Trinity is a welcoming community for students of all faiths and none.

**INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
PROGRAMME GRADUATE**



Isha Sattar

“The IFP programme has been tremendous for my growth, significantly improving my research, speaking, and writing skills while building teamwork, critical thinking, and university preparedness. The teachers were eager to help, creating an excellent learning environment that prepared me well for my Law degree at Trinity.”



Our Globally Connected Community

Trinity works with over **300** universities around the world, offering opportunities from exchange programmes to joint education partnerships.



European Exchange Partners

More than **250** Erasmus and European partners in **30** countries.

We have **167,711** alumni from **151** countries.

We have **8,585** students from outside Ireland from **130** countries.

GEORGIA

Georgian American University LLC

THAILAND

Mahidol University

SOUTH KOREA

Korea University
Seoul National University
Sungkyunkwan University
Yonsei University

CHINA

Beijing University of Technology
Fudan University
Peking University
Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Tsinghua University
University of Nottingham Ningbo, China

KAZAKHSTAN

L.N.Gumilyov Eurasian National University

JAPAN

Hokkaido University
Kyoto University
Takasaki University
University of Tokyo
Waseda University

TAIWAN

National Cheng Kung University
National Tsing Hua University

HONG KONG

Chinese University of Hong Kong
City University Hong Kong
Hong Kong University
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Hong Kong Polytechnic University

INDIA

Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology
Manipal Academy of Higher Education

MALAYSIA

IMU Malaysia

AUSTRALIA

Australian National University
Monash University
University of Canberra
University of Melbourne
University of New South Wales
University of Queensland
University of Sydney
University of Technology Sydney
University of Western Australia
University of Wollongong

SINGAPORE

LASALLE College of the Arts
Nanyang Technological University
National University of Singapore
Singapore Management University

NEW ZEALAND

Auckland University of Technology
University of Auckland
University of Otago

University of Sanctuary

University of Sanctuary

Trinity is a University of Sanctuary. We provide scholarships, financial support, language supports and additional services to students and scholars of sanctuary.

Sanctuary Scholarships

Trinity Global awarded five University of Sanctuary Undergraduate and supported our continuing scholarship students with regular one-to-one meetings and get-togethers. We are proud this year also marked the graduation of two University of Sanctuary scholarship students.

Gaza Scholarship Programme

Trinity welcomed **14** new students in 2025–26 through the Gaza Scholarship programme which is committed to supporting displaced students. We are proud this year also marked the graduation of 3 Gaza Scholarship recipients.

National Engagement and Sectoral Work

Trinity led on the development of a sectoral group of higher education institutions working collaboratively to provide scholarships to students from Gaza and to support the evacuation of these students from Gaza to study in Ireland. The work of this group continues and is now focusing on development of post-graduation supports. In total over 70 students from Gaza were supported to come to Irish higher education institutions in 2025–26.

Outreach

Promoted Trinity's Sanctuary scholarship programme to those in international protection including visits to international protection centres.



**MPHIL COMPARATIVE LITERATURE
STUDENT AND TRINITY GAZA
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE**



Ramez Musmar

“To receive a scholarship at Trinity has had a crucial and significant impact. The financial support allowed me to focus more on my studies. It has encouraged me to pursue my education even when I thought my future is overly impacted by the recent war on my hometown”

Trinity Global Student Experience

Our students are at the centre of all we do.

Student Events

The Global Room hosted **143** student events.

Campus Tours

2,030 prospective students from **84** countries received campus tours.

Visa and Immigration

1,965+ immigration queries handled.

1,004 students attended **13** immigration information sessions.

Pathway to Belonging

15 online Pathway to Belonging pre-departure sessions attended by **1600+** students.



52 Student Ambassadors
from **34** countries offer
peer-to-peer support, campus
tours and much more.



Trinity Students

A total of **23,150** students at Trinity in 2025–2026, **17,932** EU and **5,218** Non-EU.

STUDENTS	TOTAL	EU	NON-EU
Total	23,150	17,932	5,218
Postgraduate	7,038	4,968	2,070
Undergraduate	16,112	12,964	3,148

Student Recruitment and Marketing

1200+ student recruitment events attended globally, majority in-person.

Range of markets and regions visited to promote Trinity include Africa, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Europe, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Vietnam, UAE, UK and USA.

Goin' to Trinity app attracted over **2,000** incoming students. The app allows students to make connections with other incoming Trinity students prior to beginning classes.

We have supported 21 of the 24 Trinity Schools and 62 courses, providing support in the form of advertising campaigns, webinars, course videos, photography and CRM emails to future students.

Trinity Global has **235,305** followers across **16** social media channels.

**M.SC. APPLIED CLINICAL
NEUROPSYCHOLOGY STUDENT**



Yumi Yeo

“Trinity’s prestigious reputation adds immense value to my academic journey. What I enjoy most about being a Trinity student is the strong sense of camaraderie and the welcoming community.”

Trinity Global reached **100.6%** of the student recruitment ambitions outlined in the Global Engagement Strategy for 2025–2026. **70% were** undergraduate students and **30%** were postgraduate students.



Global Mobility

1,393 (42%) of third year undergraduate Trinity students undertook an international experience as part of their programme in 2025–2026.

Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad (CASA)

This academic year, Trinity hosted a cohort of 65 students on the Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad (CASA) programme, representing the largest intake since the programme's establishment at Trinity in 2016.

Staff Mobility

A total of 25 professional and academic Trinity staff participated in staff mobility activities for teaching and training purposes.

European Association for International Education

Our Associate Director - Partnerships and Global Mobility, Niamh Burke completed a second term and six years as member of the leadership Committees of the European Association for International Education.



ABOVE: Niamh Burke pictured with other members of the European Funded Programmes Thematic Committee of the European Association for International Education (EIAIE), May 2026.



ABOVE: In October 2025 Trinity Global hosted the annual Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad (CASA) Board meeting.



**MAI COMPUTER
ENGINEERING STUDENT**



Alejandro Carretero

“There is something truly special about Trinity, its campus and its people. This place is home to some of my fondest memories and the starting point of some of my most valuable friendships. I feel very lucky to have experienced life at Trinity.”

Embassy and Diplomatic Engagement

Visits to and from Embassies, as well as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, European Institutions, Ambassadors, Government delegations, dignitaries and donors to the University.

Trinity Global hosted a series of high-level diplomatic engagements including official visits from Ambassadors representing Barbados, Georgia, Japan, Malta, Palestine and Tanzania. In addition, the team facilitated visits throughout the year from embassy staff representing a wide range of countries, further strengthening international engagement and institutional relationships.

Dr Emma Stokes, Vice President for Global Engagement, Professor Laurent Muzellec, Dean of Trinity Business School and a delegation met with Mr Kevin Kelly, Ambassador of Ireland to India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives during a visit to the region in January 2026.



ABOVE: During their week-long visit to New Delhi, Dr. Emma Stokes, Louise Staunton and the Dean of Trinity Business School met with Mr Kevin Kelly-Ambassador of Ireland to India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Trinity Global welcomed Claudio Haddad and Rosalie Haddad, trustees of the Haddad Foundation, to a commemorative event marking the 10th anniversary of the Haddad Fellowships Programme. Since its inception in 2015, the programme has supported more than 40 Brazilian students in pursuing postgraduate studies in the Arts at Trinity College Dublin.



ABOVE: Ambassador of Japan to Ireland Manabu Miyagawa, Deputy Head of Mission Mr. Koji Hirohata, First Secretary Ms. Keiko Morris, Vice President for Global Engagement Dr. Emma Stokes and Associate Director Partnerships and Global Mobility Niamh Burke.

Trinity Global Scholarships

Hundreds of undergraduate and postgraduate students supported with scholarships and bursaries including:

Global Excellence Scholarships

China Scholarship Council Trinity Joint Scholarship Programme

Haddad Fellowship Programme

Dr. Jonathan KS Chiu and Dr. Margaret Sau Sheung Ip Undergraduate Scholarships

Claddagh Scholarship Programme

Government of Ireland International Education Scholarship

Global Mobility Bursaries

Titanic Belfast Scholarship Programme



Partnerships

Trinity Global was delighted to host **34** visits from current and/or prospective university partners.

Trinity Global also supported Schools, Departments and Research Centres in the development of 14 new partnership agreements and 90 partnership agreement renewals to support activities ranging from student and staff mobility to research collaboration.

Erasmus+ Key Action 171

In 2025–2026, Trinity secured a three-year Erasmus+ KA171 project (2025–2029) to strengthen strategic collaboration with non-EU partners. This includes initiatives led by the School of Medicine (Palestine), Trinity Business School (Georgia), and the School of Physics (Kazakhstan), in partnership with key institutions in each region. Erasmus+ KA171 supports the development of strategic partnerships with institutions in countries outside the EU, facilitating collaboration through student, doctoral, and staff engagement.



ABOVE: Trinity's Provost Dr Linda Doyle and University of Queensland Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Deborah Terry AC, during a visit of a high level delegation to Trinity.

Erasmus+ Key Action 2

Trinity College Dublin is an active Erasmus+ partner and coordinator, with 26 KA2 projects running between 2023 and 2028 across multiple programme strands, including education, innovation, and capacity-building initiatives. Erasmus+ Key Action 2 supports cooperation among organisations and institutions beyond individual mobility.



ABOVE: Haiqal Hisham, Regional Officer, South East Asia, East Asia and Oceania meeting with the Irish Ambassador, Sharon Lenon, in Jakarta.

European Research Universities

Trinity College Dublin and KU Leuven, both members of the League of European Research Universities, expanded their strategic partnership to include a joint doctoral programme in exploring obesity and mental health in childbirth. This initiative was led by Professor Joan Lalor, Chair of Maternal Health at Trinity and represents a significant development in advanced education and collaborative research in the field.

Sino-Irish Transnational Education (TNE) Showcase

Trinity participated in the Sino-Irish Transnational Education (TNE) Showcase, held in Beijing in January 2026. The event was hosted by the Embassy of Ireland in China and Enterprise Ireland, in conjunction with the visit of An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin.



ABOVE: Trinity College Dublin, represented by Professor Nathan Hill (pictured), and Renmin University of China sign a collaboration agreement at the Sino-Irish TNE Showcase, Beijing, January 2026.

**DIRECTOR OF THE TRINITY
CENTRE FOR ASIAN STUDIES,
PROFESSOR OF CHINESE STUDIES.**



Professor Nathan Hill

“Travelling to China with An Taoiseach and Trinity Global was a valuable opportunity to strengthen Trinity’s academic relationships in China at the highest level. The visit allowed us to renew long-standing links and, most concretely, to sign a new exchange agreement with Renmin University of China. For me, the most important outcome was the emphasis on equal cooperation: partnerships that support student and staff mobility, joint research, and sustained mutual understanding between Ireland and China”



ABOVE: Notre Dame Global’s inaugural Global Partners Conference at the University of Notre Dame, USA.

Network Engagement

The Coimbra Group

Trinity is a founding member of the Coimbra Group which is an association of long established European universities. The purpose of the network is to influence European educational policy and to develop and share best practice. Key activities in 2025–2026 included:

A Trinity delegation attended the Coimbra Group's 40th anniversary celebration which included open and respectful conversations on "reinventing campus democracy: bridging divides and advancing solutions. The conference also included a celebration of Trinity Professor Jürgen Barkhoff, Emeritus Professor and Pro Chancellor, who served as Vice Chair of Coimbra Group and received an award for his leadership.

Dr Balazs Apor of Trinity and Humanities Working Group of the Coimbra Group, hosted a meeting of the Working Group at Trinity in April 2026. The programme included a public event at the Long Room Hub. The discussion focused on shaping the next Horizon Europe Framework Programme (2028–2034).

The Coimbra Equality & Diversity Working Group, chaired by Dr. Siobán O'Brien Green, Head of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at Trinity, launched their edited book "Why EDI Matters: Equ(al)ity, Diversity and Inclusion in European Universities" in late 2025 to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Coimbra Group. Trinity has three co-authored chapters in the book.

League of European Research Universities

Dr. Emma Stokes hosted the League of European Research Universities (LERU) International Policy Group Meeting at Trinity College Dublin on 7–8 May 2026.



ABOVE: Dr. Emma Stokes, Niamh Burke and Luzimar Da Conceicao Pereira at the International Policy Group Meeting with the League of European Research Universities (LERU).



ABOVE: Niamh Burke, Professor Omar Garcia, Professor Jürgen Barkhoff and Dr. Emma Stokes attending the Coimbra Group's 40th-anniversary celebration.



European University Foundation (EUF)

The European University Foundation (EUF) supports higher education institutions across Europe in enhancing the quality, accessibility, and internationalisation of education through cooperation, innovation, and the promotion of student mobility.

In April 2026 the EUF network member and other stakeholders, joined by MEP Helder Sousa Silva, came together in Brussels for a policy event focused on the future of the Erasmus+ programme. Dr. Emma Stokes led a panel discussion bringing together voices from the higher education community.

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