Choose Trinity

A Guide to Taking Your Place at Trinity

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Vice President for Global Engagement

Congratulations on your offer

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Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, established in 1592, is recognised globally as Ireland’s leading university with a reputation for delivering excellence in teaching, research and innovation. With a beautiful, historic, city-centre campus and the oldest student societies in the world, studying at Trinity means joining over 400 years of tradition.

This, coupled with Trinity’s state-of-the-art facilities and focus on entrepreneurship and innovation, ensures a truly transformative student experience. Trinity students live, learn and engage far beyond the classroom in a renowned institution that is rooted in the past, yet focussed firmly on the future.

Trinity is the top ranked university in Ireland, 101st in the world (QS World University Rankings 2022). Trinity, a Top 100 University for Graduate Employability (QS 2022), is Ireland’s most innovative university (Reuters Most Innovative European Universities 2019) and is ranked 1st in Europe for producing entrepreneurs for the seventh year in a row (PitchBook Universities Report 2021).

At Trinity we promote a diverse, interdisciplinary, inclusive environment which nurtures ground-breaking research across all the major disciplines in arts, humanities and social sciences, engineering, mathematics, science and health sciences. We have a vibrant and welcoming community of over 18,000 students from 118 countries.

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

1. **Offer Letter**
   
   If we have all the necessary documents and they show that you meet admission requirements, you will receive an offer letter within a few weeks. The offer can be Conditional or Firm.

2. **Accept Your Offer**
   
   To secure your place, you must accept your offer within the given deadline. You can accept your offer even if it is Conditional. To accept, log into my.tcd.ie and pay the acceptance deposit.

3. **Meet Conditions**
   
   If your offer is Conditional, you must upload additional documents to meet the Conditions, e.g. final grades or English Language Qualification. Please also ensure your referees have submitted their letters of reference.

4. **Visa**
   
   Some countries do not require a visa. Please check here to see if this applies to you. If you need to apply for a visa, use your offer letter to start the visa application process as early as possible. Visa applications will also require that you have paid a certain proportion of your Year 1 tuition fee – usually 50%.

5. **Register**
   
   If you have accepted, you will be invited to register online in August. To do so, you will need to pay the rest of your tuition fee for one academic year.

6. **That's it**
   
   You're ready to start!

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**How to Pay**

Our preferred method of payment for international students is via Transfermate. [Make a payment →]

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 my.tcd.ie portal. An invoice for the balance of your fees will be presented to you in your portal. If paying by credit card, 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. If you pay by electronic transfer you must quote your 8 digit TCD application/student number in the transaction narrative so the payment can be associated with your application.

Find out more about fee payment →

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**Funding & Scholarships**

Tuition fees vary by course and can be found on the Academic Registry website. [See More →]

A range of scholarships 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:

Undergraduate → Postgraduate →

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**Visa and Immigration**

Residents of some countries such as the United States, Canada, UAE and Brazil do not require a visa to enter Ireland. [See the list of countries which require visas →]

Visa applications can take up to 2 months to process, so you should begin your application as early as possible. Trinity has no influence over visa applications but will advise where possible. All information required from Trinity for your visa application is included in the “Visa Letter”, which you can download by going to “My Applications” in the my.tcd.ie portal, and clicking “Generate Visa Letter”.

Whether or not you need a visa to enter Ireland, all nationals who are not citizens of an EU state, the EEA or Switzerland, must register with the Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) after arrival. Further details on immigration can be found online and will be provided in your student handbook. Please note that you should carry a printed copy of your offer letter to show immigration officials when you arrive in Ireland.

Find out more →

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**Pre-orientation Programmes**

Trinity runs programmes designed to prepare incoming international students for their time in Ireland.

English for Academic Purposes Programme
Students, who do not meet Trinity’s English language requirements, are invited to join our pre-sessional English for Academic Purposes Programme.

Understanding Ireland Programme
The Trinity Smart-Start Programme is a week-long programme designed specifically for new international undergraduate students. The programme begins one week before Freshers’ Week and it provides the perfect introduction to the academic and social life of your new university and the country you will call home for the duration of your degree.

Find out more about these programmes →
Hear why some of our students chose Trinity...

Chelsea Edgar, USA

“I have felt welcomed ever since I arrived in Ireland. I was overwhelmed by the kindness the Trinity community showed me. Dublin is a beautiful and fun city to live in, and Trinity is at the heart of it. Almost anything you want to do in Dublin is walking distance from Trinity.”

John Wesley Kommala, India

“I chose to study at Trinity because I’m really interested in computer science - the course is five years and I will graduate with a masters’ degree. I would say Trinity is one of the best colleges out there and a great place to learn. The things I like most are the many opportunities for extracurricular activities, the stress-free flexible environment and the cool 24-hour spaces on campus.”

Siyi Wang, China

“I was so impressed by the atmosphere and environment of Dublin. Trinity is right in the center of Dublin. There are many cafes and restaurants in the neighborhood of Trinity. Locals or tourists usually have a coffee along the sidewalk café shops. It gives people a lively and vibrant vibe.”

Deniz Unsal, Turkey

“I chose Trinity due to its unique historical legacy. The Old Library containing the Book of Kells and the Campanile are spectacular places on campus. The most enjoyable part of my experience in Ireland is Trinity’s multicultural and multidisciplinary environment. Trinity offers an academic environment where students from various countries and disciplines come together.”

Beatriz Nakpil, The Philippines

“I really like that Dublin has such a rich history and it’s evident the moment you step on campus through the architecture and through the history, and the alumni. One thing I really like about Trinity is just how welcoming the whole community is.”

Maria Clara Lima, Brazil

“Going to Trinity College Dublin is going global. The professors and staff are always very welcoming, and I consider Trinity as my new home. What I like most about being a postgraduate student at Trinity is that you can really enjoy what all the departments have to offer. I’ve been taking Irish classes, and going to lectures offered by other courses, and this interdisciplinary background that I have been building is exactly what I need for my academic life.”
Graduate Opportunities

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 university holidays. Students with EU passports have freedom to work during their studies and remain in Ireland after graduation.

Find out more about immigration →

Working after Graduation
Upon successful completion of an undergraduate or postgraduate programme at Trinity, undergraduate students have the possibility to stay in Ireland to work for one year on the Third Level Graduate Scheme, while eligible postgraduate students can stay for up to two years. This allows students to gain work experience opportunities in Ireland in a wide range of industries and organisations. During the 12 or 24 month period, students are able to work full time in Ireland.

Find out more working in Ireland →

Where some of our Trinity graduates are now employed

[List of companies where Trinity graduates are employed]
Career Support

Employability

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, ranks in the Top 100 in the World for Graduate Employability.

QS GRADUATE EMPLOYABILITY RANKINGS 2022

A Trinity degree is one of the most respected in the world. Over 94% of graduates are employed or in further study within nine months of completing their degrees. Nearly a quarter of undergraduate students go on to postgraduate education. With many successful Trinity alumni working in organisations and governments across the world, global employers are keen to hire Trinity graduates. Our Employability and Employment Guide sets out how Trinity supports student development and prepares you for your career ahead.

Employability and Employment Guide →

The Trinity Employability Award is run in partnership with key employers such as Intel, Deloitte, EY, PwC, MSD Ireland, Irish Refugee Council and UN International Organisation for Migration.

More about the Employability Award →

Career Support for International Students

Career support 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 Careers Service provides career guidance, advice and feedback on job applications and interview preparation, information on job and further study opportunities and organises employer events on campus throughout the academic year.

See MyCareer to find out more →

Career Support

Careers Service

The Trinity Careers Service, which is part of Trinity Teaching and Learning, supports students and recent graduates to explore their career ambitions for the future and plan how to achieve them using a wide variety of activities, services and resources. The service operates in a fast-changing and outward-facing environment with the flexibility to be responsive to the needs of students, graduates, employers and Trinity academic staff.

Find out more about the careers service →

Did you know?

As a European leader in student entrepreneurship, Trinity has established Tangent, Trinity’s Ideas Workspace. This world-class facility, co-located within an expanded Trinity Business School, offers students, staff and the wider innovation ecosystem a place to come together to collaborate, build and innovate.

More about Tangent →

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNUS

Dale Chen China
Currently studying for his Masters in Mechanical Engineering in Trinity

“The most profound thing for me in Trinity was applying for the Launchbox Programme with two classmates. This programme is dedicated to helping students who have entrepreneurial ideas to realise their dreams. If the team succeed in the competition, the university provides a workplace and salary for them over three months during the summer vacation. Trinity also arranges mentors, resources and finds investors. I learned so much during this competition and met like-minded people. This experience also led me to start my own photography studio Cloud Photography Dublin.”
Dublin Innovation District

Trinity’s location is also advantageous when you are looking for a job. Dublin’s Innovation District, the ‘Silicon Docks’ is within walking distance, as is the International Financial Services Centre, and a large number of other businesses and organisations which have their Irish headquarters in Dublin. Dublin is also home to many global corporations across a range of sectors.
Hear what our alumni say...

Trinity is committed to preparing its students for the ever-changing challenges of the 21st century workplace. Hear what some of our recent graduates had to say about their experience at Trinity.

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Trinity College Dublin – The University of Dublin

PPES (BA) AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE STUDIES (M.PHILO)

Rana Hajirasouli  UAE
Iran, currently working as COO, Cyrus Group, Dubai, UAE

“Throughout my years in Ireland, I gained a second family and consider Dublin to be my home until this day. The Irish culture will always be one close to my heart – from the jaw-dropping coastline to the warm hospitality all over the country, I know deep in my heart that there will be no better place to live. Trinity was not a passive catalyst towards my career but acted as a fundamental springboard towards shaping my passion for things I never thought I could even aspire to.”

INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN BUSINESS LAW L.L.M

Zhuqing Yin  China
Head of Legal, SDH Wings International Leasing Limited, Dublin

“There is no doubt that Trinity is the very best university in Ireland. I recommend that Chinese students choose to study in Ireland because it is one of the best places in the world to do business, especially in IT, healthcare and financial leasing. It has favourable tax policies, a business-friendly investment environment, a young and highly educated labour market, and good networks with China, other European countries and the United States. If you choose to study in Ireland, you are more likely to stay and work in Ireland. You will also have many opportunities to work in other European countries and even in the United States.”

BA SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL POLICY

Megan Yusko  USA
Vornado Realty Trust, Manhattan, US

“I think that Trinity is as much an education as it is an experience. The experience of studying at Trinity, as well as the history and identity associated with it is something that very few colleges have, making Trinity truly unique in that aspect.”

MEDICINE

Dr Abdulwahhab AlFares  Kuwait

“Studying in Trinity meant that I was exposed to enthusiastic, dedicated, and humble faculty members who were leaders in their fields. Studying at Trinity also meant that I was part of a diverse student body. I made friends spanning the globe from the Americas to Southeast Asia, friends that have helped shape me into the person that I am today. The curriculum at Trinity also helped me become the confident, competent, and ethical physician that I am today.”

MSC. APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

Madhav Bhargav  India
PhD Researcher, Dept. of Psychology, Trinity College Dublin

“Trinity education not only provided me with the skills and techniques that I needed to be a successful researcher; but more importantly, it made me a confident and a compassionate person. I worked in Google and then decided to return to Trinity. I am now pursuing my PhD in the Department of Psychology, which is something I had always wanted to do.”

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAW L.L.M.

Alexander Dunne  Ireland

“Since graduating from the LL.M programme, I can proudly say that it was one of the best decisions of my life to decide to do so at Trinity. I got to make some life-long friends both at home and abroad. Having graduated quite recently, I can say that my career prospects have increased exponentially. Truly if I had the option to revisit my LL.M again I would still choose Trinity.”

MSC. BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT GRADUATE

Tamara Quinn  France

“I am now employed within a venture capital firm in London and can honestly say that Trinity’s MSc. in Business and Management has prepared me not only for the difficulties faced during the interview process but also for the fast-paced role within the firm. I highly recommend this degree as it enabled me to get a career-oriented position in a successful company.”

Alumni

As you consider your decision to attend Trinity College Dublin, you may find it helpful to speak with a Trinity graduate. Offer holders can now directly connect online with Trinity alumni ambassadors using our Trinity Alumni Online platform. You can gain unique insights into what life is like at Trinity and how alumni have developed their careers after graduation.

You can register your interest in talking to an Alumni Ambassador by filling out the online form linked below.

Register Now →

After registering your interest, you will receive a direct email from the Alumni Office with your unique access link for the Trinity Alumni Online Platform.
The Trinity Experience

Trinity Student Life
The Trinity Experience extends far beyond the lecture theatre. At Trinity, involvement in student and community organisations as well as sports, is integral to your education. The wealth of offerings allows every Trinity student to construct their own unique experience.

Sport
Trinity has 50 sports clubs, from aikido, boxing and croquet to kayaking, ultimate frisbee and windsurfing.

If you’re a decorated swimmer, you’ll have access to plenty of opportunities to compete with the Swimming Club. 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. As a registered student, you’ll also have access to the state-of-the-art Sports Centre.

Every year, the Department of Sport and Recreation awards scholarships to outstanding sports people who represent the University.

Clubs & Societies
A great way to get to know people who share your interests, both in and out of the classroom, is by joining one of over 120 student societies, which cover everything from the Afro-Caribbean Society to the Zoological Society.

Among the most popular societies are the Philosophical Society ("the Phil"), dating from 1683 and the Historical Society ("the Hist"), dating from 1770, the oldest student societies in the world.

At the start of the academic year, all the clubs and societies set up stands in Front Square and do their very best to enrol new members. It’s a great way to see the range of activities available on campus and get the year off to a buzzing start!

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.

Find out more about societies →

You can talk to our students and ask all your questions about life in Trinity, living in Dublin, the campus, student supports and opportunities. Talk to our students →

Students' Union & Graduate Students' Union
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 university 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.

Students’ Union → Graduate Student’s Union →

Trinity Global Room
The Global Room at Trinity is a welcoming, internationally-focused space, where all students can come and experience cultural events, meet new people and feel part of our international community.

Global Room staff and Global Student Ambassadors are available to: assist all students with advice (particularly with immigration questions), locating student services, adjusting to life in Ireland or planning internationally-themed events.

The Global Room hosts celebrations of national holidays, film screenings, student society events, along with seminars and talks. The Global Room is also home to the new Erasmus and International Exchange Hub where students can learn more about mobility opportunities. In addition, it’s a great networking space.

Find out more about the Global Room →

Facebook → Twitter → Instagram →
Living in Dublin

Connected
Direct flights to Dublin are available from many international airports, while 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! Please note that information and activities are subject to change in light of restrictions that may be in place due to COVID-19.

Cultural
An official UNESCO City of Literature, Dublin is renowned for its art, music and theatre. See a play in the storied Abbey Theatre, catch a live music performance in one of the city’s many lively venues or visit one of Dublin’s numerous, free public museums and galleries.

Entrepreneurial
Home to the EU headquarters of world-leading 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.

For more information about visiting Dublin, hotel accommodation and Irish travel, please see the links below:

Fáilte Ireland →
Visit Dublin →
Living in Ireland

Fun
Hike the peaks of Kerry. Surf the waves of Sligo. Stroll Cork's beaches. Take in the views of County Clare's Cliffs of Moher. From millennia-old archaeological sites to major international music festivals, you'll never run out of things to explore in Ireland!

Friendly
Irish people tend to go out of their way to be friendly and make new connections with people. Visitors tend to notice this straight away and are often bemused if the security controllers wish them a good trip on arrival at Ireland's airport.

Safe
The Global Peace Index consistently ranks Ireland among the top 15 safest countries in the world. We also have some of the cleanest air on earth.

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!
Accommodation

Undergraduate
All 1st year non-EU full-degree undergraduate students will be prioritised for accommodation in Trinity-owned or Trinity recommended accommodation provided students apply by the housing application deadline. There are a range of accommodation options available. Accommodation may include but is not limited to Trinity-owned accommodation such as Trinity Hall or Trinity-recommended accommodation at private student complexes.

Find out more about accommodation →

Postgraduate
Postgraduate and continuing undergraduate students may apply for accommodation in other Trinity recommended accommodation sites.

Apply for a room →

Accommodation Advisory Service
The Students’ Union runs an Accommodation 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. It is important to note that students shouldn’t pay deposits before seeing private accommodation.

See more about the advisory service →

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Applications open for Main Campus Accommodation: 1st Monday in February
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Find out more information →

Applications open for Trinity Hall: To be confirmed but usually end of March/start of April. Once the dates have been confirmed, further information will be updated here.

Dining at Trinity
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.

Trinity’s campus is right in the centre of Dublin. As a result, there is a huge array of places to eat within walking distance, many of which offer discounts to those with a student card. There are also numerous grocery stores offering everything from fresh produce to ready-made meals for students to best cater to their own dining needs.

Find out more about college catering →

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. Accommodation costs vary depending on proximity to city centre, sharing rooms and personal preferences.

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Supporting your study

University Health Service
All students are eligible to use the University Health Service throughout the year.

The service offers an on-campus primary health and psychiatric care facility. 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.

EU students should apply for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) in their home country before departure:

Apply for European Health Insurance Card →

*Note that all non-EU students must have private health insurance for immigration purposes.

Details on Irish Insurance Providers →
Trinity Health Service →

Student Disability Service
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.

Find out more about disability services →

Trinity Counselling, Learning Development & Student 2 Student Services
The Student Counselling Services deliver a holistic framework of social, academic and emotional wellbeing initiatives across the Trinity community, keeping students at the centre of everything we do.

We offer expert training, peer based interventions, academic & learning development support, therapeutic groups and individual clinical appointments to all registered Trinity students. Our services include Student 2 Student (S2S) mentors, who show all incoming undergraduate students around Trinity campus during orientation. They will keep in regular touch, inviting you to events and activities and making sure you’re aware of all the services available, and how to access them.

Student Counselling →
Student Learning Development →
Student 2 Student →

Chaplaincy
Trinity is non-denominational and supports a chaplaincy service run by the four principal Christian traditions in Ireland. All share the University Chapel equally. The University also maintains prayer rooms for Muslim students. The Chaplaincy seeks to be a place of welcome and hospitality for all members of the University community.

Find out more about chaplaincy →
Academic Registry

Academic Registry provides a variety of important administrative supports for students and can assist with queries on a range of services including: admissions, student finance, annual student registration, Study Abroad (visiting students & Erasmus) examinations, assessment, and graduation.

Academic Registry provides student cards and supports students with documentation to register with the immigration bureau, apply for a PPS number and open a bank account. The Academic Registry has a Service Desk where queries can be directed.

Service Desk Opening Hours
9:00 to 17:30 Monday to Thursday
9:00 to 17:00 Friday

You can also make queries to the Academic Registry Service Desk through the my.tcd.ie portal by clicking the ASK AR button or emailing academic.registry@tcd.ie.

See more about the Academic Registry →

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Find out more about senior tutor services →

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Find out more about postgraduate advisors →

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Getting More Information

**Talk to our Students**
You can talk to our students and ask all your questions about life in Trinity, living in Dublin, the campus, student supports and opportunities.
[Talk to Students →](link)

**Academic Registry**
If you have any questions regarding applications, accepting an offer, fee payments etc. you can contact our Academic Registry at: academic.registry@tcd.ie

**Campus Tours**
Come Visit Trinity

**Trinity Global Room**
With two full-time Student Support Officers and a team of student ambassadors who are a mix of Irish and international students, the Trinity Global Room is a great first stop for students with questions about navigating Trinity, Dublin and Ireland. Contact us at: tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie
[Find out more about the Global Room →](link)

If you would like to visit us, you can sign up for a student-led campus tour
[Sign up now →](link)

Join our team of friendly and experienced Global Ambassadors, who are all current Trinity students, as they take you on a student-led virtual tour of campus in this video.
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