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# Country guide to Studying in Ireland

Thoroughly curated guide by us to help you understand every aspect of your study abroad journey in depth.





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# Why Ireland

Did you know that Ireland's nickname is The Land of Saints and Scholars? That's because they have institutions, monasteries, and colleges that date as far back as 500 AD and, since then, Ireland has been able to form some of the best universities in the world, many of which are highly ranked among schools and institutions worldwide.

Ireland's worldwide reputation for high-quality education is constructed on a solid foundation of commitment to excellence. Despite being an island nation, it is brimming with opportunities that make it a popular destination for students studying abroad.

And outside the realm of commerce, Ireland has been the home of creative writers and independent thinkers for centuries. This deep-rooted culture of creativity and problem-solving has earned them rank on the global platform. The graduates they produce are typified by their capacity to undertake not just the challenges of today but the future as well, in terms of employment and of divisions that haven't even been born yet.

**Some of the reasons for choosing Ireland as a study abroad location are:**



## **World-class education**

The Irish education system is second to none. It has close industry links and is characterized by creativity, flexibility, and pragmatism. Education has been a key factor in making Ireland one of the fastest-growing economies in the world over the past decade.

# Why Ireland



## Low costs

Dublin is considerably less expensive than big metropolitan centers like London or New York, a particular perk for students who need to manage a tighter budget and find cheap accommodation, for example.



## Proximity to Europe

Another killer reason to study in Ireland is how incredibly close you are to the rest of Europe. Is the Eiffel Tower on your checklist? How about Big Ben? Taking a quick flight to many of Europe's most popular tourist destinations for a long weekend is easy (and affordable). With quick flights and some planning, they'll be back in time to finish studying for Monday's exams.



## Pathway to Permanent Residence

Many Indian students choose to apply for permanent residency after they graduate. To do so, they must apply for a work permit from the Irish Immigration Authorities. After staying in Ireland for 5 years on a general work permit, they can apply for a PR. For students who can obtain the critical skills employment permit can apply for a PR after 2 years.

# Top Universities

Many universities in Ireland rank impressively well at the international level, and the country as a whole is understandably a popular choice for international students.

The varied selection of higher education institutions combines historic cities, beautiful countryside, and Ireland's unique culture to make the country a highly attractive study destination. It has some of the best-known and highest-ranked law schools, business schools, engineering schools, and medical schools in the world, and they are ready to welcome students from all over.

**These are the top university in Ireland for higher education:**

- Trinity College Dublin
- The University of Dublin
- University College Dublin
- National University of Ireland, Galway
- University College Cork
- Marino Institute of education, Dublin
- Royal Irish Academy
- St. Angela College, Sligo
- Institute of Technology, Athlone
- Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
- Royal College of Surgeons Ireland



# Eligibility

For students looking to study in Europe, Ireland could also be a choice that's definitely on the list. There are over 2,000 study programs available, so there is no shortage of options for those who want to study in Ireland.

Each of these programs in various universities may have its application processes, but they are not too different. Here we will talk about the options for applications to UG and PG programs, and provide the details of admission requirements in Ireland.

The student should have completed 18 years of age before joining a degree program. It is important to remember that even though entry requirement is lower at Irish universities, the education standard is not.

## Programs Entry Requirements:

- ✓ ACT / SAT scorecard( for UG)
- ✓ GMAT/GRE( for graduate studies, if specifically requested)
- ✓ Official Transcripts issued by the previous school or university
- ✓ 2-3 Letters of recommendation from teachers or professors
- ✓ Statement of Purpose (SOP)
- ✓ Other documents

Along with academic excellence, English proficiency is one of the deciding factors in the selection process at any college or university in the Ireland. There are different test requirements to study in the Ireland. Some of them are mentioned below.


- ✓ IELTS
- ✓ PTE



# Student Visa

Citizens of certain countries who wish to pursue a course of study in Ireland must apply for a visa to enter Ireland before they travel. If they wish to study in Ireland for less than 3 months they should apply for a 'C study visa'. If their course lasts longer than 3 months, they should apply for a 'D study visa'.

## The supporting documentation required for a Student Visa in Ireland includes:

- Valid Passport
  - Letter of Acceptance from the college/university
  - Proof of payment of the registration and tuition fees
  - Proof of financial funds
  - Two passports sized photographs
  - Study Permit and Visa Evidence for explaining any gaps in the educational history of the candidate
  - English Proficiency
  - Your University will make you aware of additional requirements if any before your application
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(Please remember, original documents are required and must be in English or accompanied by a notarised translation)



# Work Opportunities

International students engaged in full-time study of at least one year's duration (on a course leading to a qualification which is recognized by the Irish Department of Education and Skills) currently do not need a work permit to work in Ireland.

Students holding a valid immigration stamp 2 permission will be permitted to work 40 hours per week only during June, July, August, and September and from 15th December to 15th January inclusive.

At all other times, students holding Immigration permission Stamp 2 will be limited to working 20 hours per week. The permission to work ceases on the expiry of the student's Stamp 2 immigration permission.

International students who meet the above conditions and wish to take up work in Ireland must obtain a Personal Public Services Number (PPS Number). An employer can only pay employees with a PPS number, and funds will usually only be paid to an Irish bank account. Students will also be required to comply with the Universal Social Contribution (USC), Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI), employment laws, and taxation requirements.







# PR in Ireland

Once you have finished your studies in Ireland, you may wish to stay back a little longer and consider taking up a job to gain invaluable work experience in your related field of study as part of your poststudy work visa plan.

If you are enrolled as a full-time student, with an Irish accredited degree, and have the Visa Stamp 2 you may qualify for the Third Level Graduate Scheme. The steps to the process are as follows:

-  Students can apply for a non-renewable extension of up to 2 years after course completion. This extension is granted to find suitable employment.
-  Later on, you can apply for a green card (renamed Critical Skills Employment Permit) or a work permit (renamed General Employment Permit).

The completion of 5 years or 2 years is calculated from the time of registration for the residence permit at GNIB 9 (Garda National Immigration Bureau). After living in Ireland for 5 years post permanent residency, one becomes eligible to apply for citizenship of Ireland.



# FAQs

Moving to a new country is never easy. The people, lifestyle, classroom environment, transportation – everything is different from what one is used to. So here are some frequently asked questions as well as ways to make your study journey to Ireland easy and complication-free.

## **Q. WILL I HAVE TO PAY TAXES?**

Ans. The student with a job will have to pay Income Tax and National Insurance if they earn over a certain amount.

## **Q. CAN I STUDY PART-TIME?**

Ans. Students from a non-EU country must complete a minimum of 15 hours of scheduled contact time per week to be eligible for a visa to study in Ireland.

## **Q) DO I NEED TO ATTEND THE VISA INTERVIEW PERSONALLY?**

Ans. No, only the documents should be sent to immigration. The student is not required to be physically present for the visa interview.

## **Q) DO I NEED MEDICAL INSURANCE?**

Ans. If the student is from within the EU they should apply for the European Health Card. If the student is a Non-EU student they must purchase travel insurance for the duration of your course in Ireland.



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