

Ireland

A guide for study abroad agents

OFFICIAL NAME: Republic of Ireland

GOVERNMENT: Constitutional Democracy

CAPITAL: Dublin

POPULATION: 4.9 million

MONEY: Euro

GDP: \$217.3 billion

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: English and Gaelic (Students do not need to learn Gaelic – everyday life, business and education is through English)

AREA: 68,890 square kilometers

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UK: Ireland is an island nation on the western edge of Europe. The Republic of Ireland occupies 80 percent of this island while 6 counties in the north part of the island are part of the United Kingdom. Ireland was once ruled by the UK but the Republic of Ireland is now a separate country which gained independence in 1922.

CLIMATE: Mild, humid with no temperature extremes. 40°F/5°C and 46°F/8°C in Winter and 60°F/15°C to 70°F/20°C in Summer



Flying times...

London – 60 minutes

Paris – 90 minutes

Dubai – 7 hours

Beijing – 13 hours

Kuala Lumpur – 15 hours

Jakarta – 16 hours

Connect through London, Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Helsinki

Why study in Ireland?



Safe & Welcoming



English Speaking



World Class Education
Standards



Excellent
Student Experience



Top Location for
Global Companies



Globally Celebrated Culture

Safe & Welcoming



Ireland is the 12th most peaceful country in the world (Source – Global Peace Index, 2020) (Australia = 13, United Kingdom = 42, USA = 121).

Ireland is 12th out of 40 countries for personal safety (Source – OECD, 2019) (Australia = 27th, New Zealand = 26th, UK = 11th).

People from over 170 countries call Ireland their home. Irish people are warm and friendly and will go out of their way to help and support those they meet.

Ireland is ranked 12th out of 40 countries for life satisfaction (Source – OECD, 2019) (UK = 18th).

We take care of those around us! Ireland is ranked 5th out of 40 countries for the quality of support networks.

English Speaking



We speak English in Ireland – Hello!

We are the only English speaking country in the European Union and in the Eurozone.

Ireland has its own native language called Gaelic (Irish) but students are not required to learn this. Everyday life, business and education is done in English.

World Class Education Standards



Ireland has a longstanding reputation for high-quality education. Today we have one of the best education systems in the world and an internationally renowned reputation for academic quality.

Ireland is ranked 13th in the world for education in the Legatum Rankings (2020).

Ireland's higher education system is consistently voted in the top ten worldwide.

Irish qualifications are quality assured by the Irish state agency Quality & Qualifications Ireland.

At 65% Ireland has one of the highest educational participation rates in the world.

Excellent Student Experience



Ireland has the youngest population in Europe, with one third of the population under 25 years of age and nearly half the population under the age of 34. This makes it a very fun place to study!

Dublin is a fantastic student city. Sport, shopping, culture, tourism, pubs, clubs, music, dance, art, beaches, mountains....Dublin is your campus.

Ireland offers discounts for students in shops, restaurants and other leisure venues meaning you can enjoy Ireland for less.

Ireland is a small country which makes it easy to explore. You can fly to London in 1 hour and most other European capital cities in 3 hours or less. Low cost flights are available with Ryanair and Aer Lingus.

Top Location for Global Companies



Ireland is the European hub to over 1,000 leading multinational companies.

Ireland is the fifth most attractive country globally for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

Proportionally Ireland has the 4th highest international workforce in Europe. Today, 16% of Ireland's workforce is international.

Ireland is home to over 900 software development companies and is the number one destination for US technology companies.

Over 430 Financial Services companies are operating from Ireland today, including 20 of the Top 25 Global Institutions.

Globally Celebrated Culture



Ireland is known globally when it comes to art, literature and music, science and technology. Innovation and creativity is at the core of our culture.

Irish music has influenced country, blue grass, folk, jazz and rock music in North America, Europe, Australia and beyond. Irish musicians such as U2, The Cranberries and Westlife are world famous.

Irish writers such as Oscar Wilde, Samuel Beckett and James Joyce have had a revolutionary impact on literature, influencing writers and artists in countries and cultures across the world.

St Patrick's Day, Ireland's national day takes place on 17 March and is celebrated around the world each year.

Our indigenous sports include hurling and Gaelic football.

Working in Ireland

Work Part Time During Your Studies

A study visa will allow students to work 20 hours per week during the semester and 40 hours per week in the semester breaks (1 month in winter and 3 months in summer).

The minimum wage is €10.20 per hour.

Part time jobs will typically be in shops, restaurants, hotels, call centers, care homes etc.

Graduate Work Visa

Completion of a Level 8 Honours Bachelor Degree = 1 year graduate work visa

Completion of a Level 9 Masters Degree = 2 year graduate work visa

Students are not required to show proof of employment when applying for their graduate work visa. The visa is not tied to any sector or salary level.

4 year visa (Stamp 1A) for Trainee Accountants available

Average graduate starting salary €30,409 per year (Source – Grad Ireland, 2019)

Finding employment in Ireland

Students will work with the Career's department of their college / university to prepare for their future career. Students will prepare a resume, practice interview skills and meet potential employers at career events and fairs.

Graduate jobs are advertised in many ways. One of the most popular websites is Grad Ireland - <https://gradireland.com/>

Students can also look for jobs through their college / university career portal or on job websites such as www.irishjobs.ie , www.jobs.ie and through LinkedIn.

Students may also approach their preferred companies with their resume to seek job opportunities.

International students are in demand in Ireland, particularly for jobs that require second languages.

Many students are successful in securing long term work visas through company visa sponsorship, in particular students who are skilled in IT or Finance.

Visas and Immigration

Ireland has a two step immigration process

Step 1 – Apply for a Long Stay Study visa (those that need an entry visa only)

Not all nationalities require an entry visa – please check here <http://inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/check-irish-visa>

You can check the full visa application process and the documents required here <http://inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Study>

Important – As part of the visa application, students must show evidence that they have access to at least €7,000. Students must also demonstrate that they or their sponsor have access to at least €7,000 for each subsequent year of study in addition to course fees for each of those years.

Step 2 – Register with the Immigration Authorities in Ireland (all students, regardless of entry visa requirement)

On arrival at Dublin Airport the passport will be stamped and students will have 90 days to register with the immigration authorities. Students need to re-register each year that they remain in Ireland. Students will be guided and supported through this process by the international offices of their college / university.

Cost of Living

The following should be used as a guide only. Total cost is largely dependent on the accommodation chosen and personal spending.

	On Campus	Off Campus
	<i>Euro</i>	<i>Euro</i>
Accommodation	9500	6000
Utility bills	(included in rent)	300
Food	1500	1500
Social Life / Leisure	900	900
Mobile Phone	200	200
Clothes, medical etc	450	480
Local transport	400	900
Travel and medical insurance	150	150
Total (for 12 months)	13,100	10,430

For comparison, University College London estimates student living costs for 12 months as €17,000 for on campus and €15,000 for off campus.

Focus On - Technology



Think tech, think Ireland. Ireland is considered the heart of ICT in Europe.

Ireland is home to over 900 software companies.

Ireland is home to the global top 5 software companies and 4 of the global top 5 IT services companies.

Ireland is the number one destination for US technology companies.

Ireland boasts many well-established Data Analytic centres, such as those established by Accenture, AON, SAS and SAP. It is also home to Insight, the largest publicly funded Data Analytics research centre in Europe.

5 of the top 10 worldwide security software companies are located in Ireland.

Ireland based companies focused in....

Cyber Security



Cloud Computing



Internet of Things



Fintech (Financial Technology)

Credit / Lending	Platforms	Funds & Trading	Crypto & Blockchain	FinOps	InsurTech	Accounting
accelerated payments. CREDITEXPO CreditLogic FIRST CIRCLE Flender :fund:it FUND SME FUTURE FINANCE GRID FINANCE invoicefair Linkedfinance LOANITT Iuna connect MortgageBrain ORCA PCS PeeledFinance PROPERTY CAPITAL FINANCE Simpler SUPPLY FINANCE treozeo yumba	Assured aspengrove Sentenial CleverCards CR2 leveris LoanGuru PeaceFinance UNITEK.AI	Cardinal Analytics fundcalcs CHASING RETURNS Fund Recs COALFACE HARBINGER TECHNOLOGIES Tagle Alpha Peraction EZOPS yeoUp FRS ZIGNALS	Bitcove.ie BitEx.ie Blockaviation consensys The Safe Chain nafasi TRADEX	antuar Payslip phonovation e-cfs Quaternion DODOsoft Finanalysis ROCKALL Global Shares	ClaimVantage Describe Data My Cyber Risks FINEOS PIPRATE CodeEast hublio RELAY software MAJESCO Ucompare.ie	ACCOUNTS IQ CASHANALYTICS surf accounts CASHBOOK TaxHug TheSaurusSoftware billfaster PaycheckPlus ezora Yendo
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Focus On - Finance



Ireland is a global centre for Financial Services, Technology and Innovation.

Over 430 Financial Services companies are operating from Ireland today, including 20 of the Top 25 Global Institutions.

Functions in Ireland include: corporate and wholesale banking, global transaction services, corporate and structured finance, treasury and cash management, trading, prime brokerage, securitisation, trade finance, foreign exchange and many others. In addition, many banks in Ireland have developed significant non-banking capabilities including insurance, asset/investment management and aviation financing.

17 of the Top 20 Global Banks are in Ireland including the Top 5 US & European Banks and 4 of the Top 5 Asian Banks.

Banks with established innovation labs in Ireland include Citigroup, Bank of America, Deutsche Bank, BNP Paribas, and J.P. Morgan.

Ireland is the global centre for aviation finance and aircraft leasing. More than half of the world's leased aircraft are now owned or managed in Ireland. An Irish-leased aircraft takes off every two seconds globally.

Examples of finance / banking companies located in Ireland



Established in Ireland in 1965
Employing 2,500+
Citigroup has had a presence in Ireland since 1965. In 2016 Ireland became the headquarters for Citibank Europe plc, Citi's single EU-passported bank, with operations in 23 countries. In Ireland, Citi operates a number of businesses including Markets and Securities Services, Corporate and Investment Banking, Treasury and Trade Solutions, Custody and Fund Services, and Citi Commercial Bank. Dublin is also home to one of Citi's global innovation labs.

J.P.Morgan

Established in Ireland in 1968
Employing 550+
Dublin is a key fund services hub, and is home to the Alternative Funds Servicing Centre at **J.P. Morgan** in Europe. Dublin is also the regional HQ for J.P. Morgan's Merchant Services business and treasury and payments services, which it provides to multinational clients. In addition, J.P. Morgan's Innovation Lab in Ireland supports its businesses and cybersecurity functions globally.

Deutsche Bank



Established in Ireland in 1989
Employing 550+
Dublin is home to The Hive, one of **Deutsche Bank's** Global Centres of Excellence for Data, which provides data analytics tools, services, AI, machine learning, and software products to the group worldwide. Dublin also acts as the EMEA hub for money transfer and customer service activities for Deutsche Bank's Corporate Bank division.

Bank of America.



Established in Ireland in 1968
Employing 900+
Bank of America is engaged in a range of regulated and non-regulated activities from Ireland, including Global Banking, Global Technology and Operations, Global Transaction Services, Corporate Treasury, Aircraft Leasing, Corporate and Investment Banking, and Research, Development & Innovation. Post-Brexit Dublin has also become the new EU HQ for Bank of America Merrill Lynch International.



Established in Ireland in 1978
Employing 300+
Barclays' EU headquarters is located in Ireland from which, through its 10 EU locations, it conducts a variety of wholesale banking services for corporate, financial and institutional clients, including merger and acquisition, equity and debt advice, risk management and financing. It also provides cash management and trade finance services, foreign exchange and other markets activities, wealth management, and payments and cards.



Letterkenny
Employing 1,500+
Pramerica's campus in Letterkenny provides a range of business and technology services to its parent company, Prudential Financial, Inc., including technology services such as software & quality engineering, technology architecture, security, infrastructure services and business services such as actuarial, data analytics and financial services.



Dublin, Shannon & Athlone
Employing 1,400+
AXA is one of the leading global insurers, operating in 61 countries and serving 105 million customers. AXA's Irish entities provide a wide array of services including, Motor, Property and Casualty, Specialty, Financial Lines, Reinsurance, Health, Asset Management and Life Insurance.



Dublin & Wexford
Employing 1,200+
Dublin is **Zurich's** European headquarters for writing non-life insurance business in Europe. Zurich Ireland operates across its locations in Dublin and Wexford offering products and services from Investments and Pensions to general insurance cover for personal and commercial customers. In addition Zurich Treasury Services and Zurich's global Technology and Cybersecurity hub are based in Dublin.



Waterford
Employing 550+
Sun Life Financial's technology and operations centre in Waterford fulfils a number of global functions including, Software Development, Data Analytics, Applications Development, Multilingual IT & Customer Support and Life Annuities Claims Processing.



Dublin & Galway
Employing 350+
Dublin serves as a hub for **MetLife's** insurance operations in Europe. In addition, MetLife's Regional Application Development Centre in Galway supports the Global Technology Operations Group of MetLife and contains a number of highly skilled technology and innovation functions.

Useful Resources

Education in Ireland brochure - <https://www.educationinireland.com/en/Publications/Education-in-Ireland-brochure-2019.pdf>

Studying in Ireland and Covid-19 - <https://www.educationinireland.com/en/Studying-and-COVID-19/>

Accommodation Advice for Dublin - <https://www.ncirl.ie/Students/International/Accommodation>

Graduate Careers in Ireland - <https://gradireland.com/>

Irish Council for International Students - <https://www.internationalstudents.ie/>

Ireland Visas & Immigration - <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Irish%20Visa%20Information>

Discover Ireland (Tourism) - <https://www.discoverireland.ie/>