



***IDEA***  
***Irish Diaspora Education Alliance***

*September 19, 2023*

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## *Agenda for September 19*

- Overview of IDEA
  - Background and Objectives
  - Irish University and College Options
  - Comparison of US and Ireland schools
  - Student Life in Ireland
- IDEA College Partnerships Overview:
  - Dublin City University - 5
  - University of Galway - 9
  - Queens University – Not specific to IDEA
- Q & A Session
- Next Steps
  - Application: Common App and University's Own Application
  - Increase Demand to Obtain additional IDEA Partnerships
  - Continue work with Department of Higher Education in Ireland

## *What's the idea behind IDEA?*

- IDEA committee established under the auspices of the Irish Diaspora Center
- Our Mission:
  - To assist diaspora students in gaining access to Irish universities in a more streamlined and equitable manner. This will strengthen the Irish-American long-term economic relationship.
- Our Goal:
  - To have a “Diaspora category” for US resident Irish citizens
  - A fee structure less than the current International fee
  - Application process and timeline aligned with USA’s College Common Application
  - Establish scholarships with participating universities and colleges on the island of Ireland
    - Already established with Dublin City University, University of Galway and Queen’s University, Belfast
  - Publicize this new fee structure among the Irish community to attract students to participating universities and colleges

*Ireland’s Diaspora Strategy 2020–2025 - “Reaching out to the next generation of the Irish diaspora will be an ongoing commitment in order to **build new diaspora connections**”*

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## List of Irish Universities and Colleges

Institution Name	City	Country	FAFSA Code*	Common App	529 Plans
American College, Dublin Limited (The)	Dublin 2	IRELAND	<a href="#">G40214</a>		Yes
Atlantic Technological University (ATU)	Donegal   Galway-Mayo   Sligo	IRELAND			
Dublin City University	Dublin 9	IRELAND	<a href="#">G26117</a>		Yes
Dundalk Institute of Technology	Dundalk	IRELAND			
Limerick Institute of Technology	Limerick	IRELAND	<a href="#">042610</a>	Yes	
Mary Immaculate College	Limerick	IRELAND	<a href="#">042412</a>	Yes	Yes
Munster Technological University	Cork   Kerry	IRELAND			Cork IT
National College of Art & Design (NCAD)	Dublin	IRELAND			
National University of Ireland, Galway	Galway	IRELAND	<a href="#">G12766</a>		Yes
National University of Ireland, Maynooth	Maynooth	IRELAND	<a href="#">G10797</a>	Yes	Yes
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	Dublin	IRELAND	<a href="#">G07705</a>		Yes
Shannon College of Hotel Management	Shannon	IRELAND			
South East Technological University	Waterford, Carlow, Wexford, Wicklow and Kilkenny	IRELAND			
Technological University Dublin	Dublin	IRELAND			
Technological University of the Shannon - Midlands Midwest	Athlone   Tralee	IRELAND			
University College Cork	Cork	IRELAND	<a href="#">G06704</a>		Yes
University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin	Dublin 4	IRELAND	<a href="#">G10188</a>	Yes	Yes
University of Dublin Trinity College	Dublin 2	IRELAND	<a href="#">G06842</a>		Yes
University of Limerick	Castletroy	IRELAND	<a href="#">G30843</a>	Yes	Yes
Queen's University of Belfast (The)	Belfast	NORTHERN IRELAND	<a href="#">G22736</a>		
University of Ulster	Coleraine	NORTHERN IRELAND	<a href="#">G25880</a>		Yes

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## *Compare US and Irish Universities*

### Main Topics we hear from parents:

- Timing: Application cycle and acceptance
- Cost: Price Points for tuition, accommodation and meal plans
  - International Fees for majority of US residents
- Entrance Requirements: SAT and ACT Accepted with HS Diploma
- Qualification: What UG degrees transfer to US
- Scholarships: Limited Availability in Ireland
- Admissions Process: Student Set-up and FASFA Process
- Healthcare: What coverage is available for students?

## *Our Ask – Long Term Goal*

Establish a special IDEA category between International and EU where Irish government with support:

- Fee is international rate with a 25% Scholarship [Subsidized by government]
- Timing – Offer must be made before May 1
- Accommodation – Guaranteed on campus each year
- Process – Keep all IDEA students out of CAO/Leaving Cert process



# ***Dublin City University Scholarship***

*Five students, selected by the DCU admissions team, will obtain between 15-20% reduction on tuition for the duration of their program depending on their GPA.*



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# ***University of Galway Scholarship***

***Nine students, selected by the University of Galway admissions team, will obtain 15% reduction on tuition for the duration of their program depending on their GPA.***



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# ***Queens University Belfast Scholarship***

*Refer to [website](#) for more , but four awards of £5,000 towards tuition fees for the first year of undergraduate study*



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# *Next Steps*

