

September 19, 2023



#### 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 <u>less than the current International fee</u>
  - 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 <u>Dublin City University</u>, <u>University of Galway and Queen's University</u>, <u>Belfast</u>
  - Publicize this new fee structure among the Irish community to attract students to participating universities and colleges

<u>Ireland's Diaspora Strategy 2020–2025</u> - "Reaching out to the next generation of the Irish diaspora will be an ongoing commitment in order to **build new diaspora connections**"



#### **List of Irish Universities and Colleges**

Institution Name	City	Country	FAFSA Code*	Common App	529 Plans
American College, Dublin Limited (The)	Dublin 2	IRELAND	G40214		Yes
Atlantic Technological University (ATU)	Donegal Galway-Mayo Sligo	IRELAND			
Dublin City University	Dublin 9	IRELAND	<u>G26117</u>		Yes
Dundalk Institute ot Technology	Dundalk	IRELAND			
Limerick Institute of Technology	Limerick	IRELAND	<u>042610</u>	Yes	
Mary Immaculate College	Limerick	IRELAND	042412	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	<u>G12766</u>		Yes
National University of Ireland, Maynooth	Maynooth	IRELAND	<u>G10797</u>	Yes	Yes
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	Dublin	IRELAND	<u>G07705</u>		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	<u>G06704</u>		Yes
University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin	Dublin 4	IRELAND	<u>G10188</u>	Yes	Yes
University of Dublin Trinity College	Dublin 2	IRELAND	G06842		Yes
University of Limerick	Castletroy	IRELAND	<u>G30843</u>	Yes	Yes
Queen's University of Belfast (The)	Belfast	NORTHERN IRELAND	<u>G22736</u>		
University of Ulster	Coleraine	NORTHERN IRELAND	<u>G25880</u>		Yes

\*As of February 2023



#### **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, <u>selected by the DCU admissions team</u>, will obtain between 15-20% reduction on tuition for the duration of their program depending on their GPA.



### University of Galway Scholarship

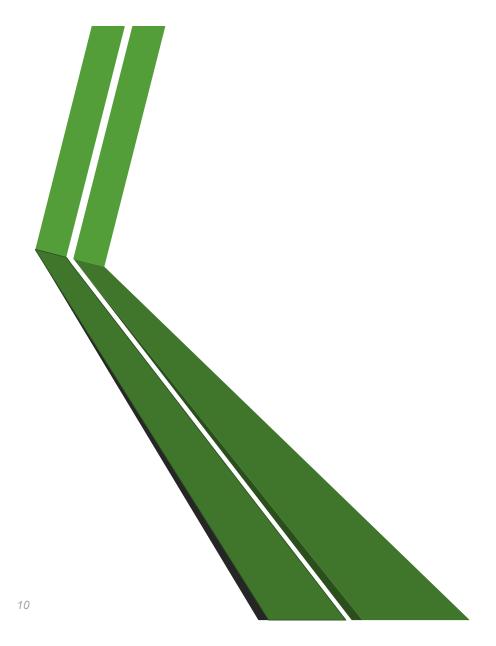
Nine students, selected by the University of Galway admissions team, will obtain 15% reduction on tuition for the duration of their program depending on their GPA.





Refer to <u>website</u> for more , but four awards of £5,000 towards tuition fees for the first year of undergraduate study





## Next Steps

