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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:
  - 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 and University of Galway**
  - Publicize this new fee structure among the Irish Diaspora community and beyond to attract students to Irish universities
  - Long term goal is to have a "Diaspora category" for US resident Irish citizens

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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How to Research and Compare US to Irish University Experience

Research via University International Student Office

- 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 Undergraduate degrees transfer to US?
- Scholarships: Limited availability and amount in Ireland
- Admissions Process: Direct enrollment and FASFA process
- Healthcare: What coverage is available for students?
- Accommodation: What is availability for on campus for 4 years?

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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	G40214		Yes
Atlantic Technological University (ATU)	Donegal|Galway-Mayo|Sligo	IRELAND			
Dublin City University	Dublin 9	IRELAND	G26117	Yes	Yes
Dundalk Institute ot Technology	Dundalk	IRELAND			
Limerick Institute of Technology	Limerick	IRELAND	042610		
Mary Immaculate College	Limerick	IRELAND	042412	Yes	Yes
Munster Technological University	Cork | Kerry	IRELAND			
National College of Art & Design (NCAD)	Dublin	IRELAND			
National University of Ireland, Galway	Galway	IRELAND	G12766		Yes
National University of Ireland, Maynooth	Maynooth	IRELAND	G10797		Yes
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	Dublin	IRELAND	G07705		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	G06704		Yes
University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin	Dublin 4	IRELAND	G10188	Yes	Yes
University of Dublin Trinity College	Dublin 2	IRELAND	G06842		Yes
University of Limerick	Castletroy	IRELAND	G30843	Yes	Yes
Queen's University of Belfast (The)	Belfast	NORTHERN IRELAND	G22736		Yes
University of Ulster	Coleraine	NORTHERN IRELAND	G25880		Yes

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Map of Irish Universities and Colleges

Universities

- Atlantic Technological University Sligo
- ATU Galway Campus
- Atlantic Technological University - Donegal L...
- Dublin City University
- Maynooth University
- Munster Technological University
- MTU Kerry (North Campus)
- MTU Kerry (South Campus)
- University of Galway
- Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
- South East Technological University | Waterf...
- South East Technological University | Carlow
- Trinity College Dublin
- Technological University Dublin
- TU Dublin, Blanchardstown Campus
- TU Dublin
- Technological University of the Shannon: Mi...
- Technological University of the Shannon
- University College Cork
- University College Dublin
- University of Limerick



Source: Education in Ireland

Colleges

- Mary Immaculate College
- National College of Art and Design
- Shannon College of Hotel Management

Institutes of Technology

- Dundalk Institute of Technology
- Dun Laoghaire Institute Of Art Design + Tech...

Private Higher Education Institutions

- CCT College Dublin
- Dublin Business School
- Griffith College
- Dorset College - Main Campus
- ICD Business School
- Independent College Dublin
- National College of Ireland
- American College Dublin

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Irish Colleges compared to Global Ranking

- The 2024 QS World University ranking is the kindest to Irish Institutions
- 87 - Trinity College Dublin (TCD) ranks highest among Irish Institutions
- 126 - University College Dublin (UCD) is only other Irish Institutions that ranks within the top 150
- The Times and U.S. News do not rank any Irish Institution in their top 100, with only TCD ranked in the Times Top 200
- The 2024 QS World University has
  - 27 UK in Top 200 [Queens Belfast = 206; U Ulster = 559]
  - 37 US in Top 200

2025	2024	Institution Name	Country	Overall Score	Times UK 2024	US News 2024 [Europe]
1	1	Mass Institute of Technology (MIT)	USA	100	3	2
3	3	University of Oxford	England	96.9	1	4 [1]
9	9	UCL (University College London)	England	91.6	22	7
7	7	ETH Zurich - Swiss Federal IT	Switzerland	93.9	11	33= [5=]
11	12`	University of Pennsylvania	USA	90.3	16	14
24	24	Université PSL	France	84.1	40	112 [36]
27	22	The University of Edinburgh	Scotland	83.3	30=	38 [8]
28	37	Technical University of Munich	Germany	83.2	30=	82= [5]
55	53	University of Amsterdam	Netherlands	73.7	61	33= [5=]
87	81	Trinity College Dublin (TCD)	Ireland	62.9	134	206=
89	83	Pennsylvania State University	USA	61.7	122	96
126	171	University College Dublin (UCD)	Ireland	55.0	201-250	253=
130	118	University of California, Davis	USA	54.4	59	89=
208	151	Ohio State University	USA	45.6	99=	61=
273	289	University of Galway	Ireland	38.3	301-350	555
273	292	University College Cork (UCC)	Ireland	38.3	301-350	412=
316	304	University of Notre Dame	USA	34.7	199=	1,674=
328	299	Rutgers University–New Brunswick	USA	33.8	201-250	631=
421	426	Dublin City University (DCU)	Ireland	28.3	401-500	861=
421	426	University of Limerick (UL)	Ireland	28.3	501-600	814
631-640	631-640	Boston College	USA	-	251-300	534=
681-690	721-730	Temple University	USA	-	351-400	335=
721-730	601-610	Drexel University	USA	-	301-350	428=
801-850	801-850	Maynooth University	Ireland	-	301-350	1,114=
851-900	851-900	Technological University (TU) Dublin	Ireland	-	801-1000	NA

Sources: *QS World University Rankings 2025; Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024; and U.S. News Best Global Universities 2024-25*

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Where do typical Irish Community School District Students go after High School?

Type	Count	Percent	Examples
4 Yr PA Public	537	21.4%	Temple, PITT, Penn State, Lincoln
4 Yr OOS	513	20.4%	Boston University, Harvard, Clemson, Delaware
4 Yr PA Private	496	19.7%	Arcadia, Neumann, Jefferson
PA Community	408	16.2%	DCCC, MCCC, Bucks County CC, Philadelphia CC
Pa State	330	13.1%	West Chester, East Stroudsburg, Bloomsburg, IUP
Other Non-School	165	6.6%	Work, Military
Other School	63	2.5%	Post Secondary, 2 Yr Priv, 2 Yr OOS – **International?**
Grand Total	**2,512**	**100%**	

- 5-year students survey on post High School selections

Source: Delaware County School District Sample Survey Between 2015-2020

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Overview of Current Student Categories for Irish Universities

	Non-EU Fee [USA]	EU Fee	Irish Resident Fees
Criteria	Do not qualify for EU or Free Fees	Qualify based on specific criteria	Qualify via strict Irish residency requirements
Application Platform	Common App /Direct with ACT/SAT results	Central Application Office (CAO)	
Acceptance Timeline	Conditional between March and June	August/September	
On-campus Accommodation	Guaranteed* for Year 1 at some institutes	Lottery	
Standard Tuition Fees	Approx. $15,000 - $25,000	Approx. $7,000 - $12,000	Approx. $4,300 (€3,600)
Accommodation Fee	Range from Approx. $5,000 - $12,000		

** Accommodation constraints have made on-campus accommodation more difficult to guarantee*

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