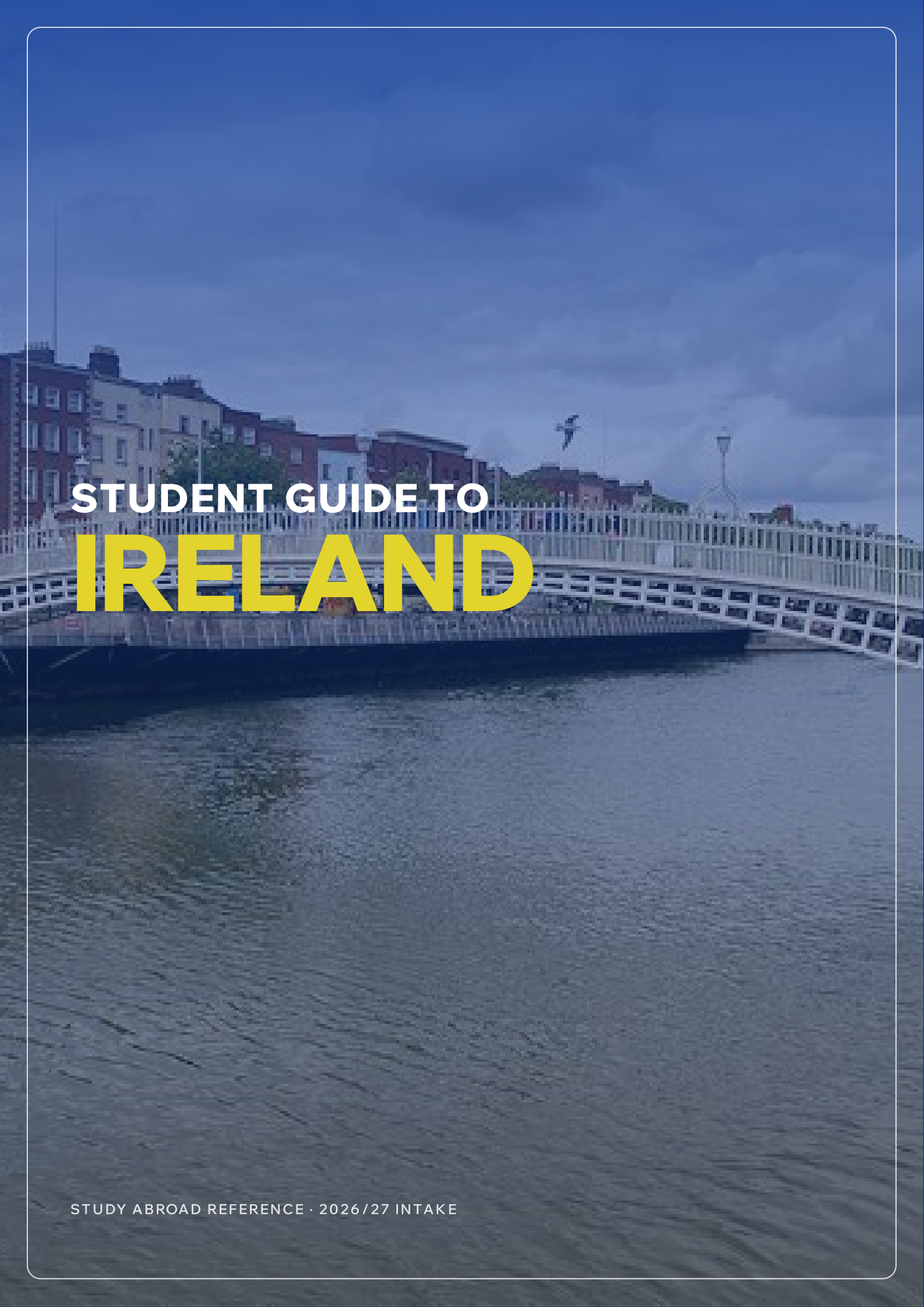


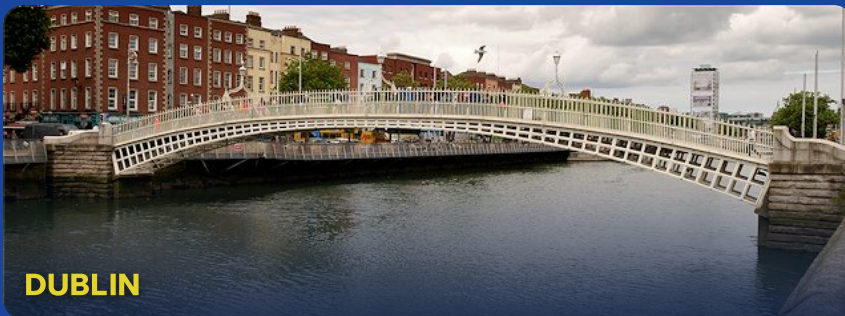


STUDENT GUIDE TO **IRELAND**

STUDY ABROAD REFERENCE · 2026/27 INTAKE

ABOUT IRELAND

- Ireland is an **English-speaking** country in the European Union, with **Dublin** as the capital.
- Home to around **5.3 million people** and the European base of many **global tech and pharma** companies.
- Famous for **1-year master's** degrees and a friendly, safe study environment.
- **English** is the language of instruction throughout.
- The **Euro (€)** is the official currency.
- Some of the most popular student cities:



INDIA TO IRELAND

CURRENCY

Euro (€) · 1 EUR ≈ ₹100 (indicative)

Delhi	≈ 10h 30m	Ireland
Mumbai	≈ 11h 00m	Ireland
Bengaluru	≈ 12h 00m	Ireland
Chennai	≈ 12h 15m	Ireland
Hyderabad	≈ 11h 30m	Ireland



FACTS

- Capital: **Dublin**
- Flight distance: ~8,000 km
- Time zone: **GMT (UTC+0)**
- Tuition: €9,850–35,000 / yr
- Proof of funds: ~€10,000 / yr
- Main intakes: **Sep · Jan**

Non-EU students always pay full tuition. Figures indicative — verify per intake.

WHY STUDY IN IRELAND?



1-year master's — faster to graduate and start work.



European HQ of many global tech and pharma firms.



2-year stay-back for master's graduates.



English-taught with strong graduate outcomes.



Ireland blends **globally recognised degrees** with a **clear graduate work pathway** inside the EU.

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS

- Ireland has a compact, high-quality higher-education system.
- They fall into three broad groups:



UNIVERSITIES

Research-led institutions across all major disciplines.



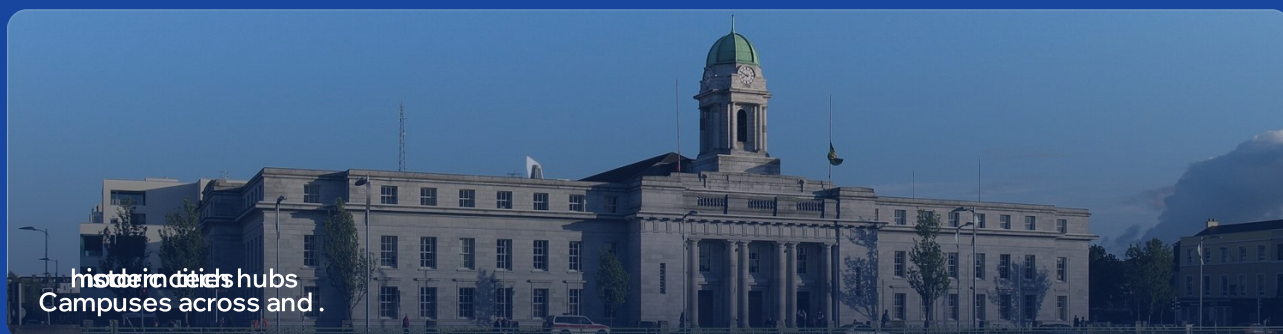
TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITIES

Career-focused, applied and industry-linked.



COLLEGES & INSTITUTES

Business, art and specialist providers.



historical hubs
Campuses across and .

TOP UNIVERSITIES

- Ireland hosts several **globally recognised** universities.
- Admission is **merit-based** and competitive.

Trinity College Dublin

DUBLIN

Ireland's oldest and highest-ranked university.

University College Dublin

DUBLIN

Broad research strength and large international community.

University of Galway

GALWAY

Sciences, medicine and the humanities.

University College Cork

CORK

Research-intensive with strong industry links.

Dublin City University

DUBLIN

Business, computing and communications.

University of Limerick

LIMERICK

Known for co-operative education placements.

Indicative selection — confirm each programme's entry requirements and intake before applying.

POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY

- Ireland is strong in fields that lead to **high-demand global careers**.



TECHNOLOGY & IT

Data science, software and cyber-security.



PHARMA & BIOTECH

A European hub for pharmaceuticals.



BUSINESS & FINANCE

International business and analytics.



DATA SCIENCE & AI

Fast-growing analytics and AI courses.



ENGINEERING

Mechanical, electronic and biomedical.



MEDICINE & HEALTH

Medicine, nursing and health sciences.

TUITION & COSTS

- Non-EU students pay full tuition, but a **1-year master's** keeps overall costs competitive.

Undergraduate tuition
non-EU, per year

€9,850–25,000

Postgraduate taught
per year

€10,000–35,000

Medicine & specialist
per year

higher, varies

Student contribution
where applicable

included

Proof of funds for visa

~€10,000 / yr



Many universities offer **merit scholarships** that reduce tuition for strong applicants.

COST OF LIVING

- Students typically need around **€1,000–1,300 per month**; Dublin is the costliest.

Accommodation student housing or shared flat	€600–900
Food & groceries	€250–300
Transport student Leap card	€60–100
Health & insurance	~€30
Phone, internet & leisure	€120–180
Estimated monthly total	~€1,000

Figures indicative for 2026 — costs vary between the capital and smaller cities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING

- Government and university scholarships help offset tuition for strong candidates.

Government of Ireland IES

MERIT

Awards for high-achieving non-EU students.

University Scholarships

INSTITUTIONAL

Merit and country-specific tuition awards.

Erasmus+

EU MOBILITY

Grants for eligible study periods.

Faculty Awards

DEPARTMENTAL

Programme-specific scholarships and bursaries.

Eligibility, deadlines and amounts change each cycle — confirm on the official scholarship pages.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BACHELOR'S

- **12 years** of schooling with a strong Class 12 record.
- **IELTS 6.0–6.5** / TOEFL or equivalent.
- Subject prerequisites for some courses.
- Apply through the CAO or directly for some programmes.

MASTER'S

- A recognised **bachelor's degree** in a relevant field.
- **IELTS 6.5** (no band below 6.0).
- Statement of purpose and references.
- Portfolio or interview for some programmes.

INTAKES

- **September** — main intake · apply from the previous autumn
- **January** — second intake at many universities
- **Rolling** — some courses accept applications year-round

STUDENT VISA & FUNDS

1

OFFER & FEES

Accept your offer and pay the required tuition deposit.

2

PROOF OF FUNDS

Show around €10,000 to cover living costs.

3

HEALTH INSURANCE

Arrange private medical insurance for your stay.

4

APPLY ONLINE

Complete the Irish student (Study) visa application.

5

SUBMIT TO VFS

Provide documents and biometrics at a VFS centre.

6

REGISTER (IRP)

Register for an Irish Residence Permit after arrival.

WORK & POST-STUDY

- Students may work **20 hours a week** in term time and **40 hours** during holidays.

Third Level Graduate Scheme

1-2 YEARS

Stay to seek work — 12 months (Level 8), 24 months (Level 9/10).

Critical Skills Permit

SKILLED ROUTE

Fast-track work permit for in-demand roles.

EU Access

MOBILITY

An Irish degree is recognised across the EU.

In-Demand Sectors

GROWTH AREAS

Technology, pharma, finance and medtech.

HOW TO APPLY

1

SHORTLIST

Choose universities and programmes that fit your profile.

2

PREPARE DOCUMENTS

Transcripts, IELTS, statement of purpose and references.

3

APPLY

Submit via CAO (undergraduate) or directly (postgraduate).

4

OFFER & DEPOSIT

Accept your offer and pay the tuition deposit.

5

VISA

Apply for your student visa with proof of funds.

6

DEPARTURE

Arrange accommodation and prepare to travel.



Your Ireland study journey — one step at a time.