



Trinity College Dublin

Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath

The University of Dublin



# STUDY **ABROAD**

AT **TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN** THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN

# THINK TRINITY

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin is located in the heart of Dublin, Ireland's vibrant capital city. Founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I, Trinity has a tradition of scholarship spanning more than four centuries, and is home to talented and inquiring minds, a liberal education, and research conducted at the frontiers of disciplines. Trinity's historic campus in the middle of Dublin has attracted visitors from all over the world to see our world-renowned Long Room Library, our medieval manuscript called the Book of Kells, and our beautiful campanile and Georgian squares. If you are looking for an engaging, interesting and stimulating experience at a welcoming, world-class university, Trinity is for you!

Trinity has a long history of welcoming study abroad students from all over the world. Whether you are interested in coming for a semester or full year, read on to find out more about why you should make Trinity your home away from home.

## Why Trinity?

Ireland's  
top  
university

World class  
education

City centre  
location

Dublin is the  
top 10 city in  
the world  
(Lonely Planet, 2022)

Mix & match  
from classes  
across TCD

Supportive  
community  
and enjoyable  
experience

Support  
throughout  
your time  
abroad

Safe & fun  
destination

Connect with  
TCD global  
alumni  
network



# DISCOVER DUBLIN

**Discover how one of the world's great cities is home to one of the world's great universities.**

Located in the heart of Dublin's city centre, Trinity's 47-acre main campus sits at the very middle of everything the city has to offer.

Blending a high-energy, multinational professional culture with traditional Irish warmth and hospitality, Dublin has sprawling parks, historic sites, museums, galleries, cosy cafés and quirky restaurants for the daytime, with classic pubs, fashion clubs, music gigs and theatre by night. Dublin is not just a vibrant capital city, it is an international centre of excellence for business, culture and the arts.

Trains and buses are just outside Trinity's front gate, so it is easy to explore the rest of the country, which is world-famous for its friendly citizens, warm welcomes and rich heritage in music, literature and art.



## Why Dublin?

- **Social:** Museums, galleries, theatre, art, music festivals, sport. There are so many ways to get involved in Dublin's great social scene.
- **Friendly:** Dublin is a young, friendly capital city.
- **Language:** English-speaking European city.
- **Safe:** Ireland is one of the safest study abroad destinations, ranked 8<sup>th</sup> most peaceful country in the world (*Global Peace Index 2021*).
- **Beauty:** Explore Dublin's beautiful mountains to the south and bay to the east, take a train or a bus to explore gorgeous Irish coasts, towns and heritage sites all over the country.
- **City Life:** Voted one of the best student cities in the world (QS).
- **Tech:** Hub of global innovation and technology.
- **Culture:** UNESCO city of literature.
- **Events:** Theatre, festivals, music, cultural events, markets and more.
- **Historic:** Dublin is more than a thousand years old and there is ancient and modern history to discover all over the city.



# STUDYING AT TRINITY

## When to Study Abroad

Trinity welcomes study abroad students for a semester or year. Students are welcomed to attend for the Autumn semester only, Spring semester only, or for the full academic year.

Semester	Dates
Autumn Semester (Michaelmas Term)	End of August through mid-December
Spring Semester (Hilary Term)	Mid-January through beginning of May
Academic Year (Autumn and Spring Semesters)	End of August through beginning of May

## Semester Start-Up Programme

The Semester Start-Up Programme (SSP) is an optional pre-orientation programme that offers an immersive orientation to Trinity, Dublin and Ireland. It is an optional addition for semester or year study abroad students that includes lectures on Irish History and Culture and excursions. In the Autumn semester it runs for three weeks and is worth 5 ECTS, providing extra credit prior to the start of the term. In the Spring semester it is one week in duration and not credit-bearing. Students interested in the programme can enrol by clicking the SSP box on the study abroad application. More information on the programme can be found here: [www.histories-humanities.tcd.ie/visiting/understandingireland/semester-start-up.php](http://www.histories-humanities.tcd.ie/visiting/understandingireland/semester-start-up.php)

## What Can I Study at Trinity:

Study abroad students at Trinity are able to enrol in classes (known as 'modules') from across Trinity's three faculties. Students can apply to up to six schools and departments from the following list:

### Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Biochemistry and Immunology  
Biology  
Botany  
Environmental Sciences  
Plant Sciences  
Chemistry  
Computer Science and Statistics  
Engineering: General Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, \*Civil Engineering, \*Electronic Engineering, Biomedical Engineering  
General Science  
Genetics  
Geography  
Geology  
Mathematics  
Microbiology  
Physics: Astrophysics, General Physics, Theoretical Physics  
Zoology

### Faculty of Health Sciences

Nursing and Midwifery

*(Please note that while Trinity welcomes pre-med study abroad students, study abroad students cannot enrol in modules in the School of Medicine)*

### Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Business  
Classics  
\*Drama  
\*Economics  
Education  
\*English  
European Studies  
\*Film  
French  
Germanic Studies  
Hispanic Studies  
\*History  
History of Art and Architecture  
Irish and Celtic Languages  
Italian  
\*Law  
Linguistic, Speech and Communications Science  
Music  
Near and Middle Eastern Studies  
\*Philosophy  
\*Political Science  
\*Psychology  
Religions, Theology and Ecumenics  
Russian and Slavonic Studies  
Social Work and Social Policy  
Sociology

*\*Schools and Departments noted with an asterisk (\*) have limited capacity, so early applications are recommended.*



# STUDYING AT TRINITY

## Selecting Areas of Study and Modules

Information on what modules are available can be found in the Module Directory, located at this link under the 'Module Directory' drop-down: [www.tcd.ie/students/orientation/visiting-exchange/module-enrolment.php](http://www.tcd.ie/students/orientation/visiting-exchange/module-enrolment.php). Students should peruse the Module Directory prior to starting their application so they have an idea of what modules are available in each of the Schools and Departments and can specify if any modules are crucial to their study abroad at Trinity, pending availability and offering. Note that students with interdisciplinary areas of study will likely need to combine modules from different Schools and Departments. Please note that module syllabi are not available prior to module enrolment, which takes place after arrival to Ireland. For examples of modules available to study abroad students, and for general outlines please see the [Module Directory](#).

## Academic Support

Trinity provides its study abroad students with an orientation programme which helps to prepare students for their time abroad. Trinity also offers a number of academic supports across the College to assist students: [Office of Student Learning and Development](#) (advising, workshops, programmes), [English for Academic Purposes \(EAP\)](#) (workshops, programmes), and academic advocacy through the Senior Tutor's Office.

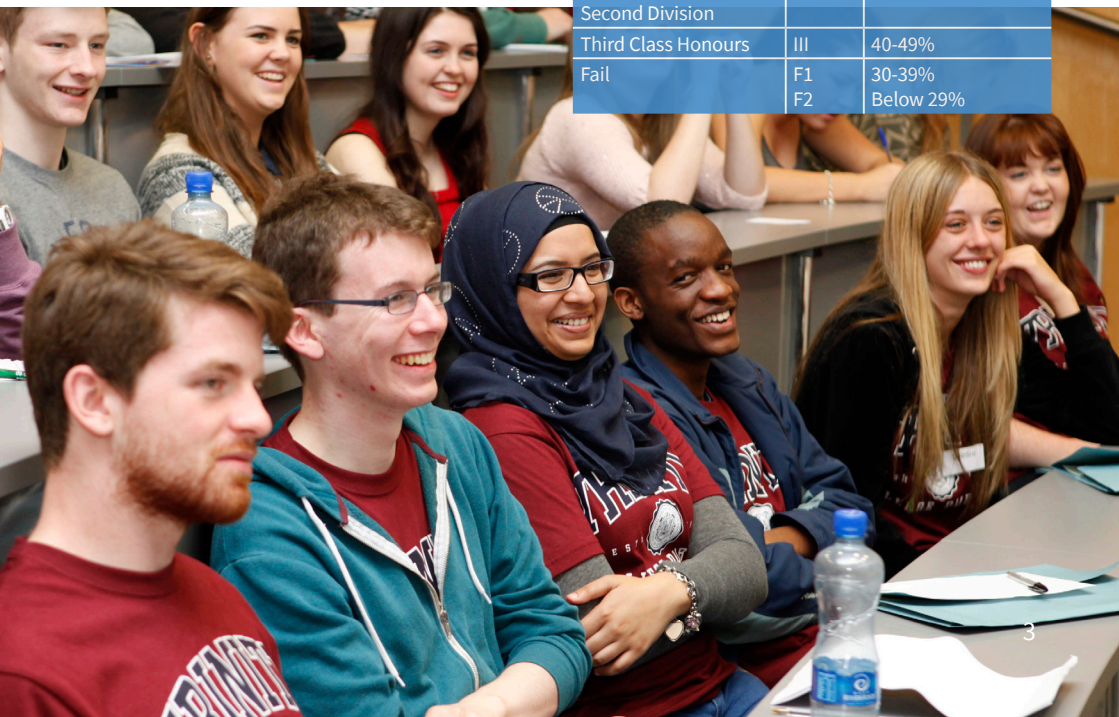
## Credit

Students take 30 ECTS per semester at Trinity. ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) is a credit weighting, so the number of modules (classes) a student takes at Trinity varies on the credit values for each of their modules, which usually have a 5, 10 or 15 ECTS value. Students must take a minimum of 20 ECTS in a semester and 45 ECTS for the academic year. Make sure to check in with your home university or programme provider for credit load requirements.

## Marking

The following marking scheme applies in Trinity. Please note that marks can vary among Faculties at Trinity, and it is important to recognise that the grades may be very different from those at your home institution. While First Class Honours may be common in your home university, please note that marks over 70 are very rare at Trinity. Make sure to discuss credit transfer and grade conversion with your home institution prior to studying abroad.

Degree Classification	Grade	Percentage Range
First Class Honours	I	70-100%
Second Class Honours First Division	II.1	60-69%
Second Class Honours Second Division	II.2	50-59%
Third Class Honours	III	40-49%
Fail	F1 F2	30-39% Below 29%



# APPLYING TO STUDY ABROAD AT TRINITY

## Eligibility Requirements

Students must be currently registered at a university in good standing. A minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (or equivalent) of 3.1 is required. If English is not your first language, you will also need to submit proof of English language proficiency. Details and minimum required scores can be found here: [www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admission-requirements/undergraduate/index.php](http://www.tcd.ie/study/apply/admission-requirements/undergraduate/index.php).

Please note the following special eligibility requirements for certain areas of study: Students applying to Economics, Education, Philosophy, Political Science and Sociology must be majoring in the relevant area in their home university in order to be considered for admission to the corresponding area of study at Trinity. Please note that Political Science requires a 3.3 GPA equivalent for admissions, and Economics and Philosophy require a 3.5 GPA equivalent.

## How to Apply

Apply to Trinity by clicking the relevant semester at this link: [www.tcd.ie/study/study-abroad/inbound/apply/sa-exchange/index.php](http://www.tcd.ie/study/study-abroad/inbound/apply/sa-exchange/index.php). Make sure to complete the online form and provide an official transcript and signed letter of recommendation.

The Application Instruction Guide can also be located at the same link. When you apply, make sure to specify all of the Schools and Departments you plan to take modules in. Your application will be evaluated for admission to each area of study specified on your application. See Studying at Trinity pages for lists of Schools Departments available and the Module Directory link which includes the most up to date information about current Trinity modules open to study abroad students.

Note: Please make sure to apply to Trinity using your home university email address.

## Tuition Fees

Fees for Study Abroad students can be found on the Academic Registry website. Study Abroad students can find fees listed on the Undergraduate Non-EU Student Fees PDF under the Visiting/Erasmus (Undergraduate) section. [www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/fees-and-payments). Please note that total cost of attendance will vary based on your home university policies, programme and/or provider.

## Other Fees

Accommodation is charged separately from tuition, and costs approximately €1,000 per month for modern student residences located in the heart of Dublin city centre. See Life at Trinity section for more information. Visas are also a separate cost, and all students must register with immigration after arrival, which costs €300.

## Scholarships

Trinity offers scholarships for study abroad students. Please see Study Abroad Excellence Scholarships link here: [www.tcd.ie/study/international/scholarships/Undergraduate/index.php](http://www.tcd.ie/study/international/scholarships/Undergraduate/index.php)

## Programme Providers

If you are studying abroad through a provider, please consult them directly for application deadlines and instructions, programme information and costs. Providers include:

- Academic Programs International:  
[www.apistudyabroad.com](http://www.apistudyabroad.com)
- Arcadia University, The College of Global Studies:  
[www.arcadia.edu](http://www.arcadia.edu)
- CIEE:  
[www.ciee.org](http://www.ciee.org)
- Foundation for International Education:  
[www.fie.org.uk](http://www.fie.org.uk)
- IES Abroad:  
[www.iesabroad.org](http://www.iesabroad.org)
- Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University:  
[www.ifsa-butler.org](http://www.ifsa-butler.org)
- International Studies Abroad:  
[www.studiesabroad.com](http://www.studiesabroad.com)

## Application Deadlines

	Autumn Semester (Michaelmas Term) and Full Year Study	Spring Semester (Hilary Term) Study
<b>Applications Open</b>	1 January	1 August
<b>Applications Close</b>	15 April	15 October

Please note that early application is recommended as demand for places is high and applications are evaluated on a rolling basis. Students should also reach out to their home university by their deadlines for the requisite approvals and paperwork.



# LIFE AT TRINITY

**At Trinity, education is not confined to the classroom. Trinity is known for its vibrant student life on campus, and our location in the heart of Dublin city makes it easy to get involved in city life as well. A warm Trinity welcome awaits all our students – with over 200 clubs, societies and sports groups there are countless ways to get involved in life at Trinity and meet your fellow students.**

## Student Societies

At Trinity, Clubs and Societies are the best way to meet students with similar interests and get involved in student life. Trinity's extracurricular life features over 200 societies, sports clubs and publications, including 'The Phil' and 'the Hist' – the oldest debating societies in the world who bring in heads of state, celebrities and artists for fascinating discussions! The International Student Society is also another popular choice for study abroad students as they lead weekend trips all over Ireland – a great way to see the country inexpensively and make friends! For a full list see: [www.trinitysocieties.ie](http://www.trinitysocieties.ie).

## Sports

On-campus sports facilities include a state-of-the-art Sports Centre, fitness classes, a fitness theatre, a 25m swimming pool, a climbing wall, cycling studios, multiple playing pitches, boat house, and more. Every student receives automatic access to our Sports Centre. Sports Clubs are also a popular option for staying active, and serves as a great way to continue involvement in sport while abroad. [www.tcd.ie/Sport/facilities/sports-centre](http://www.tcd.ie/Sport/facilities/sports-centre).

## Events

There are always events on at Trinity – from research symposia to conferences, movie nights in the Global Room to social events across campus like the Trinity Ball and more, there's always something to do and a way to get involved. [www.tcd.ie/news\\_events/events](http://www.tcd.ie/news_events/events).

## Trinity Global Room

The Trinity Global Room is a unique social and event space for international students at Trinity. The Global Room, acting as a platform to celebrate cultural diversity within Trinity, is a space where students and staff can relax, converse and learn about different customs and cultures. It offers over 300 international television channels, access to advice from peers about navigating Dublin and Trinity, and a full calendar of internationally themed events. [www.tcd.ie/study/international/student-experience/global-room.php](http://www.tcd.ie/study/international/student-experience/global-room.php).

## Accommodation in Dublin City Centre

In 2022-23, Trinity will have a portfolio of accommodation at Trinity and through referral agreements with 3rd party private student accommodation providers. Accommodation types will vary depending on the site/location but will be modern student accommodation ideal for study abroad students. These locations provide top of the range student accommodation in Dublin city within walking and short commuting distance of Trinity. Further information on accommodation options are sent to all applicants after each application deadline from [study.abroad@tcd.ie](mailto:study.abroad@tcd.ie).

## Volunteering

Trinity prides itself on giving back to Dublin city and has numerous volunteering opportunities for students to get involved in. Comprised of ten different campus groups, Trinity Volunteering is an umbrella student initiative that run volunteering events on campus and in Dublin city. Volunteering is an excellent way to get involved in local communities, make connections and give back. [www.tcd.ie/Community/students/volunteering/campus/forum.php](http://www.tcd.ie/Community/students/volunteering/campus/forum.php).

## Working in Ireland

Non-EU study abroad students who are studying at Trinity for a full academic year are eligible to work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week during term and up to 40 hours per week during University holidays. Single semester study abroad students are not permitted to work in Ireland.





# SUPPORT AT TRINITY

## Study Abroad Team

The Study Abroad Team is your primary point of contact throughout your study abroad experience. We advise on queries, provide pre-arrival information and detailed orientation information, organise events on campus for study abroad students, and are a source of support and advice throughout your study abroad experience and beyond. For questions on studying abroad at Trinity, please contact [study.abroad@tcd.ie](mailto:study.abroad@tcd.ie)

## S2S Mentor

Every Trinity student is assigned a Student-to-Student (S2S) mentor who keeps in regular contact throughout the semester. As fellow students, they can give advice on relevant modules to take, how to make the most out of your time in college, and listen to any concerns you may have. They will give you your campus tour during Orientation, and will be in touch throughout your time on campus. You can reach out to them with any questions you may have about your academic or social life at Trinity. [www.tcd.ie/Student\\_Counselling/student2student](http://www.tcd.ie/Student_Counselling/student2student).

## Global Room and Global Room Ambassadors

The Global Room's staff and its Student Ambassadors are always on-hand to answer many practical day-to-day questions about being an international student at Trinity. From its popular events like American Thanksgiving, Chinese New Year, and Puppy Day during exam times, to its New2Dublin group, its screens with over 300 international TV channels, and the Meet and Greet programme for arriving students, the Global Room is a great home away from home for international students at Trinity. [www.tcd.ie/study/international/student-experience/index.php](http://www.tcd.ie/study/international/student-experience/index.php).

## Global Officers

Some departments in Trinity have a Global Officer, dedicated to advising international students and working on international activity within their school. Global Officers assist with module selection, organise social events and act as points of contact for all international students. [www.tcd.ie/global/people](http://www.tcd.ie/global/people).

## Academic Registry

The Academic Registry is the main student support hub in Trinity and provides services encompassing document certification and student letters, admissions, student finance advice, registration, transcripts, examinations, and graduation services. They have a service desk in the Watts Building open from 9.00am to 5.30pm on weekdays and until 5pm on Friday. You can contact them by phone at +353 (0) 1 896 4500 or by email at [academic.registry@tcd.ie](mailto:academic.registry@tcd.ie).

## Senior Tutor's Office

Academic advocacy is available for study abroad students who encounter any academic issues through the Senior Tutor's Office: [www.tcd.ie/SeniorTutor](http://www.tcd.ie/SeniorTutor).

## Students' Union

Every registered student at Trinity is automatically a member of the Students' Union (SU). The Students' Union is a representative body with five full-time student sabbatical officers and a number of part-time officers, who look after the educational and welfare needs of Trinity's student population, as well as organising entertainment and events. [www.tcdsu.org](http://www.tcdsu.org).

## Student Counselling Services

The Student Counselling Service is a confidential, professional service available free of charge to every Trinity student. It offers help in coping with any personal or emotional problems and offers learning support and development aids. Appointments should be made directly with the Counselling Service. The Counselling Services runs a course 'Feeling @ Home in TCD' which is aimed particularly at international students. [www.tcd.ie/student\\_counselling](http://www.tcd.ie/student_counselling).

## Disability Service

The Disability Service is the support service for students with any disability or special learning needs. Students requiring support from Trinity due to the impact of their disability or specific learning difficulty are advised to contact the Service as early as possible to explore what supports can be provided. To find out more, contact the Disability Office here: [www.tcd.ie/disability](http://www.tcd.ie/disability).

*Please Note: Policies vary country to country, so Disability works with students to provide the best supports possible within our system.*

## College Health Service

All full-time registered students are eligible to use the College Health Service throughout the year. The service offers on-campus primary health and psychiatric care. Students can also avail of out of hours services and specialised clinics in physiotherapy, sexual health care, eating disorders, minor surgery, vaccinations and blood tests. [www.tcd.ie/CollegeHealth](http://www.tcd.ie/CollegeHealth).

For Academic Supports, see Studying at Trinity.

# STUDENT VOICES

Don't take our word for it, hear what our students have to say!



“One of the major benefits of living in a city like Dublin is the abundance of cultural activities and events. Particularly, there is a plethora of diverse and fascinating museums.”

– Jessica Murphy,  
Brown University

“Everyone should study abroad for a full year if given the opportunity. If you study abroad for a semester, you'll just be getting comfortable and familiar when it's time to pack up and leave.”

– Miles Morgan,  
University of Chicago

“One of the factors that must contribute to the great thinkers and writers that this university has produced, is the vast amount of independent learning that one has to do. This emphasis on self-teaching and independent research permeates every area of academic life.”

– Anna McAlpine,  
University of St. Andrews

“Trinity College is known for its literary history, with accomplished writers Anne Enright, Samuel Beckett, Bram Stoker, Jonathan Swift, and Oscar Wilde counted among the university's alumni. With Dublin named a UNESCO City of Literature, visiting & international students would be remiss to miss out on some of the amazing independent writing and arts happening in the city during your time here. I love heading out to the events recommended to me by LitSoc & my English professors.”

– Clodagh Schofield,  
University of Sydney

“If one thing has struck me about Trinity College Dublin, it is how incredibly different the university is from what I imagined it would be. I got some things right: sweeping lawns, beautiful buildings and incredibly interesting professors. However, I definitely did not anticipate this school's incredible knack for engaging students, for making them feel welcome and at home in a prestigious place that has welcomed so many great minds and could have easily become standoffish and exclusive.”

– Sydne Tursky,  
University of Arkansas

“Even though I'm only here for the one term, all of the societies still wanted me to join them and take part in their activities. I didn't know before getting here if it would be easy or difficult to get involved since I am only here for such a short time, but so far it's been really easy to feel like a member of the student body.”

– Madison Tucky,  
University of Southern California

To read more from students who have studied abroad at Trinity, peruse Trinity's Study Abroad blog here:  
[www.tcdglobal.wordpress.com/category/study-abroad](http://www.tcdglobal.wordpress.com/category/study-abroad).

# BESPOKE PROGRAMMES

In addition to semester or year study abroad at Trinity, we offer the following bespoke programmes.

## **Irish School of Ecumenics Semester Abroad Programme: Conflict, Religion and Peace-building in International Affairs**

This programme is open to students studying abroad at Trinity for a single semester. It provides challenging opportunities to attain a critical understanding of the perennially relevant fields of religion, conflict and peacebuilding. It is distinguished by ISE's dynamic multi-disciplinary approaches to teaching and research. Students develop critical insights into the dynamics of faith and culture in the face of shifting 'modernities.' The contested causes and consequences of violence are analysed, together with religion's role in maintaining sectarian violence and / or promoting mutual understanding in local and global spheres.

Students have the opportunity to take cultural field trips to Northern Ireland, the International Criminal Court in The Hague, or the UN in Geneva. Participants who come from every continent find innovative prospects for relating theory and practice and engaging contemporary issues and case studies. Modules available include: Religion, Conflict and Peace in International Relations (10 ECTS), Engaging Religious Fundamentalism (10 ECTS), Gender, War and Peace (10 ECTS), and World Christianity and Interreligious Dialogue (10 ECTS). Please find out more at: [www.tcd.ie/ise](http://www.tcd.ie/ise).

## **January Term Programme**

Trinity's Department of English offers a study abroad programme called Modern Irish Writing for international undergraduate students during the month of January. The programme introduces students to the best of Irish literary tradition and culture from 1900 to the present day. (Please note, this programme cannot be completed in addition to a Spring term abroad at Trinity because of overlap in dates). For more information see: [www.tcd.ie/English/international/january-term](http://www.tcd.ie/English/international/january-term).

## **CASA-Trinity Study Abroad Programme**

Trinity offers special programmes for students from Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad (CASA) member universities. The CASA-Trinity Semester Programme provides students with the opportunity to enrol in modules across Trinity as any other semester or year study abroad student would, with added access to the CASA events, excursions, research opportunities, an academically rigorous orientation week and the CASA-Trinity Programme Director, who provides individual academic advising, runs the events and excursions, and provides health and safety support. More information on the programmes and Consortium here: [www.casa.education](http://www.casa.education).



# NOTABLE ALUMNI

Since 1592, Trinity has educated a community of alumni that have shaped our world. Did you know that Trinity has over 133,000 alumni in over 150 countries worldwide? All study abroad students are eligible to join Trinity's global network of Alumni.

## **Samuel Beckett**

*Nobel Prize for Literature, 1969*

## **George Berkeley**

*Philosopher*

## **Eavan Boland**

*Irish Poet*

## **Edmund Burke**

*Philosopher and Political Theorist*

## **May McAleese**

*Former President of Ireland*

## **Ruth Negga**

*Academy Award-nominated actress*

## **Professors Luke O'Neill and Jonathan Coleman**

*2021 World's Most Highly-Cited  
Researchers*

## **May Robinson**

*Former President of Ireland &  
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights*

## **Sally Rooney**

*Award-winning author of Normal People  
and Conversations with Friends*

## **Jonathan Swift**

*Satirist and Poet*

## **Bram Stoker**

*Novelist*

## **Ernest Walton**

*Nobel Prize for Physics, 1951*

## **Iseult Ward and Aoiheann O'Brien**

*Co-founders of Food Cloud*

## **D.B. Weiss and David Benioff**

*Emmy award-winning writers of  
HBO's 'Game of Thrones'*

## **Oscar Wilde**

*Playwright*

[www.tcd.ie/alumni](http://www.tcd.ie/alumni)



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## Get in Touch

For more information on studying at Trinity, visit our website at: [www.tcd.ie/study](http://www.tcd.ie/study)

For first-hand accounts of student experiences, visit our student blog at:

For more information about the opportunities available for visiting students or if you have questions about making Trinity work for your academic programme, please email: [study.abroad@tcd.ie](mailto:study.abroad@tcd.ie)

Connect with the International Partnerships and Study Abroad team: [www.tcd.ie/global/people](http://www.tcd.ie/global/people)

## Trinity Global

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