



Welcome to TU Dublin

# INTERNATIONAL OFFICE TEAM

Our dedicated international office staff ensure that our international students are supported throughout their studies, so they can fully embrace university life in Dublin. With small class sizes, our students enjoy a close working relationship with their fellow students and academic supervisors.

We aim to support you at each stage of your studies from pre-arrival right through to Graduation. Some of the supports that we offer include:

- Airport collection for scheduled group collection
- Orientation days
- Accommodation support
- Immigration registration
- Setting up bank accounts
- Students Union
- Clubs and Societies

## INTERNATIONALLY ENGAGED

All of our degrees are recognised internationally and as an autonomous, doctorate-awarding institution, TU Dublin is proud of its excellent reputation. We have many international partnerships and offer exchange opportunities in most disciplines. In 2020, TU Dublin and its European partners in the EUt+ Consortium was selected by the EU Commission to create the European University of Technology.

## CAMPUSES SPANNING OUR CAPITAL CITY

TU Dublin is located on campuses spanning the three largest population centres of Ireland's capital city - Dublin City, Blanchardstown and Tallaght – all of which are easily accessed by public transport.

A new state of the art Grangegorman campus on a 73-acre site in the heart of Dublin City is being developed as a location that encourages and supports knowledge advancement, sustainable development and inclusive education. By the 2020/2021 academic year, 10,000 students will be located on this campus.

Over the last decade, our Blanchardstown campus has been integral to economic growth in this rapidly growing suburb of Dublin which is now the industrial and commercial hub for Fingal county, with large concentrations of retail, pharmaceutical, IT, distribution and service companies.

Equally, our Tallaght campus is central to the life of this vibrant suburb, southwest of Dublin City in the foothills of the Dublin Mountains. With a population of over 100,000 it is one of Ireland's largest urban centres.



# CHOOSING YOUR LOCATION

Our TU Dublin campuses are located in Dublin city centre, in Blanchardstown and in Tallaght. Dublin City Centre has three locations: Aungier Street, Bolton Street and Grangegorman. Commuting to college may be cheaper and easier if you choose accommodation in an area that is close to your campus location. For example, areas like Cabra and Phibsborough on the north side of the city are close to Bolton Street and Grangegorman and have good public transport links to Blanchardstown. On the south side of the city, Rathmines is only a ten-minute cycle to Aungier Street. The Tallaght campus is just a few stops on the Luas Red Line from areas like Kingswood and is on good bus routes to locations in Oldbawn, or Knocklyon and to the City Centre. [\*\*Our map displays our campus locations and accommodation hubs\*\*](#) and we recommend you use Google maps to calculate the best or cheapest routes for you.

## TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

The three most popular types of student accommodation are living with a host family; staying in a student accommodation hub; or renting private accommodation.

Student accommodation hubs are an ideal choice for international students and those wishing to live in Dublin full-time. Host families usually offer five or seven-day accommodation but may take bookings for a shorter week if you do not intend staying in Dublin for the full week.

- Living with a Host Family
- Staying in a Student Accommodation Hub
- Renting Private Accommodation
- Information for Host Families & Landlords



# FIND YOUR PLACE

**StudentPad** is your one-stop-shop whether you're looking to live with a host family, stay in a student accommodation hub, or rent private accommodation (including house and apartment shares). Along with an accommodation search, the site offers advice on housing and locations and a message board. Accessing the site couldn't be easier - just register using your university email address. If you haven't received a university email address yet, register using your personal email address and once you've received approval you're ready to go.

If you have any queries regarding student accommodation please contact:

## **City Centre locations**

Student Accommodation Service – [studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie](mailto:studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie) +353 1 220 5066

## **Blanchardstown area**

Student Information Desk – [sid@tudublin.ie](mailto:sid@tudublin.ie) +353 1 220 8088

## **Tallaght area**

Student Accommodation Service – [studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie](mailto:studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie) +353 1 220 5066

Quick Reference Accommodation 2022-23

# HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION

Ideal accommodation for International students. Living with a host family is often the most economical and flexible option. The family may offer five or seven-day accommodation but this year they may take bookings for a shorter week. You will typically pay for 25 – 30 weeks over the academic year. Rent averages at approximately €165 to €220 per week and utility bills are included in the cost. Many host families provide optional extras such as a light breakfast and evening meal. If you plan to live with a host family ask the homeowner for their plan should the household be impacted by Covid-19. Choose a family that regularly hosts international students and research the accommodation as much as possible before you commit to a booking. To see what's available, check out **StudentPad** The Living with a Host Family page <https://www.tudublin.ie/for-students/student-life/accommodation--living-in-dublin/accommodation-and-living-costs/living-with-a-host-family>.

## **Documents you need**

Before you leave home, check you have the documents you'll need.

You may be asked for them by the immigration officers at Dublin Airport when you arrive.

## **Non-EU Students**

- Passport
- Entry visa (if applicable)
- Evidence of private health insurance
- Offer letter from
- Evidence your fees are paid

## **Finance**

Make sure you plan your finances before you leave. We estimate the monthly cost of living for a student in Dublin is between €1,100 and €1,600, depending on lifestyle.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Monthly Cost in euro € euro</b>
Accomodation	€220
Food (On and off campus)	€60
Bills (Electricity, gas, water, bins)	€30
Internet/phone	€107.50 (30 day bus pass)
Local transport	€25
Stationary/books/printing/photocopying	€30
Clothes, laundry,etc	€200
Extra-curricular activites, other travel, misc.	

### **Initial**

<b>One-off payments</b>
€300
€300 (Annual cost)
€160 - €500 (Annuar cost of standar provision)

Some international students choose to find part-time jobs while studying at TU Dublin. The minimum hourly wage is currently €10.50. If you secure a part-time job, you will be required to apply for a PPS Number (Personal Public Service Number). Enquire at TU Dublin International Office for further details on getting a PPS number.

Your study-visa allows you to work up to 20 hours per week during the academic term, and up to 40 hours per week in the holidays. Your programme of study at TU Dublin is full-time and the demands of study need to be balanced with your free-time. You are required to attend at a minimum of 80% - 85% of your classes each semester, for the purposes of Irish Residence Permit (IRP) renewal. For that reason, we advise you to keep part-time working to a minimum.

You will need to open a Bank Account after your arrival in Ireland, as a condition of your study-visa. TU Dublin International Office will assist you with bank-account opening. Bank account is opened in EURO. Once you have opened a bank-account, you will be issued with a bank statement (as verification of your Irish postal address) and a bank-card with a PIN number. You can then arrange a TT transfer from your home country.

# HEALTH INSURANCE

You must have health insurance for your entire stay in Ireland. Immigration officers may ask you for proof of this when you arrive.

Non-EU students must obtain private health insurance. You can purchase insurance in your home country, however you will need to ensure that it is valid in Ireland and in any other countries you plan to travel to. There are different levels of private health insurance available. Students are advised to read their policy documents carefully. Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) requires that, if you have health insurance from your own country it must cover you up to €25,000 for in-hospital treatment.

If you are coming to Ireland to study on an academic course of one year or less, basic medical expenses insurance is available for approximately €160 from Study and Protect. This insurance policy will satisfy the visa/immigration requirement for private health insurance and can be obtained before students arrive in Ireland.

If you are coming to Ireland to study on an academic course of more than one year, you are deemed 'ordinary resident' from the moment you arrive in Ireland, and therefore require more comprehensive health insurance.

**Further details on health insurance plans available to students are available via the Study and Protect website**

Comprehensive plans are also available from one of the three main private health insurance companies in Ireland: [VHI](#), [Irish Life](#) or [Laya Healthcare](#). Please note that in order to apply for a policy from one of these companies you will need to provide an address in Ireland and you may also require a PPS number. We recommend that you check the waiting periods on these policies. Further information on health insurance in Ireland is available through the [Health Insurance Authority](#) website.





## VISAS

All students holding a Non-EU passport are required to have a valid student visa to study in Ireland. However, some nationalities are not required to have a visa to enter Ireland and the long-term student visa can be awarded shortly after arrival in Ireland, with the assistance of Griffith College. Learn more about Irish visa requirements at <https://www.irishimmigration.ie/>

For up-to-date information on visa-regulations, please check [www.inis.gov.ie](http://www.inis.gov.ie)

Ireland is **not** a member of the Schengen Agreement. If you have obtained a visa for a Schengen country, you will need to apply for a separate visa for Ireland.

TU Dublin International Office supports new international students on arrival with application for the **Irish Residence Permit** (formerly known as GNIB or IRP Card).

On arrival in Dublin you will receive a landing stamp on your passport, permitting you to stay in Ireland for (typically) 90 days.

You are required to make an appointment with the Immigration authority, **before** the date on your landing stamp expires, in order to extend your study-visa, and apply for an Irish Residence Permit (IRP).

# IRISH RESIDENCE PERMIT (IRP)

Griffith International Office will assist you with your application for an Irish Residence Permit (IRP). All Non-Eu students are required to register with local immigration office.

If you live in Dublin city or county you must **make an appointment online**

<https://www.irishimmigration.ie/burgh-quay-appointments/> to attend the public Registration Office in Burgh Quay, Dublin. You should register within 90 days.

- Your passport
- Letter of acceptance
- Proof of address
- Proof you have access to €3,000 to cover living expenses. This can be a recent international or Irish bank statement or a pre paid credit card statement in your name.
- Medical Insurance
- Registration fee of €300 (payment by bank giro or credit/debit card)

## Immigration Arrangements for Third-level Graduate Programme

If you graduate with an award at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications, you will be granted a one-year (twelve month) permission to remain in Ireland to seek employment. If you graduate with an award at Level 9, or 10 on the National Framework of Qualifications you will be granted a two-year (twenty-four months) permission to remain in Ireland to seek employment.

## Transport and getting around

Over 90% of TU Dublin students use sustainable methods (public transport, walking or cycling) to get to college. You can use a number of these free apps to plan your journey and find your way.

- The **Journey Planner App** from Transport for Ireland provides journey planning, timetable and travel information from all licensed public transport providers across Ireland.
- The **Real Time Ireland** app integrates all real-time arrival information services from Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, DART, Iarnród Éireann and Luas services.
- **Leap Top-Up** allows you to instantly top up your Leap Card, check your balance and collect tickets directly from your near-field-communication (NFC) device. Simply hold your Leap Card to the back of your NFC device and instantly check your balance, collect a pre-purchased ticket, or top up your Leap Card. Remember. If you have a Child Leap Card, you can use it until you turn 19, saving you loads of money.
- The **Cycle Planner** provides information on the best cycling routes in Dublin, based on individual cycling capabilities. If you're new to cycling or getting out on the bike after a long break, the Cycle Planner will find a route that avoids both roads with heavy traffic and avoids difficult turns at busy junctions.
- **Driver Check App** allows taxi users to verify that the vehicle they're about to hire has been correctly registered and the driver has the licence to operate the vehicle. It also lets you email a friend with your trip details.

## International Student Support

Over 28,500 students study at the Technological University Dublin and our Office of Campus Life aims to provide high quality, responsive and integrated student support services. The Office also has the overarching aim of creating an excellent student experience for students at TU Dublin.

## Student life in Dublin

A small capital with huge reputation, Dublin's mix of heritage and culture will enhance your time as a student at TU Dublin. As a transport hub you will have access to extensive transport links within Europe and to rest of the world. There are thriving clusters in sectors such as Medical Technology, Pharmaceuticals, Financial Services and Internet Technologies.

The area surrounding Ireland's capital city has the largest concentration of large-scale data centre operations in the country including global operations run by Google, Microsoft and Amazon. Companies involved in the cloud computing sector include Citrix, EMC2, Dropbox, Salesforce and Zendesk.

Dublin is ranked 5th in Europe and 31st globally in the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI). Many of the jobs in Dublin's financial services sector are based at the International Financial Services Centre.

Many IT companies are located in the city, including in the south inner area of Dublin 2, and the adjacent counties. Among these are Amazon, eBay, Dell, Facebook, Zynga, Dropbox, LinkedIn, Indeed, Twitter, Google, EMC, Microsoft, Oracle, PayPal, SAP, Symantec and Yahoo!. A number of these organisations have premises in the Silicon Docks area of the city.



# SOCIETIES



As you get into college life, it may surprise you to learn that it's not all about beating the well-worn track from lecture hall to library and vice versa. TU Dublin has more than a hundred societies that range from volunteering, performing arts and campaigning / political to religious, sign language and student media, or are course-related.

Run by students for students, the societies are supported by the staff of the society's office through advice, administration and finance.

TU Dublin seeks to develop the 'community' on campus by providing activities, events, entertainment and development opportunities.

## SPORTS CLUBS

Sports Clubs provide a huge range of opportunities to train, play and compete in sport, no matter what your interest, ability or level. With nearly 40 Sports Clubs to choose from ranging from water sports, team sports and adventure sports, there is something for everyone! If you would like to get fit and healthy, try something new or meet new friends, TU Dublin Sport has a Club for you!



# CONTACT US

## STUDENT INFORMATION DESKS

### BLANCHARDSTOWN

Situated on the Ground Floor of the Connect Building.

 **Opening Hours**  
Monday – Friday 09:15 - 17:00

 **Tel:**  
+353 1 220 8088

 **Email:**  
sid@tudublin.ie

### AUNGIER STREET

Situated on the Ground Floor (opposite Grumpy Mule Café)

 **Opening Hours**  
Monday - Thursday  
09:00 - 13:00, 14:00 - 17:00

Friday  
09.00 - 13.00, 14.00 - 16.00

 **Tel:**  
+353 1 220 6003

 **Email:**  
studentservices.city@tudublin.ie

### GRANGEGORMAN

Situated on the Ground Floor, Rathdown House, RD002

 **Opening Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
09:30 - 13:00, 14:00 - 16:30

 **Tel:**  
+353 1 220 6003

 **Email:**  
studentservices.city@tudublin.ie

### TALLAGHT

Situated on the Ground Floor (at the end of the corridor  
in the main building at Tallaght Campus)

 **Opening Hours**  
Monday - Thursday  
10.00 - 12.00, 14.00 - 16.00

Monday - Thursday  
17.30 – 18.30  
(P/T student general queries)

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+353 1 220 7670

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+353 1 220 7680

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+353 1 220 7660

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