Dear Partners and Colleagues,

As we face into a new academic year and a new reality of life ahead of us, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest gratitude for the help and support you have all provided our students in the semester past and the support in the weeks and months yet to come as students prepare to embark on an exchange amidst all the uncertainty in the world, whether in the Fall or Spring semester. In times like these, we value our international partners more than ever and all the hard work that international offices worldwide have put in.

In March this year soon after the first cases of Covid-19 were diagnosed in Ireland the government made a decision to close schools and universities. Almost overnight classes and all teaching went online and for the remaining part of the semester students completed their learning, assessments and examinations online. This situation was similar in many universities around the world. However now, with a marked decrease in the number of new cases, restrictions have begun to ease and a phased reopening over the coming weeks has been outlined by the government. In Trinity we are also planning all aspects of the coming academic year ensuring that all public health guidelines are met in order to welcome exchange students back on campus safely. In terms of teaching we will be providing a hybrid model, where large lectures will be online and small group teaching, tutorials and laboratory classes will be in person as much as possible. We acknowledge that social distancing will be part of the way we live for the coming year and we are preparing the campus to enable this. However, in as much as possible we want to ensure that the clubs and societies can continue to operate while always adhering to public health guidelines.

On behalf of all here at Trinity College Dublin, I hope that you and your family, loved ones and colleagues remain healthy, safe and well.

Vice-President for Global Relations

Prof. Juliette Hussey

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**Message from VPGR**

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Academic Year Structure

6 September 2020
Semester Start
Up Programme Semester 1

21 – 25 September 2020
Orientation Dates Semester 1

28 September – 18 December 2020
Semester 1 (Fall) Teaching Dates

9 – 13 November 2020
Reading Week (no classes) Semester 1

11 – 22 January 2021
Exam Period Semester 1*

24 January 2021
Semester Start
Up Programme Semester 2

Date: TBC
Orientation Dates Semester 2

1 February – 23 April 2021
Semester 2 (Spring) Teaching Dates

15 – 19 March 2021
Reading Week (no classes) Semester 2

10 – 28 May 2021
Exam Period Semester 2

*Please note assessment for Semester 1 will be taking place online.
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Ireland’s top university

World class education

Supportive community

Global citizenship

Research centred at entry level

Flexible career path

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Ireland’s Most Innovative University
Trinity is ranked No.1 in Ireland for innovation
Reuters Most Innovative Universities 2019

Irland's Leading University
Trinity is ranked No.1 in Ireland
QS World University Ranking 2021 and Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2020

170+ Clubs & Societies
Trinity has 170+ sports clubs and student societies, including some of the oldest societies in the world

1st in Europe for Producing Entrepreneurs
Trinity is 1st in Europe for producing entrepreneurs for the 5th year in a row
Pitchbook Universities Report 2019

Top 10 Most Beautiful Universities
Trinity is ranked in the top 10 most beautiful universities in Europe
Times Higher Education Rankings 2018

17th Most International University
Trinity is ranked as the 27th Most International University in the World
Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2020
### GPA

3.1 cumulative

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### How to Apply

Apply through our online application system: [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)

### Deadline to Apply for Admission

- Semester 2, 2021 Application Deadline: 15th October 2020
- Full year and Semester 1, 2021 Application Deadline: 15 April 2021

### Contacts for Applications to Trinity

Natalie Baldwin, Executive Officer - Applications and Admissions

nbaldwin@tcd.ie

### Contact for Exchange Applications Outbound from Trinity

Non-EU Exchange Coordinator, Academic Registry

international.exchange@tcd.ie

### Application Process for Exchange Students

Applicants are required to have the following when applying:

- 3.1* GPA on official transcript
- An academic reference on headed paper, with signature
- A personal statement
- Exact modules listed in chosen disciplines

### Nominations Process for Partners

If a university wishes to nominate students they must send an email to Natalie Baldwin (nbaldwin@tcd.ie) confirming the nomination and if they are sending the student on a fee-paying or exchange basis.

A nomination does not act as an application and the students applying must still complete the online application through the Trinity online application system: [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)

### Areas of Study

#### Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics & Science

- 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 Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Business
- Classics
- *Drama
- Economics
- Education
- *English
- European Studies
- *Film
- French
- Gender and Women’s Studies
- 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

#### 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*

#### The Lir

Modules at The Lir, National Academy of Dramatic Art are now available to exchange students, but students cannot cross-register in other Schools/Departments if taking modules at the Lir due to scheduling.

*Schools and Departments noted with an asterisk (*) are particularly in demand, so early applications are recommended.*
Students typically 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. Students are encouraged to also check in with their home universities for credit load requirements.

**Credit**

All visiting undergraduates are provided with a Tutor who is available to assist with any academic or personal issues or concerns. The Office of Student Learning and Development is also available to help with any academic concerns: student-learning.tcd.ie. Any queries or concerns can also be redirected to the Study Abroad Team.

**Academic Supports**

Students from some non-EU countries will require a visa to enter Ireland. Lists of visa-required countries and further information on visa application procedures are available here: www.tcd.ie/study/international/before-arrival/visa-immigrations/index.php

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All students who do NOT hold an EU passport must register with the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS) after arrival in Ireland. Further information on the requirements to register can be found at the INIS website: www.inis.gov.ie. Students with EU passports must enter on their Irish or EU passport in order to avoid non-EU entry processes. For INIS related queries, please contact the Global Room: tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie

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**Housing and Accommodation**

The Study Abroad Team will give applicants instructions on how to apply for accommodation. Accommodation on-campus is extremely limited. The majority of our exchange students live in Trinity-approved accommodation at the Binary Hub (semester or year accommodation) or in Kavanagh Court (year only accommodation), modern, purpose-built student residences located in the city centre a short walk from Trinity. www.tcd.ie/accommodation

**Student Life**

**Clubs and Societies**

Trinity has over 170 clubs and societies. Find out how to get involved at the following link: www.tcd.ie/students/clubs-societies

**Student Services**

Academic Registry: www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/contact
Disability Service: www.tcd.ie/disability
Student Counselling: www.tcd.ie/Student_Counselling
Health Service: www.tcd.ie/collegehealth
Sports Centre: www.tcd.ie/Sport
Students’ Union: www.tcdsu.org
Equality Office: www.tcd.ie/equality

**Global Room**

The Global Room team provides guidance and support to international students on a wide range of issues including immigration, accommodation and all aspects of life at Trinity. www.facebook.com/TrinityGlobalRoom
www.tcd.ie/study/international/trinity-life/global-room

For more information, please contact: Michelle Hogan, Global Room Manager and International Liaison Officer hoganm9@tcd.ie
Abigail Odekeye, Executive Officer tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie
## Estimated Living Costs

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Trinity-approved accommodation options include Binary Hub and Kavanagh Court. 2019/2020 Binary Hub rates are €4,940 for Semester 1 and €5,200 for Semester 2, with a full year rate of €10,200. Unfortunately, Campus Housing is very limited and as a result not available (however, if you have a student with mobility needs, etc. please let us know.) We will provide links to Trinity’s Student Union Accommodation Advice for any student interested in living in alternate accommodation options but are not able to assist students in procuring accommodation outside of the approved options.

### Utilities
€1,000

### Meals
€3,000

### Books and Miscellaneous
€2,500

### Commuting
€1,000

### Insurance
(required for non-EU students) €200-€1,800

### Immigration registration
(if applicable) €300

### Understanding Ireland
€400

### Student Travel
For discounted rates on student travel, students purchase a Student Travel Card. [www.studentleapcard.ie](http://www.studentleapcard.ie)

### Airport Meet and Greet
This Airport Welcome service is available to all incoming students and is run by the Global Room and its student ambassadors. Please book in advance of arrival. [www.tcd.ie/study/international/trinity-life/arrival](http://www.tcd.ie/study/international/trinity-life/arrival)

### Additional Material
For more information please see the Trinity Welcome Guide [www.tcd.ie/students/orientation/Welcome-to-Trinity-College-Dublin](http://www.tcd.ie/students/orientation/Welcome-to-Trinity-College-Dublin) or check out the new Study Abroad Guide: [www.tcd.ie/study/PDF/studyabroad2020](http://www.tcd.ie/study/PDF/studyabroad2020)

### Insurance
Students arriving from outside of the EU should contact their health insurance provider to determine if they are covered while studying abroad and if not they will need either to arrange health insurance prior to departure or purchase insurance locally in Ireland. Private health insurance cover is mandatory for non-EU students in order to register with the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS). Students often use university plans or study abroad plans recommended by the home university, but must confirm that their plan meets immigration requirements. Information about Irish health insurance plans can be found here: [www.tcd.ie/study/international/trinity-life/arrival](http://www.tcd.ie/study/international/trinity-life/arrival)

You can find the INIS insurance guidelines at the following link: [inis.gov.ie/PrivateMedicalInsuranceforfulltimeNon-EEAStudents](http://inis.gov.ie/PrivateMedicalInsuranceforfulltimeNon-EEAStudents)
Meet the Team

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