



I studied in a boarding school in Kodaikanal. Though I was a good student I lost interest in academics after a while

educational hub

Irish impact on education

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THE Republic of Ireland, also called as Eire, is the third largest island in Europe. Its capital is Dublin and the official languages are Irish and English. This country, called the Land of Saints and Scholars, was at the centre of learning in Europe as far back as 500 AD, with its monks and monasteries. No wonder, it is a preferred destination among students wanting quality education.

Higher education

Irish institutions have more than 5,000 courses on offer for international students. There's a vast choice of subjects like medicine, engineering, business, law, psychology, languages/ literature and creative/ performing arts. Students can choose an ordinary or honours bachelor's degree, a master's degree or a doctorate. The ordinary bachelor's degree is for three years (180 ECTS credits) while the honours bachelor's degree is typically of three-four years duration (180-240 ECTS credits).

In Ireland, international students can enroll in university, institutes of technology and private colleges. The entry requirements are decided individually by each institution and are generally based on national examination grades/ marks and English language aptitude.

Topping the charts

Trinity College, Dublin, University College, Cork and University College, Dublin are three of Ireland's top educational institutes, which are also ranked high internationally. Lochlann Quinn School of Business (under University College Dublin) is Ireland's top B-School. The Dublin Business School, Griffith College, Dublin City University, National University of Ireland, University of Limerick and Dublin Institute of Technology are

other reputed institutes.

Preferred subjects

Popular subjects for both undergraduate and post graduate study are Business Studies, Management, Engineering, Marketing, Computer Science, Human Resource Management and Information Systems.

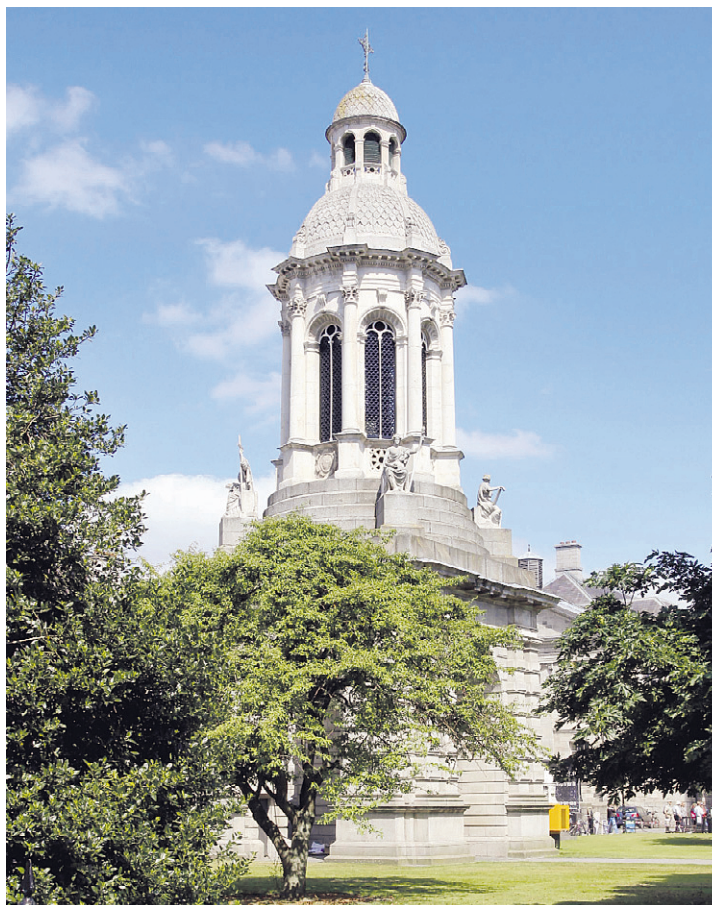
Admission basics

For an undergraduate degree, an applicant should have successfully completed upper secondary studies. If applying for a master's program, the student will need a bachelor's or equivalent degree diploma. Students submitting an application for doctorate studies are required to have a relevant diploma or master's degree qualification.

The IELTS and TOEFL scores are accepted, for both undergraduate and post graduate studies. They are between 6-7 for IELTS and between 80-90 for TOEFL. All relevant academic transcripts will also be needed for applying to various universities. The transcripts should be in English or have an authorised translation. Apart from these, students may also need to provide additional documentation specified by the college/ university. To apply for an Irish student visa, the applicant will need to provide details of academic scores/ grades, English proficiency, university acceptance letter, fees paid and proof of funds. An original passport, valid for 12 months, is a must have.

Fees and scholarships

Average yearly tuition fees for non-EU students are between 10,000 and 20,000 for undergraduate and post graduate degrees in Science and Engineering. Arts and Business studies range between 9,000 and 25,000. Fees for Medicine and related subjects are from 30,000 to 50,000. An accredited MBA may be anywhere in the range of 25,000 and 3,00,000. Grants are



CAREER CALLING: Irish universities offer a variety of courses that attract students from all over the world

available through the centralised Student Grant Scheme, and scholarships are offered by the government and individual universities. Aid and scholarships are awarded to meritorious students solely at the discretion of individual organisations, which have their own eligibility criteria. The Government of Ireland International Scholarships supports one year of study for outstanding students. Meritorious Indian students enrolled for full-time taught master's programs

(except joint masters, MBA and clinical programs) in the University College, Dublin can apply for VV Giri Global Excellence Scholarship. It covers tuition fees for a year. An applicant needs to check the eligibility criteria before applying.

A helping hand

Student Support centres provide counselling and development. Disability support service ensure that student rights are protected. In some colleges, they provide career services, too.

news brief

A creative choice

Twinkle Khanna formally launched the INIFD Academy of Interiors at a function organised by INIFD at Chandigarh. This institute is being launched at 40 select INIFD centres across India. Twinkle is the chief mentor to the students of INIFD Academy of Interiors, which offers two-year PG specialisation program, three-year specialisation, two-year advance program and one year foundation program in Interior Design. Twinkle said, "I am privileged to be associated with 'INIFD Academy of Interiors'. It is a nationwide chain to train students for the fast growing Interior Design industry."

Careers in the media world



MET Institute of Mass Media has announced admissions for its advanced diploma in Mass Media. It will give students the opportunity to specialise in Advertising, Journalism and Entertainment. Graduates in any discipline from a recognised university with minimum 50 per cent are eligible to apply. Final year students can also apply. The prospectus and application forms are available at the MET Institute of Mass Media at Bandra.

Show off your tech-savviness

The third edition of Anveshan 2014, the design contest aimed at building system level engineering expertise among Indian engineering student community and providing them an opportunity to showcase their innovation, is here. As part of the fellowship, the student teams will get to work with some of Analog Devices signature products. Analog Devices India will fund the project development and provide support in the form of evaluation kits, emulators, components and software development tools to shortlisted teams. Additionally, highly experienced mentors will be at hand to provide guidance and expert insights at various stages throughout the project, including support from Analog Devices award winning online technical support community. Three of the best projects will win cash awards.

An evening to remember



The DY Patil University College witnessed a grand convocation ceremony where hundreds of students were given their certificates. The chief guest, Shrinivas Patil, gave a pep talk at the event.

study abroad

Making the right choice

Please give me few guidelines to choose a country for medical education.

Abhijit Sane, Mumbai

A medical degree can be obtained from many countries. To make the right decision, visit the websites of various schools and know the entry criteria. You may need to write an entrance exam depending on the country you're applying to. Check the

college's reputation, location, length of the course, class size, fees and scholarships, accommodation and other facilities available to the students. Get in touch with the college, if you have any more queries after visiting the website.

Can I study petroleum geology or petroleum engineering abroad

after doing my HSC Commerce? Myra Mistry, Pune

Quite a few colleges abroad offer under-graduate degrees in Petroleum Geology, Petroleum Engineering, and Petroleum Refining. Generally colleges will ask for an education in science, but application requirements may vary in different colleges. Take help from educational counsellors in this regard.

