



University College Dublin



Summer 2024 International Study Abroad Programme

Dates TBC

First two weeks of August

Experience university life at University
College Dublin's Belfield Campus

International Study Abroad [iSA] Programme 2024

Aim

- To **explore & experience aspects of student life** in an English-medium university
- Three pillars: **Innovation, Design Thinking for Life** and **Discover Ireland**

Learning Outcomes

- Engage in **Innovation workshops** to foster **creative, collaborative & entrepreneurial thinking**
- Using **Design Thinking**, reflect on how you learn to achieve your career goals
- **Discover Ireland's heritage & culture** plus its changing global role in 21st century
- Discover Ireland's distinct cultural heritage & its global role in a changing Europe
- Support for **Communication Skills** to increase confidence and fluency
- Experience an **English-medium international University**
- Meet relevant **academics, students, graduates & industry** from different fields
- Access UCD Belfield Campus student facilities & meet key staff

How

- Learning is **Activity-** and **Enquiry-based** allowing independent research
- **Small Groups** with opportunities for interaction
- Present a **Group Project** with a short presentation to peers and UCD staff

Cost (indicative only for now)

- ~€1800 (includes accommodation) + flights + spending money
- Also some Scholarship places – details to follow



Outline Structure of the iSA Programme

Time Table	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
09:00 – 10:50	Orientation & Campus Tour	Innovation Project	Cultural Awareness for Study Abroad	Innovation Project	Design Thinking for Career Planning	Visit to a heritage site outside Dublin
11:10 – 13:00	Explore Irish Culture	Guided work on Projects	Visit to Academic Departments & Library	Guided work on Projects	Studying at an Irish University	
14:00 – 16:00	Dublin City Tour	Explore Irish Culture	Cultural site visit	Innovation Project workshop	Free	
Evening		Enjoy traditional Irish music		Watch & practice Irish Dancing		



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Programme Aims

This programme is designed mainly for Engineering, Science & Business undergraduates wishing to explore & experience aspects of student life related to their field of study in a leading international English-medium university. The three main pillars are 'Innovation and Enterprise', 'Design Thinking for Life' and 'Discover Ireland & Europe'.

Learning outcomes

Specifically, ISA will enable you to

- Actively engage in structured Innovation Workshops fostering collaborative, creative & entrepreneurial thinking
- Get networked with peers to share ideas about how life and study combine
- Engage with academics, employers and leaders from different disciplinary fields
- Discover Ireland's distinct cultural heritage & its global role in a changing Europe
- Access UCD Belfield Campus student facilities & meet key staff

Mode of delivery

- Engage in activity- and enquiry-based learning in an international & collaborative setting
- Work in small groups with break-out interaction opportunities
- Achieve course outcomes [project presentation + portfolio] drawing on support of our experienced course tutors
- Manage available time to visit Ireland & Dublin's key landmarks

On exiting the programme



- You will
- present in English a short project prepared with your peers
 - complete a short English learning portfolio based on your targets
 - receive a certificate of participation & performance from UCD

Self-catering campus apartments



Glenomena Residence has apartments with six study bedrooms and a common area with a kitchen and sitting room. Each student has a study ensuite bedroom. Apartments are Wi-Fi enabled. The apartments are in the centre of the campus, close to your teaching and learning spaces. Restaurants, convenience stores and coffee shops are available on campus at reasonable rates.

Feedback from previous programmes



'The Innovation part is very good because it changes the way to think about things'

'Dublin city is full of life, the people are very kind and it is easy to make friends'

'Meeting professors from my major and asking questions was very valuable'



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iSA Workshops & Seminars



On-Campus & Off-Campus Visits



Meeting with the Lord Mayor of Dublin





Visit to WuXi Biologics



Weekend visit to historic and scenic Glendalough



Weekend visit to sheepdog trials



Some comments from students on the iSA Programme

“Overall the program is great - very well prepared and organized”

“It’s a great experience of living and studying abroad. I would strongly recommend this program to those who plan to study abroad in Ireland or any other country”

“Teamwork in the Innovation Workshops is helpful for our further study. Design Thinking in the Innovation class is impressive”

“Dublin is very beautiful, I never went abroad to an English speaking country before, it helped me open my eyes”

“Innovation Workshops are interesting, the work with other participants is good and the teachers are friendly“

“The best time was when I could communicate with foreigners, the time when I could fully understand what foreigners were saying and the time when I came up with many thoughts”





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Overview

This Programme is structured around three main pillars: 'Innovation and Enterprise', 'Design Thinking for Life' and 'Discover Ireland & Europe'. This English-medium programme will grow your confidence and fluency in different situations.

The Workshop will enable you to

- Engage in 'innovation workshops' fostering collaborative, creative & entrepreneurial thinking
- Get networked with peers to share ideas about how life and study combine
- Engage with academics, employers and leaders in different fields
- Discover Ireland's distinct cultural heritage and its role in a changing Europe
- Gain an understanding of philosophies for career and professional life

You will

- Apply activity- & enquiry-based learning allowing independent research
- Work in small groups with break-out interaction opportunities
- Present in English a short project which you have prepared with your peers

Clones, Co Monaghan



Tuesday 1st August

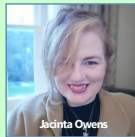
09:00 Creativity & Innovation Workshop

Jacinta Owers - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jacintaowens/>
Education Innovation Lead, UCD Innovation Academy

Spark curiosity on key innovation concepts like combinational thinking, reimagination, repurposing and blue sky thinking.

These sessions are high-energy, immersive, fun, creativity initiatives that will enable participants to network in an engaging way. They are designed to spark curiosity about key innovation concepts.

Followed in the afternoon by a topical session on "My Ireland" with the iSA Team



Wednesday 2nd August

09:00 From the 1916 Rising to Partition in 1921

Emeritus Professor Michael Laffan - <https://www.ria.ie/publications/author/michael-laffan>
Professor of Modern Irish History, UCD School of History

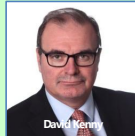
Discover Ireland's journey towards political independence in the 20th century. Comparisons with Chinese history during the same period will be made. Reference material will be sent in advance. All comments and questions welcome!

11:15 Huawei Technologies Ireland

David Kenny, Deputy CEO

An overview of a career in technology companies and an introduction to Huawei Ireland's activities and the issues for Chinese companies operating in Ireland and the EU.

Followed in the afternoon with a meeting with the Lord Mayor of Dublin



Thursday 3rd August

09:00 Creativity & Innovation Workshop

Building on from the first workshop participants will work in teams on Design Thinking activities.

Followed in the afternoon by a meeting with Graduate Programmes from across UCD with a Q&A session



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Friday 4th August

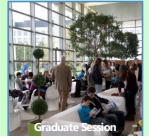
09:00 Design Your Life Workshops

Applying Design Thinking approaches to reflect on and start designing your own life goals.

11:30 Chinese Graduate Students session with Q&A

Meet Graduate Students from across UCD who will discuss living and studying in Ireland, getting a job and pointers on things to consider when choosing your graduate pathway.

Followed in the afternoon by an introduction and visit to the UCD Library



• Saturday - Visit to Wicklow • Sunday - GAA Camogie Final • Monday - Free •

Tuesday 8th August

09:00 Creativity & Innovation Workshop - Pitch Brief & Guidance

The Pitch-Day Innovation Projects will be announced, followed by project planning and scoping of the final peer presentations.



Wednesday 9th August

08:30 Visit to China's first major Foreign Direct Investment in Ireland - WuXi Biologics, Brendan McGrath, Ireland Site Head and VP Manufacturing & Xiaoyu Xie

WuXi Biologics making Dundalk a world leader in biologics manufacturing

12:30 Visit to **Co Monaghan** and the historic town of **Clones** in the **Border Region** [Returning by 6pm]



Thursday 10th August

09:00 Design Your Life Workshops

Building on the work from the first Design Your Life workshop participants will work on Design Thinking for Career Planning activities.

This will be followed by a guided work session on Innovation Projects for the Peer Presentations



Friday 11th August

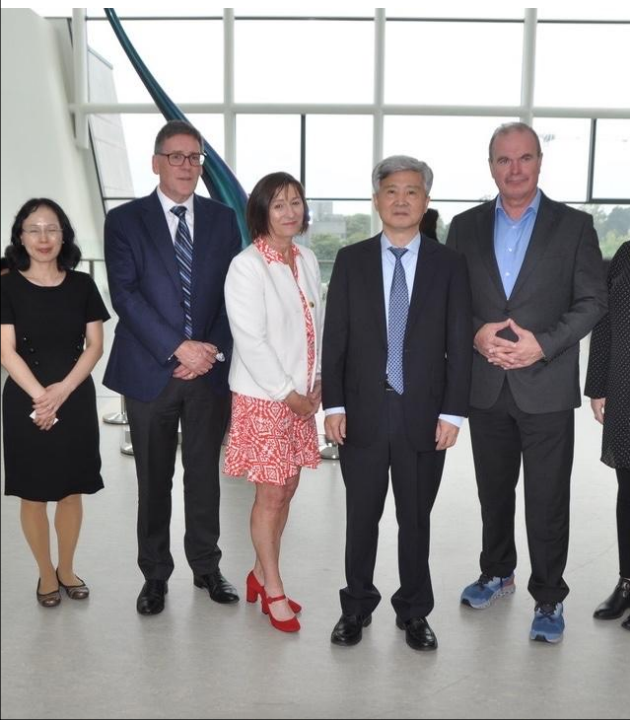
09:00 Closing Session - Pitch-Day for Innovation Projects

Innovation Projects 'Pitch presentations' to your peers and a specially selected panel of assessors with feedback from your programme facilitators.



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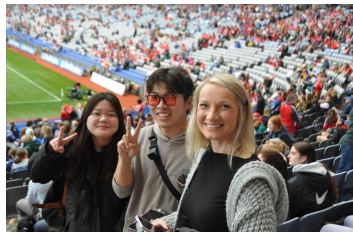
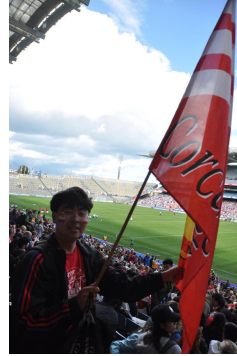


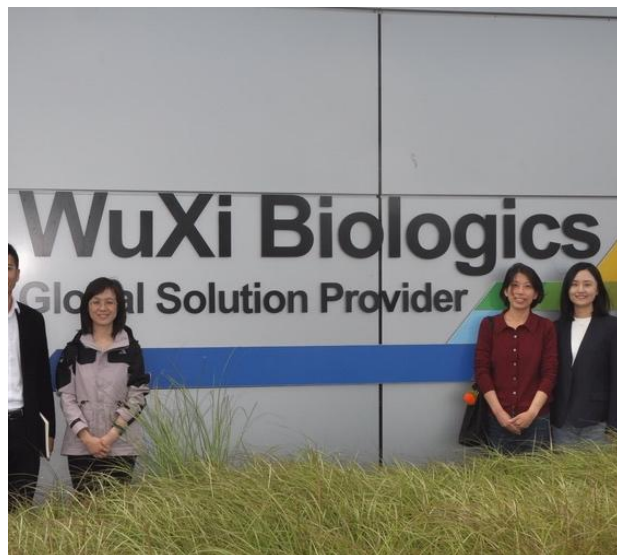
















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