

# ERASMUS INFORMATION SHEET: IRELAND

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## Student Accommodation

Suitable accommodation in Dublin is extremely difficult to find, for home students as well as for our visitors. We will try our best to accommodate all students in the best available accommodation, but cannot take responsibility for finding alternative centres if this proves unsuitable.

The accommodation will be in hostel type rooms, in student flats or in radiographers' homes. The type will depend on the availability, and will cost approximately €110 - €125 per week for basic accommodation. Short term private letting of houses/apartments is an option but is extremely expensive; this type of accommodation CANNOT be arranged by Diagnostic Imaging.

Where possible, students will be accommodated in groups of two, in single or twin rooms. All accommodation will be self-catering. Bed linen and towels may be provided in some places, but visiting students are advised to check directly with the person in the flat, hostel or home.

Due to previous problems with unpaid rents, students will be required to sign a rental agreement and pay a refundable deposit of one month's rent **before** moving into their accommodation.

## Contract

You will have to register with the University - help with forms will be given when you arrive. You will not have to sign a separate contract with the hospitals. If you have to sit exams from your home centre when you are in Dublin, you need to let us know in advance, and also tell the university staff when you register.

## Writing home, receiving post

Visiting students can receive post at the School address or fax number given above.

We do not give out e-mail addresses to visiting students, however computers are available in the Health Sciences Centre with free internet access which allows students to access their own e-mail addresses.

## Travel Information

Erasmus visitors are entitled to a student USIT pass, which offers some discounts on short and long distance travel. Exchange students are strongly advised to buy a USIT pass the first week, as it will save a lot of money on daily travel, and on social trips at weekends.

Daily travel costs between accommodation and either School or hospital will be between €0 & €3. This depends on which accommodation you stay in and also which hospital your placements are in. The longest journey to a hospital for clinical placement will be just over one hour. Cycle travel is common, but you must make your own arrangements to hire or borrow bicycles.

## Information about Curriculum and Books

You will be expected to have general radiographic knowledge appropriate to a third year student, but no previous knowledge of interventional techniques will be required.

There is no need to bring any text books, other than those in your own language which you may like to study during your stay.

## Hospital Placements

You will spend most of your clinical time in one of five large Dublin hospitals:

1. Beaumont Hospital

A 650 bed tertiary referral centre with following specialities:

Neurosurgery & trauma  
Nephrology

*Imaging Department:*

19 Diagnostic Imaging rooms  
Computed Tomography  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
Angiography  
Ultrasound  
Radionuclide Imaging  
Mammography

2. Mater Misericordiae Hospital

A 500 bed centre which has national referral for:

Spinal Injuries  
Cardiac Surgery

*Imaging Department:*

24 Diagnostic Imaging rooms  
Computed Tomography  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
Angiography  
Ultrasound  
Radionuclide Imaging / PET  
Mammography

3. St. Vincent's Hospital

A 500 bed centre which has national referral for:

Liver transplantation.

*Imaging Department:*

18 Diagnostic Imaging rooms  
Computed Tomography  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
Angiography  
Ultrasound  
Radionuclide Imaging  
Mammography

4. St James's Hospital

A 650 bed tertiary referral centre with following specialities:

Nephrology/ Gastric

*Imaging Department:*

19 Diagnostic Imaging rooms  
Computed Tomography  
Angiography  
Ultrasound  
Radionuclide Imaging  
Mammography

5. Adelaide Meath including the National Children's Hospital

A 700 bed centre:

*Imaging Department:*

24 Diagnostic Imaging rooms  
Computed Tomography  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
Angiography  
Ultrasound  
Radionuclide Imaging  
Mammography  
Paediatric Imaging

You will be expected to follow the same rota as Irish students, which means that you will move around a maximum of two centres. In addition, the clinical working day is from 8.30 or 9am to 4.30 or 5pm, depending on the hospital.

Requests for special placements (e.g. therapy, RNI, veterinary) **where possible**, will be granted. Please remember that we are not a therapy training centre and we do need advance notice to organise such placements.

## Uniforms

Both ladies and gentlemen **MUST** bring uniforms for the duration of the exchange. White tunic and trousers as worn in many European Hospital Centres are acceptable. You will have to launder these yourself, which may be different from what you do at home.

To fit in with the normal practise in our clinical departments, ladies should bring a pair of flat, closed in shoes for work as clogs, open toe shoes and loose backed shoes are not allowed. However, *plain white* training shoes are acceptable.

Gentlemen are not allowed to wear jeans, coloured training shoes or clogs. White coats may be worn over a smart shirt and tie and smart trousers.

Personal name badges and accessory radiographic equipment such as right /left legends should be brought by the student.

## **Radiation Monitoring**

This is the responsibility of your home institution. Two badges will be provided for your clinical placements before you travel, which you must take home at the end of your trip. Under special circumstances a radiation monitor can be supplied by UCD.

## **Medical Examination**

It is not necessary to have a medical examination prior to travel provided you have had one in your own school. MRSA monitoring is required prior to travelling to Dublin as this cannot be arranged in Dublin without a cost to the student.

## **Injections Required**

It is a requirement of the hospitals in which you will do clinical work that you present a record of your immune status. An Immune Status form needs to be completed before you travel. This requires evidence of immunity to: rubella; varicella; BCG; tetanus; hepatitis B. These are required for the protection of the student and the student may waive in writing these requirements.

## **Insurance**

Health insurance - health care is free for all EC citizens. You should complete the E128 form and bring it with you. You do not need to do anything with the form unless you become ill and need a doctor.

Professional insurance - as registered students of our School you will be insured in all clinical practice undertaken according to normal regulations.

Travel insurance - this is advisable. You have to arrange this yourself.

## **Attendance at lectures and clinicals**

Exchange students are expected to attend the scheduled lectures and clinical placements. Records of attendance will be kept, and at the end of the exchange period will be returned to your home institution. Unsatisfactory participation in the course may result in the transcript of Exchange being withheld.

## **Assessment/Evaluation**

To evaluate and improve the Radiography exchange programme, we ask you to complete several forms. All you have to do is fill out the forms and hand them back, some to Jonathan in Dublin, and one when you go home to your own teachers.

You should take care with these as the results are analysed to help the teachers develop and improve the programmes.

## **Application Process**

1. You may now apply online at [https://sisweb.ucd.ie/usis/bwskalog.P\\_disploginNon](https://sisweb.ucd.ie/usis/bwskalog.P_disploginNon) .

**Important!** Please choose "First Time User Account Creation" and ensure that you choose "Erasmus" as your Application Type.

2. Complete a Learning Agreement and have it signed by your home Erasmus co-ordinator and sent before 30th June ( for 1st semester and full year students ) or 1st November ( for 2nd semester students ) to the following address :-

Catherine Convery  
UCD International Office

Tierney Building  
Belfield  
Dublin 4  
Ireland

**English language courses:**

The UCD International Office organises informal English language classes at the start of each semester. Further information will be given during Orientation.

**Orientation for International Students:**

An orientation programme for new international students will take place during the week before classes start in each semester (please see semester dates at: <http://www.ucd.ie/registrar/dates.htm>). Further details about the programme will be available on our website in August.

**Anything else?**

Please contact us with any more questions you have.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Dublin**

***Bheithimid ag tnúth le do chuir go mBaile Átha Cliath agus fáilte a chuir romhat.***