Postgraduate Study in Europe

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Why Europe?

• World-class universities throughout Europe  
• Ambition to study with world-class academic staff in their specific subject  
• Fees may be lower or funding may be more readily available  
• Live in a different country and culture – stepping out of your comfort zone

Postgraduate Programmes

Sources of Information: vast amount of information available

• International Office, UCC  
  www.ucc.ie/international  
• Careers Service, UCC  
  www.ucc.ie/careers  
• Academic Staff, UCC  
• Embassies of European countries

Postgraduate Programmes

Sources of Information: websites

• www.internationalgraduate.net/country/europe.htm  
• www.mastersportal.eu/students/abc  
• http://ec.europa.eu/plotres/home.jsp?language=en  
• http://www.scholarshipportal.eu/  
• www.eurochoice.org.uk  
• www.eurograduate.com  
• http://univ.cc/  
• www.topgraduate.com

Where in Europe?

• United Kingdom  

• Other European Union Countries – many postgraduate programmes are now taught in English i.e. Germany, Scandinavia, The Netherlands

Where in Europe?

United Kingdom

• www.ucas.com/students/choosingcourses/choosinguni/map/  
• http://www.educationuk.org/  
• www.prospects.ac.uk
Where in Europe?
• www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/
• http://www.postgrad.ie/study_abroad/uk.html

Where in Europe?
Germany
• DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)
  Over 300 Master’s programmes taught through English
www.daad.de

Where in Europe?
The Netherlands
• Reasonable tuition fees
  If you are an EU student your annual tuition fee for enrolment in a degree programme is around €1,700, depending on the institution. You may be eligible for a loan for the tuition fee, or even a restitution or a grant from the Dutch government.
• 976 Postgraduate programmes taught through the medium of English
Where in Europe?
- NUFFIC – The Netherlands
  www.nuffic.nl

Where in Europe?
- Sweden
  - If you are an EU student you do not pay tuition fees for Master’s programmes. No fees for PhD programmes for students of any nationality.
  - Some 600 master’s degree programs at Swedish universities are taught entirely in English.
  www.studyinsweden.se

Where in Europe?
- France
  Increasing number of Master’s programmes taught in English – particularly in business schools
  www.edufrance.fr

Where in Europe?
- Switzerland
  Fees are very low (usually less than €1500). 200 MSc courses are taught in English mainly in Business and Science
Where in Europe?

- **The European Institute in Florence:** postgraduate research in social sciences and a taught Master’s programme in European Law
  www.iue.it

- **The College of Europe:** Master’s degrees in European Studies (law, economics, politics or administration) taught through English and French at campuses in Bruges and Warsaw
  www.coleurop.be

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Generally you need to apply individually to each university
- Application may be on-line or paper
- Deadlines vary – check with individual universities
- No limit on number of applications that you can make but don’t get carried away: 3 or 4 usually fine

**Funding**

- **How much will it cost?**
  - UK: Fees vary depending on the discipline and university. Irish students pay the same fees as British students. Range from £3,000 to £6,000 [or approx €4,500 to €9,000].
  - European Universities – fees in many countries are much lower than in Ireland or in some cases free.

**FUNDING**

- Personal funds
- Loans
- University Funding – outright award or studentships involving teaching or research work
- Research Councils

**NUI Travelling Studentships**
Details of the above National University awards may be obtained from:

  - The Registrar
  - National University of Ireland
  - 49 Merrion Square
  - Dublin 2
  - Tel: (01) 676 7246
  - Fax: (01) 661 9665
  - Email: registrar@nui.ie
  - www.nui.ie/awards/grdaward.asp#travstud
Department of Education and Science Exchange Scholarships
• www.education.ie

Erasmus Programme
• Open to students registered at UCC at either UG or PG level
• Funding available to spend a term or full year at European university
• UCC has approximately 160 partner institutions across EU

Erasmus Programme
• Greatly enhance your experience of student life
• Enrich you personally and academically
• Improve your language skills
• Offer significant advantages for your future career
• Allow you to avail of collaborative research training opportunities

Erasmus Programme
College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences - Graduate School Erasmus Mobility Scholar
• Students must be engaged in a graduate programme in the College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences at UCC. This includes MPhil and PhD programmes and, in special circumstances and subject to approval, taught Master’s programmes.
• Deadline: July and December
• Contact: graduateschool@cacsss.ucc.ie

Erasmus+ Programme
• Key Action 1 – learning mobility
• Mobilities will in theory be to all parts of the world
• Placement of two months to 12 months
• Students may go work placement mobility immediately after graduation – application during final year

Erasmus+ Programme
• Same student may receive grants for mobility periods totalling 12 months maximum per cycle (1,2,3)
• Joint Master degrees offered – 30,000 scholarships will be available
• Master Loan Guarantee Scheme – will offer the possibility of doing a full degree programme in another EU or EEA country
• Access loans at favourable rates
Utrecht Network Young Researcher’s grant

- Stipend of €1000
- Available to students who are not eligible for Erasmus grant
- Master/PhD level
- Length of stay: 1 - 6 months (mobility is not restricted to semesters, but is also possible during the holidays)
- Closing date: 31st of October – 15th

Further information

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