POSTGRADUATE STUDY
AFFORDABLE OPTIONS
UCC Career Services

AFFORDABLE OPTIONS, FUNDING FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY
- 1. Partially funded courses – skills shortage areas
- 2. Work and Learn – Part-Time & Distance/blended learning options
- 3. Study in Europe
- 4. Funding, Grants, Scholarships.

PARTIALLY FUNDED SKILLS POSTGRAD COURSES
- Level 8 Higher Diploma options
- Level 9 Masters & Graduate Diplomas
- Wide Range of subsidised courses – all courses have an ICT element in identified skills shortage sectors of high employment growth.
- Postgraduate Skills Conversion
- Total cost 2,750 Euro – (payable in two 50% instalments)
- www.hean.ie/en/skills+funding

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SKILLS REQUIREMENTS FOR EVERY SECTOR

IT & BUSINESS COURSES UCC
- MSC in Interactive Media FT/PT
- MBS Electronic Business
- MBS in Information Systems for Business Performance
- MBS Business Information Systems
- MBS Management Information Systems & Accounting
- MBS Business Systems Development

IT- SCIENCE & ENGINEERING UCC
- Dip/M.Eng Microelectronic Design FT/PT
- Dip/M.Eng Microelectronics
- MSc Intelligent Systems for Business & Manufacturing
- MSc Geographical Information Systems & Remote Sensing
- HDip Biotechnology
- MSc in Bioinformatics & Systems Biology
- HDip Integrated Circuit Design
IT- SCIENCE & ENGINEERING UCC

- MSc Mathematical Modelling and & Scientific Computing
- MSc in Software Systems for Mobile Networks
- M.Eng Mechanical Engineering Manufacturing, Process & Automation Systems) PT
- M.Eng in IT in Architecture, Engineering & Construction FT/PT
- Dip/MSc Modelling & Numerical Computing
- MSc Photonics
- H Dip Applied Physics FT/PT
- MSc Geographical Information Systems & remote Sensing

EXTERNAL INSTITUTIONS

- Masters in Music Technology UL
- Masters Digital Humanities Maynooth
- MSc in Global Computing & Localization UL
- MSc in Health Informatics UL
- MSc in Medical Device Design NCAD
- MA in Translation Studies DCU
- MSc in Translation Technology DCU
- MSc in Security & Forensic Computing DCU
- MA in Technical Communication & e Learning UL
- MSc in Bio- Engineering UCD
- MSc in Business (i-Business) UCD

ICT ACTION PLAN AND ICT SKILLS PROGRAMME 2013

www.ictskills.ie

ICT Skills Programme

10 IT SPECIALISMS

- Software Development: Athlone IT, DIT, GMIT, IT Blanchardstown, IT Carlow, IT Tallaght, IT Tralee, IT Sligo, and LIT (Tipperary), WIT
- IT Infrastructure: DIT, IT Blanchardstown, IT Carlow, IT Tallaght, LIT (Tipperary)
- Business Analytics: Athlone IT, DIT, IT Blanchardstown
- Business Analyisis: WIT
- Web Development: IT Blanchardstown
- Computer Games: DIT, IT Blanchardstown, IT Carlow, LIT (Tipperary)
- Digital Media: IT Blanchardstown, LIT (Tipperary)
- Software Testing / Localisation: LIT
- Geographic Information Systems: DIT
- Information Security: DIT

All participating Institutes have agreed to accept transfers of students who complete Semester 1

LEVEL 8 CONVERSION COURSES –ONE YEAR DURATION

- Higher Diploma in Science in Cloud Computing CIT
- Higher Diploma in Cloud and Mobile Software Development CIT
- Higher Diplomas in Science in Computing
  Available in most Institutes of Technology
  Opportunities to pursue Specialist options in Semester 2

YOU CAN ONLY APPLY FOR ONE COURSE SO IT’S IMPORTANT TO CHOOSE WISELY.

- ICT skills offers courses from the following providers .

  - Athlone Institute of Technology (1)
  - Cork Institute of Technology (2),
  - Dublin Business School (1)
  - Dundalk Institute of Technology (1)
  - Galway Mayo Institute of Technology (1)
  - Griffith College (1)
  - Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (1)
  - Institute of Technology Cavan (1),
  - Institute of Technology Tallaght Dublin (1)

  www.hei.ie/files/ICT-SkillsLevel8-ApprovedProgrammes.pdf
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- Institute of Technology, Sligo (1)
- Institute of Technology, Tralee (1)
- Limerick Institute of Technology (3)
- National College of Ireland (1)
- National University of Ireland, Galway (1)
- University College Dublin (1)
- University of Limerick (3)
- Waterford Institute of Technology (1)

All have close industry involvement in their design and operation and include industry relevant projects and work placements which will leave graduates fully ‘work ready’ on completion.

2. WORK AND LEARN – PART TIME OPTIONS

- Advantages
  - Enables you to work, gain relevant experience while studying
  - Manage loans and finances on a smaller scale
  - Some part-time post grads can be more flexible about final year grades and entry criteria
- www.mastersstudies.com
- www.postgradireland.com

- Disadvantages
  - Discipline and commitment required
  - A challenge to combine work and study
  - No grants available

2. WORK AND LEARN – PART TIME OPTIONS UCC

- Hdip in Supply Chain Management (Lean SCM Black Belt)
- M.Eng (Pharmaceutical & Biopharmaceutical Engineering)
- M.Eng (IT in Architecture, Engineering Construction)
- MSc in Biomedical Sciences
- HDip Psychology
- Masters in Public Health
- MSc Interactive Media

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF IRELAND

- MA in Human Resource Management
- Master of Arts in Learning and Teaching
- MSc by Research
- MSc in Learning Technologies
- MSc in Management - part time
- MSc in Marketing - part time
- MSc in Web Technologies - part time

PART TIME COURSES DCU

- Grad Cert Digital Marketing
- Grad Cert Corporate Treasury
- MBS in HR Strategies
- MSc Investment & Treasury
- MSc Work & Organizational Behaviour
- MA in Film & Television Studies
- MA International Communications
- Grad Dip in Education
- MA International Relations
- MA in Political & Public Communication
PART-TIME UL
- MA in Comparative Literature & Cultural Studies
- MA in Journalism
- MA in Technical Communication & E Learning
- MA Human Resource Management
- Dip/MA in Project Management
- MA International Tourism
- MA International Entrepreneurship
- LLM Criminal Justice

MA in Computer Music
- MA Digital Humanities (Archival/Librarianship)
- MA Accounting
- MSc Business Management
- MSc Strategy & Innovation
- MSc Mathematics for Education

NUIG
- LLM Public Law
- LLM International Human Rights
- LLM Economic, Social & Cultural Rights
- M.EconSc Economic Policy Evaluation & Planning
- MA Film Studies
- MA Health Promotion

DIT
- MA Media Studies
- MA Applied Irish
- MBS Retail Management
- Grad Dip Advertising & Digital Communication

E LEARNING & DISTANCE LEARNING POSTGRADS

Advantages
- Possible to work and earn on a full-time basis
- Able to and take control of your schedule
- Affordable

Disadvantages
- Solitary experience
- Lack of one to one support
- No networking with class mates

E LEARNING/ DISTANCE LEARNING

- A wide range of Institutes of Technology offer opportunities
- www.ioti.ie Links to alls and Courses
- MA Youth & Childcare Athlone IT
- MA Environmental Health & Safety Management Athlone IT
- MSc Environmental Protection Sligo IT
- PGDip/MSc Energy Management Sligo IT
- MSc Quality Sligo IT
UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER
- www.ulster.ac.uk/elearning
- Dip/MSc Environmental Toxicology & Pollution Monitoring
- Dip/MSc Psychology (Health)
- MSc International Business by E Learning
- PGCert Forensic Studies
- Dip/MSc Geographic Information Systems

OPEN UNIVERSITY
- www.open.ac.uk/uk/study/postgraduate
- 50+ taught masters courses
- Wide range of research masters & PhDs including
- MSc Forensic Psychology and Criminology
- MSc Psychological Research Methods
- MSc Strategic Management & Information Systems
- Masters Children & Youth

FITZWILLIAM INSTITUTE
- PG Dip in Public Relations
- PG Diploma in Event Management Courses (live & distance learning)
- PG Dip Project Management with Communications
- 95% of graduates offered fulltime positions with placement company

UK- HUGE RANGE OF DISTANCE LEARNING POSTGRADS
- www.prospect.ac.uk
- www.hotcourses.com
- www.sup4training.org.uk
- www.prospect.ac.uk/cms/.../Distance_Learning..
- Online and distance courses - University of Oxford
- www.open.ac.uk > Admissions
- www.open.ac.uk/study/postgraduate
- The Open University offers a range of postgraduate qualifications and postgraduate courses including degrees, science diplomas and certificates.

OSCAIL (DCU DISTANCE LEARNING)
- www.oscail.ie/postgraduate
- Targeted to working professionals
- MSC Internet Systems
- MSc Internet Systems Strategy

GOOD REASONS TO STUDY IN EUROPE
- World-class universities throughout Europe
- Opportunity to study with world-class academic staff in their specialism
- Fees can be lower - funding sometimes available
STUDY IN EUROPE

- Netherlands
- Germany
- Sweden
- Switzerland

Courses delivered through English — Low cost fees

- www.mastersportal.eu
- www.distancelearningportal.eu

Helps you to find and compare any open, online or distance learning programme. Browse thousands of study opportunities

- Fees listed for all courses

FUNDING FOR STUDY IN EUROPE AVAILABLE

- Key sources of Funding
- Information on scholarships offered by national and regional authorities, as well as private sources of financing:
  - http://www.scholarshipportal.eu

- Erasmus Mundus
  - eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding

STUDY IN EUROPE

A vast range of higher education courses, and scholarships from national, regional or other funds available.

Consult the “Study in Europe” website

Useful information for students and links to courses, universities and national agencies.

EXEMPLARY & ACCESSIBLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- www.internationalgraduate.net/country/europe.htm
- www.mastersportal.eu/students/abc
- http://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/home.jsp
- http://www.scholarshipportal.eu/
- www.eurochoice.org.uk
- www.eurograduate.com
- http://univ.cc/
- www.topgraduate.com

GERMANY

- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)
- Over 300 Master’s programmes taught through English
  - www.daad.de

SWEDEN

- Some Postgrad programmes are taught entirely in English (Lund University, no fees)
  - www.studyinsweden.se
SWITZERLAND
- Fees are very low (usually less than €1500);
- 200 MSc courses are taught in English mainly in Business and Science
- www.swissuniversity.ch/

THE NETHERLANDS
- NUFFIC – The Netherlands
  - www.nuffic.nl
- Over 800 Master's programmes taught through English

ERASMUS MUNDUS
- Over 130 Erasmus Mundus Masters offering scholarships 2012-2013
- Courses offering scholarships
- Eligibility
  - EU Masters students (category B) entitled to between 2000 - 4000 Euro per semester
  - PhDs
    - 300 Euro non laboratory research per semester
    - 600 Euro lab based research

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 AND SCHOLARSHIPS
- Irish Government funding for 3 graduates of Law, Politics, Economics, European Studies per year
  - www.europeanmovement.ie
  - www.iea.com
- Masters in EU International Relations with Diplomacy
- Masters European Political & Administrative Studies
- Masters European Economic Studies
- Masters European Economic Integration & Business
- LLM EU Law & Economic Analysis
- National University of Ireland Awards 2013
  - www.nui.ie
  - Downloadable awards Booklet
  - www.iea.com
  - www.studentfinance
  - www.nextscholarships.com
**UCC Scholarships**

**THE BOYLE POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN GERMAN**
- Open for competition among suitably qualified graduates of University College Cork of not more than two years standing as a postgraduate in the subject German.
- Register for a higher degree in German at a University or other recognised third level institution.
- Scholarship is €5,000, tenable for one year.

**THE DAVID JOHN BARRY FELLOWSHIP IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING**
- Annual Postgraduate Research Fellowship in the areas of Food Technology and Marketing.
- Graduate of an Irish University who proposes to proceed to a higher degree in the areas of Food Technology or Food Marketing at University College Cork.
- €7,000 – one year

**THE BOYLE POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN GERMAN**
- Doctoral Research Fellowship in the area of International Business Strategy.
- The Heinz Fellowship in International Business Strategy and will be based in the Department of Management and Marketing, University College Cork.
- €15,000 per annum (to include PhD fee), awarded triennially, following advertisement and competition.

**THE DAVID JOHN BARRY FELLOWSHIP IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING**
- "The Lilly Postgraduate Scholarship in Biotechnology" The scholarship is valued at €2,000 and will be awarded to the student achieving the highest aggregate grade in Spring examinations in the Masters in Applied Sciences [Biotechnology] degree.

**THE DAVID JOHN BARRY FELLOWSHIP IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING**
- 3,174 Euro

**THE JOHN SISK POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**
- John Sisk & Son Ltd., have funded this scholarship to promote university research in the area of civil engineering construction.
- c. €20,000 and tenable at University College Cork, shall be awarded to an engineering graduate to support full-time postgraduate studies in the area of civil engineering construction.

**THE JOHN SISK POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**
- "The Aidan Synnott Graduate Study Travel Bursary Scheme" Thanks to the generosity of Aidan Synnott, a UCC BCL graduate practicing as a lawyer in the USA, a fund is made available each year to fund travel to research locations outside UCC for PhD and LLM Mode B students. The fund is valued at $2,000.

**IRISH PENAL REFORM TRUST ESSAY PRIZE**
- Best essay in the LLM unit LAW546 Juvenile Justice. The winner will receive €100 and a certificate of award from the IPRT.

**THE FLEISCHMANN PRIZE**
- The Fleischmann Prize is awarded annually by the Academic Council to a music graduate of University College Cork who, in the opinion of the judges, has made a significant contribution to music in Ireland. The current value of the prize is €500.
**Higher Education Grants Scheme (HEGS)**

- 3 Categories of assessment.
- Candidate dependant on parents/guardian
- Dependant mature candidate
- Independent mature candidate

[www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie)
[www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie)

**Student Grant Scheme**

2 ways postgraduates qualify for assistance:

- 1. Get a new flat rate fee contribution of €2,000, if they pass the fee contribution means test

- 2. Get all their tuition fees paid and essential field trips (up to €6,270), if they meet the qualifying conditions for the special rate of grant for disadvantaged students –

- No maintenance grant is paid to new postgraduate students from 2012.

**Income Limits for Postgraduate Fee Grants**

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<td>8 or more</td>
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**Criteria for Disadvantage Students Grant**

- Total reckonable income in the tax year must not be more than €22,703

- Long-term social welfare payments
- Family Income Supplement (FIS)
- Designated programmes (for example, a FÁS training programme).

**Dependant on Parents**

- Under 23 years of age on January 1st of year of application for course
- Assessment is based on your parent's income and your income
- (Students are entitled to earn 3000 Euro)

**Dependant Mature Application**

- At least 23 years old on 1st Jan of year of application
- Resident with your parents from Oct 01st of year prior to application/entry to course.
- Assessed on parents income
- Same criteria as Under 23 Years
INDEPENDENT MATURE

- At least 23 years of age on Jan 01st of year of application/entry to course
- Not resident in family home/with parents from Oct 01st of year prior to application/entry.
- Documentary evidence of address
- Utility bills
- Registration with Private Residential Tenancies Board
- Postal correspondence eg; Bank statements..