

UCD Visa guide

University College Dublin International Study Centre

Visa Guide – University College Dublin

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Who needs a visa?

Most international students (non-EEA) will need a visa to come to Ireland. However, there are a number of countries whose nationals do not require a visa to travel to Ireland.

The application process

To start the application, all students must complete the Online Application Form on the Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) website: www.visas.inis.gov.ie. An application can only be processed when the online form is completed and submitted. After that, students will need to compile at least the following (see page 2 for further details of visa application documents):

- Two recent passport-sized colour photographs
- Current in date passport and any previous passports
- Letter of application purpose
- Letter of acceptance from the institution
- Education gap explanation
- Evidence of course fee payment
- Evidence of academic and English ability to follow the course
- Evidence of sufficient funds
- Proof of private medical insurance

All documents outlined above must be sent to the local Irish Embassy/ Consulate/ Visa Office (See back page for the nearest location of an Irish Embassy/ Consulate/ Visa Office).

If there is no Irish Embassy or Consulate in the country, please follow the instructions of the closest Irish Embassy to you. When you have completed the online application process, you must follow the instructions on the summary application form that is created by the online system. This form will contain information on where you are to submit your supporting documentation. You will need to print, sign and date the summary document and send it off or present it along with your supporting documents.

Processing times

The processing times may vary between countries and during high volume periods during the year but it generally takes 8 weeks from the date your application was made. Unfortunately there are no extra services available to make the decision on your application any faster – all visa applications do take about 8 weeks as standard but they may have taken a bit longer during busy periods.

Applications are processed in date order. For more information, please check: inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/pages/study

You can check the decision on your visa application using the following link. These are updated every Tuesday. http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Visa%20Decisions

Please remember that usual processing times are 8 weeks from the date of your visa application submission.

The required documentation details

Signed and dated summary application form (already filled in online) providing full details of the student's previous education

Passport You will need to have your current national passport which must be valid for at least 12 months after your proposed arrival in Ireland. You also will be required to submit full copies of any previous passports.

Photographs 2 x colour passport size photos as per the following guidance:

http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-application-photos

The photos cannot be older than 6 months. Your name and your application reference number must be clearly written on the back of each photo. Please make sure you do not damage the photos

Application fees if applying for a Long Stay (D) visa to study, the student should apply for a multiple entry visa instead of a single entry visa. The cost is €60 for a single entry and €100 for multiple entry visas, but some extra fees may be required depending on the country you apply from. You can find out about fees here: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/fees

Details of any previous visa applications for any country and visa refusal letters if applicable.

Letter of Acceptance from University College Dublin confirming and specifying acceptance on a course of study. The letter should confirm the amount of fees payable and fees paid for the course. Study Group's Certificate of Enrolment and Letter of Acceptance will provide proof of this.

A signed statement of purpose outlining reasons for coming to Ireland, giving details of any family members in Ireland/ EU. If employment history/ educational background have no connection to the proposed course, the student must explain the change of career. You must also state that you will observe the conditions of your visa and that you will leave the state on the expiry of your permission to remain.

An explanation of any gaps in your educational history, providing information to account for any gaps between last period of full time education and your application to study in Ireland. If any gaps in education have been filled by periods of employment, please give full details of your employment history.

Evidence of student's academic and English language ability such evidence and will include exam results AND qualification certificates AND English certificates. It's recommended that students undertake an IELTS or equivalent.

Evidence of course fees paid i) a copy of an Electronic Transfer of Funds from the applicant to the Irish Bank of the college/valid receipt showing course fees lodged to an approved student fees payment service ii) Letter of Acceptance confirming the paid course fees.

In general, course fees must be paid in full if less than €6,000 or if the course fees are in excess of €6,000, at least this amount must be paid prior to applying for the visa. Some embassies will require different amounts such as 50% of fees paid so please make sure you are following the requirements of your region.

Evidence of private medical insurance Study Group advises students to take StudyCare or provide proof of other cover.

Evidence of finances Students studying in Ireland for at least six months must provide bank statements covering a six - month period immediately prior to their visa application showing immediate access to at least 7,000 and ready access to an amount of at least €7,000 for each subsequent year of studies in addition to the course fees of each of those years. €7,000 is the estimated cost of living in Ireland for a student for one academic year.

The bank statements must show full contact details of the bank – name, full address, telephone number and include the name and address of the account holder and the account number.

If the student is sponsored by another person then details of the relationship is required. Evidence of ready access may include the sponsor's employment letter with contact details of the employer – name, address and landline phone number and 4 recent payslips.

You must provide the following in relation to your sponsor(s) financial circumstance and the level of financial support that they intend to give you for the duration of your stay in Ireland.

- Clear details of the financial support that each sponsor intends to give you for the duration of your stay in
 Ireland, showing that the amount of financial support they intend to give you is available and that they have
 enough funds to maintain themselves and other family members. Evidence accepted can, for example,
 include a letter from your sponsor's employer confirming employment details, plus 3 recent payslips. If your
 sponsor is involved in business, evidence of this must be provided, such as a Certificate of Registration from
 the authorities in your country
- An up-to-date bank statement for each sponsor, showing what money has been paid into and out of the account over the last six months.
- Bank statements must be on headed paper. Where original bank statements are not available, internet
 printouts will be accepted once every page has been notarised by the bank and the statement is
 accompanied by letter from the bank confirming its authenticity. Handwritten entries or details on bank
 statements will not be accepted.
- Your sponsor's name, address, account number and account type must be visible on the statement.
- Any large or irregular lodgements (e.g. student loans, lodgement of Savings
- Certificates, sale of a property or any similar type sources) must be fully explained.
- If your sponsor is providing a bank statement from a deposit/savings account, a letter from their bank confirming that you can access the funds must also be provided.
- · Credit cards are not accepted as evidence of finances.
- If you are receiving funding from a government body responsible for covering your costs, you must provide full details of the funding.

Full details can be found here:

http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Student%20Finances.pdf/Files/Student%20Finances.pdf

Please make sure that all supporting documents are original documents. Please make sure you keep copies of all the documents you provide with your application.

Registering in Ireland as a student

Once a student has arrived in Ireland they must register with the Immigration Service Delivery, students will need to pay fee of €300 which can only be paid by credit/debit card or bank giro (cash will not be accepted) and a number of documents. If you are under the age of 18 this service is free. We strongly recommend you to register for the appointment before your arrival in Ireland right after you get your visa issued. The appointment system is a free of charge booking system. More information regarding the first registration can be found here http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/first-time-registration

It is also required for students to have an Irish bank account showing a balance of is €3000. Information on opening an Irish bank account and registering with ISD is given during the International Study Centre induction programme. Staff at the International Study Centre will guide all students through these processes.

Can students work while studying in Ireland?

Students who attend a full time course of at least one year in duration leading to a qualification recognised by the Minister for Education and Skills are permitted to take up casual employment.

If you are allowed to work, you can take up a maximum of 20 hours part time work per week, or full time work during normal college vacation periods (June, July, August and September and from 15th December to 15th January only). Such work should not interfere with your course attendance, as failure to provide evidence of a satisfactory attendance record will result in a refusal of any extension to your permission to remain. The entitlement to casual employment will cease on completion of your college course.

The stamp placed in your passport by ISD will indicate whether or not you are permitted to take up casual employment. Stamp 2 should give you the right to work in Ireland. If you are in doubt about this you should check with ISD before you accept any job offer.

Any breach of your visa conditions will lead to a review of your case and possible removal from the State.

Students who work will also be required to comply with the Universal Social Contribution, Pay Related Social Insurance, employment laws and taxation requirements.

Students cannot conduct business or be self-employed, or work full-time in a permanent job. Internships and work placement as part of the course of study are allowed where their completion contributes to the final academic award.

Can students stay in Ireland to seek employment after graduating and completing their studies?

It may be possible to stay in Ireland after graduating from a University for the purpose of seeking employment under the Irish Third Level Graduate Scheme.

This scheme exists to allow legally resident non-EEA third level graduates to remain in Ireland for the purpose of seeking employment and applying for a green card or work permit.

During the period of permission under the Irish Third Level Graduate Scheme a student can work full time (up to 40 hours per week).

The permission under the Irish Third Level Graduate Scheme is non-renewable if you have finished an undergraduate degree but it can be renewed for another 12 months if you have finished, for example, a masters degree or a PHD course. Permission to work is granted by the Department of Enterprise Trade and Innovation.

Details on how to obtain a working permit is available on their website www.deti.ie .

Frequently asked questions

Q: How can I check if I need visa to study in Ireland?

A: You can check if you need visa here: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/check-irish-visa

Also the following link states who does not need visa: https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/egypt/our-services/visas-for-ireland/who-needs-a-visa/

Q: What type of visa do I need to apply for?

A: You will need to apply for Long Stay 'D' visa

Q: How soon can I make a visa application?

A: The application process takes a minimum of about 8 weeks so you should apply as early as possible up to 3 months before travelling to Ireland. Late admissions may be refused.

Q: What is the cost of visa application?

A: The cost is €60 for a single entry visa and €100 for multiple entry visas, but some extra fees may be required depending on the country you apply from. You can find out about fees here: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/fees

Q: How can I make a visa application?

A: You will need to complete an online visa application through this link:

https://www.visas.inis.gov.ie/avats/OnlineHome.aspx When you have completed the online application process, you must follow the instructions on the summary application form that is created by the online system. This form will contain information on where you are to submit your supporting documentation. You will need to print, sign and date the summary document and send it off along with your supporting documents.

It is important that all documents submitted do not include any false or misleading information or documents in your application as this may lead to a refusal. You may not be allowed to appeal or you may not be allowed to gain Irish Visa for up to 5 years.

Q: Do I need to submit Biometric Information after my visa application is submitted?

A: You may be required your Biometric Information as part of the application process. Currently visa applicants residing in Nigeria (irrespective of nationality) have been required to provide their Biometric Information as part of the application process.

If you are resident in China, India or Pakistan you are also required to provide your fingerprints each time you apply for visa to Ireland.

The requirement to provide Biometric Information as part of the visa process is likely to be rolled out in other locations in the future. So please make sure you pay attention to the instructions provided in the Summary Application Form.

Q: What documents do I need to have before I make a visa application?

A: The Appendix A of this document contains a guide to supporting documentation required.

Q: How long does it take for the decision to be made on my visa application?

A: The processing time may vary between countries and during high volume periods during the year but it generally takes 8 weeks from the date your application was made. Unfortunately there are no extra services available to make the decision on your application any faster – all visa applications do take about 8 weeks as standard but they may have taken a bit longer during busy periods.

Q: How can I check on the progress of my visa application?

A: You can check the decision on your visa application using the following link. These are updated every Tuesday. http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Visa%20Decisions

Please remember that usual processing times are 8 weeks from the date of your visa application submission.

Q: Will I be issued with single entry or multiple entries on my visa?

A: This will depend on what you have applied for and what you have been granted. We recommend students to apply for multiple entries visas.

Q: What do I need to do if I receive a refusal following my visa application?

A: You will need to check for what reasons your application was refused for. Codes to understand of visa refusals can be found here:

http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Reasons%20of%20Refusal%20010513.pdf/Files/Reasons%20of%20Refusal%20010513.pdf

Q: What if I think that the decision of refusal is not correct can I challenge the initial decision of a refusal?

A: If you believe that the decision is incorrect then you can submit an appeal. Section 'Appeals' of this document contains information of how to submit an appeal.

Q: Will I be able to work during my studies?

A: Yes, 20 hrs per week during term time and 40 hrs during holidays, but if you are sponsored student (i.e. by your government) you will have no working rights.

Q: Will my family be able to visit me in Ireland?

A: Yes, but they will need to apply for Short Stay 'C' visa. Please see the following link: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Apply%20for%20a%20visa#short-stay

Q: Do I need to carry any documents with me when I arrive at the airport in Ireland?

A: You will need to carry some documents with you. The Appendix B contains information on what is required for you to have upon arrival at the airport in Ireland.

Q: Do I need to complete any registrations after I arrived in Ireland?

A: Yes, you will be required to register with the Immigration Service Delivery after your arrival. Appendix C of this document outlines what you will need to do and what additional fees may be applied.

Q: Are there any additional requirements for students who are under the age of 18

A: Yes, there are additional requirements and documentation required to be provided and submitted with the visa application. Appendix D of this document outlines all the requirements and additional documents to be submitted with the visa application.

Appendix A

Guide to supporting documentation

Summary Application Form which needs to be signed and dated.

Photos

2 x colour passport size photos as per the following guidance: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-application-photos

The photos cannot be older than 6 months

Your name and your application reference number must be clearly written on the back of each photo. Please make sure you do not damaged the photos

Passport

You will need to have your current national passport which must be valid for at least 12 months after your proposed arrival in Ireland.

You also will be required to submit full copies of any previous passports

A signed 'Letter of Application' which includes your full contact details. The letter should contain the following information:

- The reason for wanting to come to Ireland
- Details of any members of your family who are currently in Ireland, or any other EU Members State
- Undertaking that you will observe the conditions of your visa, that you will not become a burden on the State and that you will leave the State on the expiry of your permission to remain
- where the course the student now wishes to study does not naturally follow on or relate to their educational/employment history, giving valid reasons, supported by documentary evidence (where available), for this change.

Evidence of enrolment on a privately funded course

- Confirming acceptances and enrolment on a course of full-time education, involving a minimum of 15 hours organised daytime tuition each week,
- giving details of the course to be studied,
- stating the amount of fees payable for the course, and
- · stating the amount that has been paid,
- if the college has taken out medical insurance on behalf of the student, stating that the college has done so.

Note: Where the course fees are less than €6,000, fees must be paid in full to the college prior to applying for visa. Where the course fees are in excess of €6,000, at least this amount must be paid prior to applying for visa and evidence of this should be shown in the Letter of Acceptance. This minimum amount is an Immigration requirement. However, the college may require full payment of fees.

Academic documents

Academic documents must provide evidence that you have the ability to follow your chosen course e.g. exam results, qualifications. Huikao Test Result must be provided by Chinese students.

Evidence accounting for any gaps in your education history

You must provide information to account for any gaps between your last period of full time education and your application to study in Ireland.

If any gaps in education have been filled by periods of employment, you must give full details of your employment history.

Evidence of your Level of English:

English Level requirements are set here:

http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/English-language-requirements-for-study-visas

Acceptable documents and scores are (set by Study Group):

Academic IELTS - minimum of 5.0 in each component

TOEFL with the minimum of: Listening 15, Reading 13, Speaking 18 and Writing 15

Pearson PTE with a minimum score of 46

Duolingo 80 overall and 70 in all sub-bands

Arts and Humanities 90 overall with min 90 in literacy & production and 90 in other sub scores

Private Medical Insurance

Study Group provides StudyCare insurance which is valid for Ireland and complies with all requirements.

Previous Visa Refusals

If you have been refused in the past for any country, you must declare any refusals you may have had in the past. The original letter issued to you by the authorities must be provided with your application. Not disclosing any previous visa refusals may result in refusal.

Finances

Living Cost

Student must show evidence that they have immediate access to at least €7000 as this is the estimated living cost for a student for one academic year in Ireland.

Tuition Fees

- If the tuition fees are less than €6000 then these need to be paid in full to Study Group.
- If the tuition fees are in excess of €6000 then this is the least amount which needs to be paid to Study Group.
- The payment of the fees will be clearly confirmed by Study Group on the student's offer letter after the fees are received
- The Irish Embassy in India requires all applications from India to pay 50% of fees for all courses in excess of €6000.

Supporting documents re finances

- You must provide an up-to-date bank statement, showing what money has been paid into and out of the
 account over the last six months. You must submit this whether you are covering the costs of your studies
 yourself or not.
- Bank statements must be on headed paper. Where original bank statements are not available, internet
 printouts will be accepted once every page has been notarised by the bank and the statement is
 accompanied by letter from the bank confirming its authenticity. Handwritten entries or details on bank
 statements will not be accepted.
- Your name, address, account number and account type must be visible on the statement
- Any large or irregular lodgements (e.g. student loans, lodgement of Savings Certificates, the sale of a property or any similar type sources) must be fully explained.
- If you are sending a bank statement from a deposit/savings account, you must also include a letter from your bank confirming that you can take money from that account.
- Credit cards are not accepted as evidence of finances.

Details of your sponsor (where applicable) and their finances

- If a family member/friend is responsible or co-responsible for covering your costs, you must list each person sponsoring you, and give clear details of their relationship to you. You must provide evidence (e.g. birth certificates/marriage certificates etc.) of how you are linked or known to this person. You must provide the following in relation to your sponsor(s) financial circumstance and the level of financial support that they intend to give you for the duration of your stay in Ireland.
- Clear details of the financial support that each sponsor intends to give you for the duration of your stay in Ireland, showing that the amount of financial support they intend to give you is available and that they have enough funds to maintain themselves and other family members. Evidence accepted can, for example,
- include a letter from your sponsor's employer confirming employment details, plus 3 recent payslips. If your sponsor is involved in business, evidence of this must be provided, such as a Certificate of Registration from the authorities in your country
- An up-to-date bank statement for each sponsor, showing what money has been paid into and out of the account over the last six months.

- Bank statements must be on headed paper. Where original bank statements are not available, internet
 printouts will be accepted once every page has been notarised by the bank and the statement is
 accompanied by letter from the bank confirming its authenticity. Handwritten entries or details on bank
 statements will not be accepted.
- Your sponsor's name, address, account number and account type must be visible on the statement.
- Any large or irregular lodgements (e.g. student loans, lodgement of Savings)
- Certificates, sale of a property or any similar type sources) must be fully explained.
- If your sponsor is providing a bank statement from a deposit/savings account, a letter from their bank confirming that you can access the funds must also be provided.
- Credit cards are not accepted as evidence of finances.
- If you are receiving funding from a government body responsible for covering your costs, you must provide full details of the funding.

Full details can be found here:

http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Student%20Finances.pdf/Files/Student%20Finances.pdf

Loans

Yes student loans are acceptable once fully received into the students account. Student would need to provide further documents in regards to origin of the funds. I.e. Loan agreement document.

Please make sure that all supporting documents are original documents. Please make sure you keep copies of all the documents you provide with your application.

If some of your documents are not in English/Irish the original document must be accompanied by a full translation. Each translated document must include the following data added by the translator:

- That the translation is an accurate translation of the original document
- The date of the translation
- The translator's full name and signature
- The translators full contact details

All letters submitted by a business, company or other organisation should be on official headed paper and give full contact details so that they can be verified. These must include a full postal address, name of contact, position in the organisation, telephone number (landline), website, and email address (email addresses such as Yahoo or Hotmail are not accepted).

Appendix B Arriving at the airport in Ireland

When you land in Ireland, we recommend that you have the following documentation with you:

Passport (with your valid entry visa if you require one).

UCD Offer Letter available in SISweb.

INIS Supplementary Letter (available in SISweb or provided by your UCD Global Centre/Regional Team)

Evidence of private medical health insurance with detailed coverage information.

Evidence of tuition fees paid, scholarship or sponsorship details or US Financial Aid if applicable.

Evidence that you have access to at least €3,000. Please find more information here.

Accommodation details.

All documents presented should be originals and, if in a language other than English, accompanied by translation.

Appendix C

Post arrival – additional registrations in Ireland

After your arrival in Ireland and your study centre you will be required to register with Burgh Quary Registration Office and this must be done within 90 days from your arrival date in Ireland. The reason for registration is to update your visa from single entry to multi entries visa. The cost of this service is €300 for a year. For students who are under age of 18 this service is free. It is strongly recommended to register for the appointment before your arrival in Ireland when you got your visa. The appointment system is a free of charge booking system. If you will be asked to pay for this service whilst booking the appointment the please do not continue with the booking of appointment. More information regarding the first registration can be found here http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/first-time-registration

You must have the following when you go to register:

- Your passport
- Certificate of Attendance (All students can access an electronic Certificate of Attendance online via SISWeb)
- Proof that you have paid at least €6000 in course fees (an online copy of your Fee Receipt (known as a Fee Statement) is available through SISWeb)
- Proof of scholarship funding (if relevant)
- Proof that you have private medical insurance
- If you did not need a visa to come to Ireland, you must also prove that you can support yourself financially while you are in the country. You can do this by showing you have direct access to:
- €3,000, if you are staying for more than 6 months
- €500 per month or €3,000 (in total) if you are staying 6 months or less
- Please see further information about evidence of finances here
- A credit/debit card for payment of €300 registration fee (or Bank Giro obtainable from INIS office)
- You can check all requirements for first time registration on the ISD official website. If any of the documents are missing, your application will be rejected.

During the registration you will also be asked to provide your biometrics features. The reason for providing these is to be issued with IRP card. The IRP card will be posted to your accommodation address within 5-10 working days from the date of registration. In peak times the delivery of your IRP may be delayed. The IRP card is going to be your visa with updated issue and expiry dates and can be used as an entry visa in case you need to leave and return to Ireland.

Appendix D

Additional documentation for unaccompanied students under the age of 18

Birth certificate

The child's birth certificate must be submitted with their application.

Consent of parent /legal guardian

Parental consent from both parents/legal guardians is required.

This consent must be a notarised document, providing full details of the person in whose care the minor shall be in during their stay in Ireland and confirming

- the parents/legal quardians agreement to the child coming to Ireland for study purposes, and
- named family member/friend over the age of 25 years old who is fluent in English or our Educational Guardian Service
- Copies of the biometric page of the parents/guardians passports or national identity cards showing the bearer's signature must also be provided.

 Where only one parent has total custody, a Court Order bestowing sole custody of this child must be submitted.

Appeals Section Information

If you receive a refusal following your visa application and you feel that the decision is incorrect you can submit an appeal within two months from the date of refusal.

You will need to write a letter of appeal that states you wish to appeal a visa decision the letter must include the following:

- Full name
- Postal address
- Personal email address
- Visa application transaction number

The letter needs to explain why you believe the decision on your application should be changed.

The letter should refer to every point for which the visa application was refused for. You can submit further documents with your appeal which you may feel are important to support your appeal. Please do not submit your passport unless it is clearly stated as an instruction in the letter of refusal.

The additional documents which you may wish to submit with your appeal must follow the rules for visa appeal documents and must be original documents. Please see section 6 for further details here: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Visa%20Appeals

Any documents which are not in English/Irish must be accompanied by a full translation of the documents.

- Each translated documents must include the following data added by the translator:
- That the translation is an accurate translation of the original document
- The date of the translation
- The translator's full name and signature
- The translators full contact details

You can have somebody else appeal on your behalf but you will need to provide a letter of authorisation. The letter must be original and then you will need to clearly state that you are authorising the person to act on your behalf for all matters and correspondence relating to your appeal. If the person is appealing on behalf of more than one applicant then each of the applicants must provide the letter of authorisation. Where the parent appeals on behalf of their child under the age of 18 then the letter of authorisation is not required. Further details can be found in section 4 here: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Visa%20Appeals#authorised-appeal

Once satisfied that you have prepared all documents for the appeal you need to put all documents into a strong padded envelope and send it to the address as stated in the letter of refusal. These documents must be posted as emails or faxes are not accepted.

Return of documents following an appeal

The return of documents will depend on where you posted the appeal to and where you applied from. If you sent your application to Dublin Visa Office then they will only return these documents within Ireland or the UK. If you sent these documents to the Dublin Visa Office from overseas you will need to organize a courier for these documents to be collected from the Dublin Office.

If you applied to a different visa office (depending on country you applied from) then the relevant visa office will contact you to advise how your documents can be returned to you

More information on return of your documents can be found in section 6 here: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Visa%20Appeals#authorised-appeal

Important websites

www.visas.inis.gov.ie

This is the visa application portal where online applications must be made.

www.inis.gov.ie

The INIS website gives detailed information on student visas, the application process and rules regarding studying in Ireland. A comprehensive guide to completing the online visa application form is also available on the website in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Turkish and Urdu.

www.dfa.ie

The website of the Department of Foreign Affairs also has visa information and contact details for all Irish Embassies and Consulates.

More information can also be found at:

https://www.ucd.ie/global/study-at-ucd/visasandimmigration/