

Study in Northern Ireland

FAQs

Below are the answers to some questions we didn't have time to get to on our webinar, as well as some helpful links:

How can I apply to study in Northern Ireland?

At undergraduate level, applications are handled through the UK's application system, which is called UCAS (www.ucas.com). You can apply for up to 5 programs/universities with a single application. Each university has their own academic requirements – but you'd be asked to submit test scores and transcripts alongside a short personal statement and a single letter of recommendation.

At graduate level, you apply directly to each university – there's no application fee to apply to graduate school in Northern Ireland. You normally just need to send your undergraduate transcripts – QUB (Queen's University Belfast) and UU (Ulster University) don't require the GRE, GMAT or other entrance tests.

What is the approximate cost of living as an international student in Northern Ireland?

We advise a rough estimate of about £1,000 (\$1,300 USD) a month to cover your living costs, so about £9,000 (\$12,000 USD) per academic year – that's to cover housing, travel, visas, food and social life.

Are there any scholarships available?

Each university offers their own package of scholarships, and details are published on the international section of our websites. Typically, international students will get a minimum of £2,000 at both QUB and UU for most programs, with some other competitive scholarships offering up anywhere up to 50% of tuition fees.

There are also national scholarship bodies like the Marshall Scholarship, the Mitchell Award and Fulbright Awards which students can apply for – that will cover both tuition and living costs.

Additionally, students can use either US or Canadian Federal Loans to cover the costs of studying in Northern Ireland.

Are ACT / SAT scores required?

They are not required – but that can be used to substitute for other entry requirements (in place of an AP test, for example). Details are on the USA pages of the university websites.

What are some accommodation options for international students?

Both universities have accommodation on campus and within close walking distance. Typically, a room in student accommodation in Northern Ireland will be a private bedroom (no roommates), with most now also having private en-suite bathrooms as well. Students typically live apartment style, with 4 or 5 students sharing kitchen and living room facilities. Most accommodation in Northern Ireland is self-catered – we don't do meal plans, but you'll have a fully stocked kitchen so that you can prepare and cook your own meals.

Are degrees granted in 3 years or 4?

Most undergraduate degrees are 3 years long, with students going directly into their chosen major from day one. However, most degrees will also have the option to extend to 4 years, through the inclusion of a work placement (paid internship) or study abroad year – this normally takes place between the second and final years.

Some programs, like Medicine and Dentistry, are longer – typically 5 years.

Helpful links:

Queen's University Belfast:

[USA Information Page](#)

[US Admissions Guide](#)

[Canada Information Page](#)

[International Scholarships](#)

[Book a call with the North America team](#)

Ulster University:

[US webpage](#)

[Canada webpage](#)

[US loans](#)

[John J Sweeney scholarship](#)

[Scholarships](#)

[Accommodation](#)

[How to Apply](#)

[Living in Northern Ireland](#)

[Cost of Living](#)

[Book a meeting with Regional Manager; Americas](#)

General:

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[Money and budgeting](#)