



NUI Galway
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NUI Galway The Essential Guide

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Our mission

Learning and Leadership for Life and Work

*Léann agus Ceannaireacht don Saol agus
don Saothar*

Established in 1845, the National University of Ireland Galway has a distinguished reputation for teaching and research excellence.

The background image shows a university courtyard. In the foreground, a large stone archway frames the view. To the left, a tall stone building with a crenellated tower is visible. In the center, a green lawn is bordered by a paved path. To the right, another stone building with arched windows and ivy is visible. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Our Vision

We are committed to:

- A holistic educational and cultural experience for a diverse student body.
- Innovation, excellence and leadership in selected and distinctive programmes of teaching, research and scholarship.
- Reflecting the University's strengths, national priorities, and the strengths and needs of our region.
- Recognising our particular commitment to Gaeltacht regions and the Irish language community.
- Building effective strategic partnerships with relevant regional, national and international stakeholders and organisations.

A photograph of three students walking through a stone archway. On the left, a young man in a dark coat and scarf looks towards the camera. In the center, a young woman in a red beanie and green scarf holds a folder. On the right, a young man in a tan and blue jacket walks with his hands in his pockets, smiling. The background shows a stone building and a glimpse of the outdoors through the archway.

Students

In 2014-15 there were 17,542 students at NUI Galway.

Of these, 2,758 were international students from 110 countries around the world.

Undergraduate	12,323
Postgraduate Taught	2,419
Postgraduate Research	1,218
Exchange/Visiting students	1,326
Other students	256
Total	17,542



Staff

NUI Galway is one of the top employers in Galway, with 2,506 staff members.

Academic Staff	1,041
Research Staff	539
Administrative/Support Staff	926
Total	2,506



NUI Galway has five Colleges, 16 Schools and over 60 academic disciplines.

College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

School of Education

School of Geography and Archaeology

School of Humanities

School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

School of Political Science and Sociology

School of Psychology

College of Business, Public Policy and Law

J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics

School of Law

College of Engineering and Informatics

School of Engineering and Informatics

College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

School of Health Sciences

School of Medicine

School of Nursing and Midwifery

College of Science

School of Chemistry

School of Mathematics, Statistics, and Applied Mathematics

School of Natural Sciences

School of Physics



Inspirational Research

- NUI Galway holds Ireland's first UNESCO Chair, which is supported by the Child and Family Research Centre.
- The Insight Centre for Data Analytics positions Ireland at the heart of global data analytics research.
- Ireland's only facility for manufacturing adult stem cells for human trials is at NUI Galway.
- The Ryan Institute is Ireland's largest Environmental, Marine and Energy Research group.
- Centre for Human Rights are recognised among the world's leading experts in human rights law.
- Our Centre for Health Promotion Research, the only one of its kind in Ireland, has World Health Organisation (WHO) status for its role in health promotion education and research.
- The digitised Abbey Theatre Archive, the world's largest digital theatre archive, is in development.
- Galway is one of five global hubs in a medtech market, worth €95 billion annually in the EU.
- CÚRAM, the Centre for Research in Medical Devices, is a national research centre based at NUI Galway advancing R&D in the medical device sector.
- NUI Galway's Institute for Lifecourse and Society brings together the fields of children, youth, older people and disability into one domain of research, teaching and policy.

Research

Research at NUI Galway is concentrated around five major research themes.

Pioneering research institutes and centres have been developed to establish a national and international reputation in these areas.

Priority Research Areas

Applied Social Sciences and Public Policy
Biomedical Science and Engineering
Environment, Marine and Energy
Humanities in Context
Informatics, Data Analytics, Physical and Computational Sciences

Major Research Institutes and Centres

Applied Optics Group
CÚRAM, the Centre for Research in Medical Device
Health Promotion Research Centre (HPRC)
Irish Centre for Human Rights
Insight Centre for Data Analytics
Institute for Lifecourse and Society <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Centre for Disability Law and Policy- Child and Family Research Centre- Irish Centre for Social Gerontology
Irish Centre for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Research
Moore Institute for Research in the Humanities and Social Studies
National Centre for Biomedical Engineering Science (NCBES) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Apoptosis Research Centre (ARC)- Centre for Chromosome Biology (CCB)- Irish Centre for High-End Computing- Prostate Cancer Institute- Regenerative Medicine Institute (REMEDI)
Ryan Institute for Environmental, Marine and Energy Research
Whitaker Institute for Innovation and Societal Change



Teaching and Learning

- NUI Galway offers almost 60 undergraduate degrees, over 400 postgraduate programmes and a wide range of parttime diplomas and degrees.
- 214 students completed PhDs and graduated with doctorates from NUI Galway in 2014-15.
- Over 15% of our undergraduate student body are non-traditional students, including mature students, socio-economically disadvantaged students, students with a disability, members of the travelling community and ethnic minorities.
- The James Hardiman Library houses over 450,000 printed books, 350,000 e-books and more than 30,000 full text electronic journals across a wide range of subjects, as well as an impressive literary and theatrical archive.



The Student Experience

A distinguished University, NUI Galway offers a distinctive student experience.

- The University offers scholarships to first year students including; Excellence Scholarships; Creative Arts Performance Points; Sports Performance Points; and Elite Sports Scholarships.
- NUI Galway's student completion rate is higher than any other university in Ireland, at 86%.
- NUI Galway is one of Ireland's top universities for graduate employability with 95% of our graduates employed or in further study within six months of graduating.
- The University is leading the way in student volunteering and civic engagement.
- More than 70% of our undergraduate degrees now enable students to put their learning into practice in a community setting.

Developing our Campus

€400m

NUI Galway is in the final stages of a €400 million capital investment programme, the single largest capital development plan ever undertaken by the University. This investment has transformed the 105 hectare riverside campus. Students and staff now have access to the very best facilities for teaching and research



Pictured is the Biomedical Sciences Building.



Campus Developments in recent years include:

- The J.E. Cairnes Business School, opened in 2005
- The School of Nursing, Áras Moyola, opened in 2006
- The Marine Science research building, opened in 2007
- A state-of-the-art Sports Centre, opened in 2008
- The Student Cultural Centre, was refurbished in 2009
- The Nursing Library, opened in 2009
- A Memorial Garden, opened in 2009
- A Park and Ride facility, opened in 2009
- The student canteen, An Bialann, was refurbished in 2010
- The Engineering Building, opened in July 2011
- The O'Shaughnessy Bridge, joining the campus to the city, opened in July 2012
- The Biomedical Sciences Building, opened in 2014
- The Hardiman Research Building, opened in 2014
- The Psychology Building, opened in 2014
- The Institute of Lifecourse and Society building, opened in 2014
- The Clinical and Translational Research Facility, opened in 2015

Campus Developments opening soon include:

- A Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance
- A Human Biology Building

Income

The University has an annual recurrent income of €215 million and a capital spend of circa €40 million.

Student Fees	€106m
State Grant	€42m
Research Income	€52m
Other income	€15m
Total Income	€215m

2014-15 figures





- NUI Galway is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world for the quality of its research and teaching.
- NUI Galway was the only Irish university to increase its position in both the *QS World University Rankings* and *Times Higher Education Rankings* in 2014.
- NUI Galway has again increased its position in the *QS World University Rankings 2015*, NUI Galway is one of just two Irish universities to improve their standing in this year's league table.



The Arts at NUI Galway

NUI Galway has an excellent reputation for supporting and developing the arts. The University is home to a unique campus-based active arts environment.





- NUI Galway has its own art collection of almost 500 pieces representing Irish painting and sculpture.
- The University hosts a variety of exhibitions on campus annually by fledgling and established artists.
- Múscailt, the Spring Arts Festival, includes new and original art, music, performance, song, dance and spectacle.
- A new Centre for Drama and Theatre is due to open later this year, this centre will be the new home for our student drama productions, and a range of productions by touring theatre and dance companies.
- NUI Galway has an extensive literary and theatre archive collection including the archive of playwright, Thomas Kilroy, the archive of director, writer and actor, John Huston, the Druid Theatre Company archive, the Abbey Theatre Archive and more.
- The University has a number of strategic partnerships with Arts organisations including the Abbey Theatre, Ireland's National Theatre, Druid Theatre Company, An Taibhdhearc: the Irish language National Theatre, and the Galway International Arts Festival.

Sport

With 54 clubs, experienced coaches and the latest facilities, sport is central to life on campus.

- NUI Galway's elite sports programme for talented athletes including coaching from our elite sports officer, access to our elite sports gym, and a package of sports supports.
- In 2014, NUI Galway announced it will reward a limited number of athletes, applying for undergraduate courses, with 40 CAO Performance Points.
- A generous sports scholarships programme to help students with outstanding potential to achieve their goals, both in their sporting and academic careers.





NUI Galway boasts outstanding sporting and recreational facilities. Our 6,500 sq metre Sports Centre includes facilities of an international standard such as:

- 6-lane, 25 metre swimming pool with moveable floor, dedicated squash and racquetball courts. National league basketball arena and sports hall 100 piece cardiovascular gym
- Dedicated elite training gym
- Fitness studios for aerobic training
- A competition style climbing wall
- Saunas and steam room

Outdoor sporting facilities include:

- An 8-lane synthetic international standard track
- Grass pitches for Gaelic games, soccer and rugby
- Astroturf pitches in development
- Excellent water conditions for rowing, kayaking and canoeing with plans in development for upgrade to water sports facilities

An Ghaeilge ar an gCampas

- Is lárionad d'imeachtaí Gaeilge an champais é Áras na Gaeilge agus áiseanna den scoth le fáil ann.
- Cuireann Ollscoil na hÉireann Gaillimh cláir uathúla Ghaeilge ar fáil san aistriúchán, san ateangaireacht, san oideachas, sa chumarsáid agus i léann agus i dteagasc na Gaeilge.
- Tá saineolas ar leith ag an Ollscoil i réimse na pleanála teanga agus na sotheangeolaíochta.
- Tá campais sheachtracha againn sna pobail Ghaeltachta ar an gCeathrú Rua, i gCarna agus i nGaoth Dobhair.
- Tá 10% de mhic léinn na hOllscoile ag déanamh staidéir ar an nGaeilge nó trí mheán na Gaeilge.



Commercialising our research

NUI Galway continued to excel in delivering commercial outcomes for research activities in 2014/15.

- 30 start-up companies supported in the Business Innovation Centre
- 57 new collaborative research agreements with industry partners
- 50 new inventions identified
- 13 patents granted

Lambe Institute
TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

HRB CLINICAL RESEARCH
FACILITY



Alumni

There are 90,000 NUI Galway alumni in over 100 countries around the world. Many of our graduates hold positions of seniority in business, academia, politics, industry, the arts and the media.

The NUI Galway alumni community includes:

- Garry Hynes, Founder and Director, Druid Theatre Company
- Marie Mullen, Actress
- Eamon Gilmore, former Tánaiste
- Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland
- Máire Whelan, Attorney General
- Seán O'Rourke, RTÉ Broadcaster
- Harry McGee, *Irish Times* Journalist
- Ciaran Fitzgerald, Irish and Lions Captain, Former Manager of Ireland Rugby Team
- Gráinne Seoige, RTÉ broadcaster

- Olive Loughnane, Olympic Athlete
- Paul Hession, Olympic Athlete
- Pádraig Ó Céidigh,
Founder of Aer Arann
- Irial Finan, Vice-President Coca Cola
- Dr Ronan Lambe, Founder ICON plc
- Declan Kelly, Former US Economic
Envoy, Business Entrepreneur
- Michael Higgins,
Managing Director, CIBC, USA
- Dr Brian Joyce,
Chairman, Clancourt Holdings
- Adrian Jones,
Managing Director, Goldman Sachs
- Gabriel D'Arcy, CEO of Bord na Móna
- Finian O'Sullivan, Bayfield Group and
Founder of Burren Energy Ltd.



Garry Hynes



Marie Mullen



Eamon Gilmore



Seán O'Rourke



Marie Whelan



Michael D. Higgins



Olive Loughnane



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