

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS TO IRISH INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY
UNDER THE COLLEGES ONTARIO-THEA (Technological Higher Education Association)
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

What programs are available and how do I apply?

The Irish Institutes of Technology provide a full range of degree programs (including three-year ordinary bachelor's degrees, honours bachelor's degrees, master's degrees and PhDs). Specific agreements have been put in place under this Memorandum of Understanding to allow seamless progression from your college in Ontario to your chosen Institute of Technology. The institutes have degree programs for graduates from the following program areas in Ontario colleges:

- Business (incorporating Marketing, Human Resource Management Accounting and Business Administration).
- Electronics Engineering.
- Internet Applications and Web Development.
- Hospitality Management and Hospitality Administration.

Additional subject areas will be examined over the coming months.

Application forms should be submitted by May 31 for entry the following Sept. 1 (commencement of academic year), together with the necessary supporting documentation. You will be required to provide details of your program of study in Ontario, the subjects you studied and the grades awarded, together with a copy of your passport. The institutes will endeavor to respond to applications within 10 working days. Applications received after the closing date will be considered where places are available.

Will I have to undertake any additional bridging studies?

Students need to ensure that they are aware of the specific bridging requirements related to their chosen program of study in Ireland. These requirements may vary from one institute to another and are outlined in each Memorandum of Agreement (available at www.thea.ie). Contact details are provided in each Memorandum of Agreement to enable students to consult directly with the individual institute for further information.

Fees

This agreement provides for a reduced fee of €7,500 per academic year for undergraduate programs (approx. \$10,000 Canadian). A number of additional scholarships of €1,500 will also be awarded to early successful applicants for their first year of study in Ireland. This will be paid by THEA directly to the receiving institute after payment of the balance of fees (€6,000) by the successful student. Priority will be given to applicants in the subject areas listed above, for which comparative academic assessment has been completed in Ontario and Ireland.

Cost of living in Ireland

As a guideline, it's estimated that a student's cost of living in Ireland is between €6,000 and €9,000 per annum, depending on location and the type of accommodation chosen. Some institutes provide on-campus accommodation and all provide assistance in securing suitable accommodation.

Can I work when I am studying in Ireland?

Students will only be permitted to work part time in Ireland (maximum duration 20 hours per week) if they register in full-time programs of study (minimum 15 hours class contact per week, course operates for at least 25 weeks and the tuition element constitutes at least 250 hours during that period). Access to employment is denied to non-EU students of all part-time programs of study. Non-EU students must apply for full-time programs of study.

Do I need a visa to study in Ireland?

Canadian students do not require a study visa to enter Ireland. On arrival at the institute, students receive a letter from the international office confirming their registration and payment of tuition fees. They bring this letter to the local immigration office at the Garda Station in the town where they are resident. They must also bring a bank statement showing sufficient funds to live in Ireland for one year. The student is then issued with an immigration card for one academic year. The stamp states that students can work part time 20 hours per week. The permission to remain must be renewed for each year of study. The registration fee payable to the immigration office is €150.

Participating Institutes

Athlone Institute of Technology www.ait.ie Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown www.itb.ie Institute of Technology, Carlow www.itcarlow.ie Cork Institute of Technology www.cit.ie Dundalk Institute of Technology www.dkit.ie Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology www.iadt.ie Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology www.gmit.ie	Letterkenny Institute of Technology www.lyit.ie Limerick Institute of Technology www.lit.ie Institute of Technology, Sligo www.itsligo.ie Institute of Technology Tallaght, Dublin www.ittdublin.ie Institute of Technology, Tralee www.ittralee.ie Waterford Institute of Technology www.wit.ie
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English language requirements

Since all our courses are delivered in English, it is essential to have high-level comprehension and writing skills. If English is not your first language, you will be required to demonstrate that you have this competence by presenting evidence of achievement in IELTS, TOEFL, etc.

Supports for international students

Each institute has comprehensive student support systems in place to assist international students.

Further information is available for Ontario college students at www.THEA.ie. You may also contact your college office, which advises on transfer pathways.