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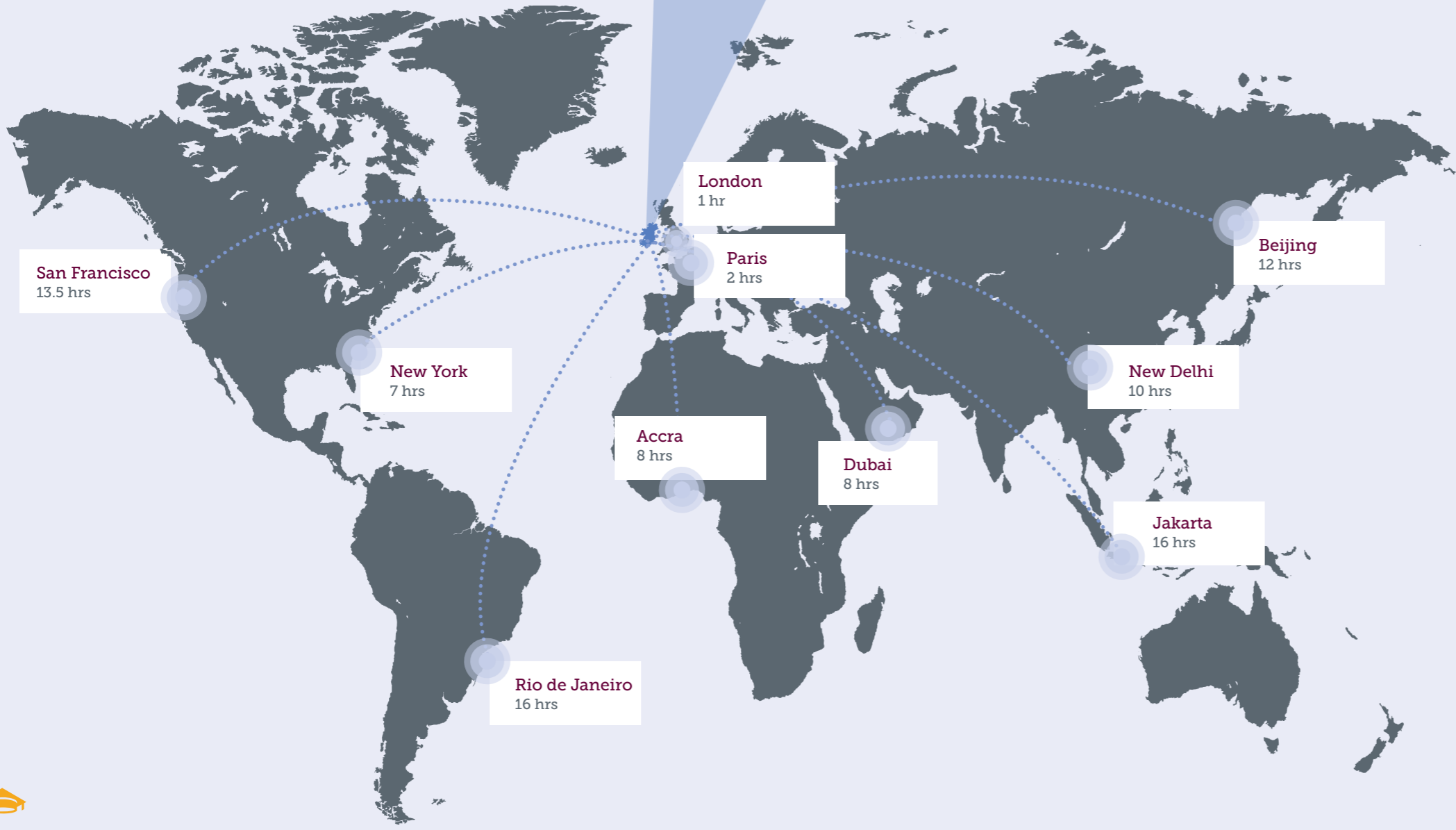
**GOOD  
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2019**

**IRISH  
UNIVERSITY  
OF THE YEAR**

# Limerick and Ireland

## Just a flight away...

- Limerick is 30 minutes from Shannon International Airport
- Limerick is Ireland's 3rd largest city
- Ireland is one of the few English speaking countries in the European Union



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# University of Limerick

The University of Limerick, widely known as UL, is an independent, internationally focused university in Ireland with 15,000 students. Established as a university in 1989, the University of Limerick has repeatedly been ranked in the world's top 100 young universities.\*

At the University of Limerick we are widely recognised for our commitment to graduate employability, our industry-relevant, award-winning research, dedication to the student experience and extensive community engagement.

The University of Limerick is acclaimed for being one of the most spectacular and environmentally sympathetic modern university campuses anywhere in the world. We are renowned for our dedication to international education, with a third of all undergraduate students spending one semester abroad at a university partner, or on cooperative education abroad, many through our award-winning Erasmus+ programme.

With a disciplined and rigorous approach to learning, students are challenged to meet and exceed the high expectations set for their academic performance and to develop their potential and ability.

Equally, our robust approach to programme design and continual curriculum development is characterised by the ethos of research-led teaching and learning, which is a defining feature of the University of Limerick.

Since the university's foundation, the needs of the many communities we serve have always been at the forefront of our activities and have shaped our research and teaching programmes. The knowledge that we have a responsibility to promote economic, educational and social development ensures we integrate within communities and demands that we remain closely connected nationally and internationally to the cultural, economic, professional and business worlds in ways that distinguish us as an institute of higher learning. The University of Limerick is a distinctive, pioneering and globally connected university that shapes the future through educating and empowering people to meet the real challenges of tomorrow.

\* QS Top 50 Under 50 World University Ranking 2019





## University of Limerick at a Glance

University of Limerick is committed to changing and enhancing our student's lives through education.

### QS World Ranking

**Top 3% of Universities in the world**

**#201-250 Graduate Employability**

**#71-80 Top 50 under 50 and next 50 under 50**

**Top 3 in Europe for Career Preparation\*\***

\* QS World University 2019 Rankings  
\*\* Times Higher Education (THE) Rankings 2018

**97%** of University of Limerick graduates are in employment or conducting further study

**>2000** students in internships and work placements annually

**€208m** Research Funding since 2014

**1st** Medical School to be established in Ireland since 1845

## Irish University of the Year

The Sunday Times: Good University Guide 2019

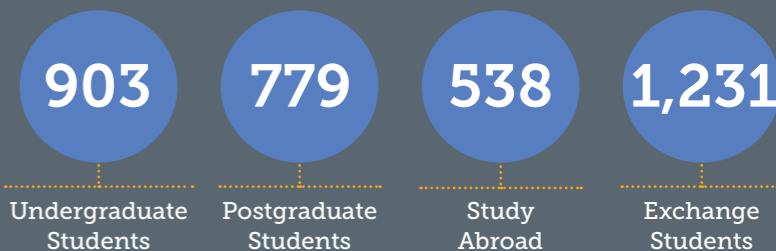
#excellence

## Internationally Focused University

### Student Enrolment 2017/18

	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Undergraduate	10,382	1,420	11,802
Taught Postgraduate	1,274	879	2,153
Research Postgraduate Degrees (Master's /PHD)	730	126	856
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,386</b>	<b>2,425</b>	<b>14,811</b>

### International Student Numbers 2017/18:



Best Erasmus Scheme



451 Partner Universities in 66 countries



Awarded a Green Campus Status



for energy, travel, transport, biodiversity

\*Foundation for Environmental Education

6th in the World for Suburban Campus



\*UI Green Metric World University Ranking 2018



# Campus Life

The University of Limerick welcomes students from over 100 countries from all over the world each year and we recognise the importance of achieving balance in both the experience of education and life.

## The Perfect Campus Environment

- 7 purpose-built student villages with 2,700 student rooms
- 148 hectares of distinctive riverside parkland campus
- 16 restaurants
- Value - lower cost of living compared to other Irish cities
- 700,000 visitors annually to Ireland's premier sports arena

## Incredible Student Support

- Voted best international support in Ireland
- 5 Learning centres in writing, language, math, science and IT
- First 7 Weeks support programme
- Counselling and Wellbeing services
- Full student support services

## A Real International and Cultural Experience

- Global students from 100 countries
- 17% international student population
- Home to the Irish Chamber Orchestra
- Internationally acclaimed artists and writers in residence
- National visual arts collection housing 1,700 artworks
- University Concert Hall (UCH): a 1,038-seat concert hall

## A Community Where You Belong

- 80+ clubs and societies
- Buddy Programme

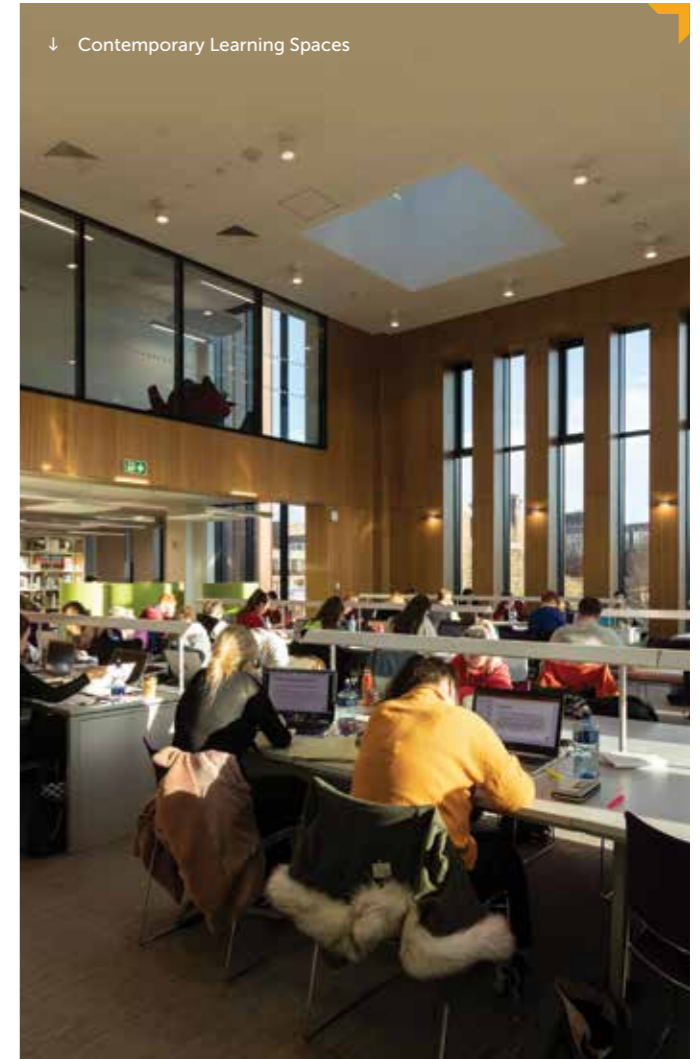


## Glucksman Library

The dynamic and inspiring Glucksman Library has a sequence of interlinked, handsome, well-lit and beautifully proportioned spaces, each with a distinctive character, allowing for mood change and multiple uses, from the quiet traditional study space to much more vibrant and technology-infused group spaces. The library has 2,100 study places in a variety of learning styles. Leveraging University of Limerick's tradition for innovation, the library is technology-rich with advanced computing and collaboration spaces.



↓ Student Villages



↓ Contemporary Learning Spaces



↓ Irish Chamber Orchestra

**No. 1**  
in Ireland

\*International Student Barometer™ Survey 2018

Employability

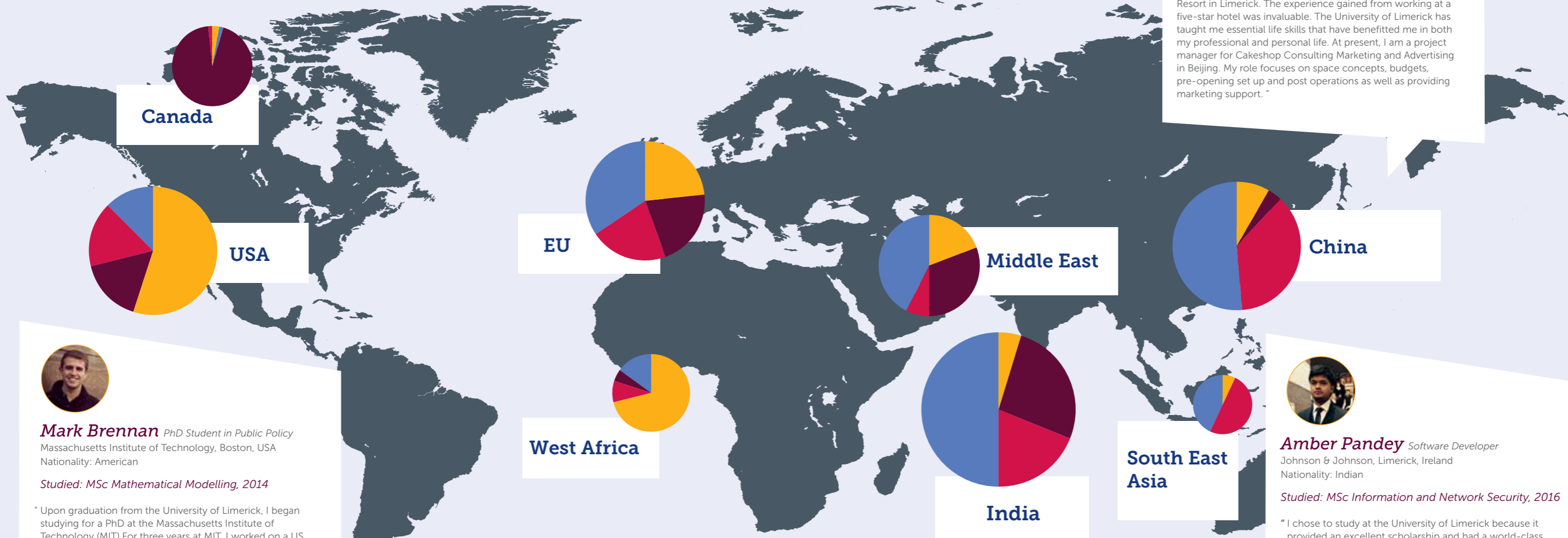
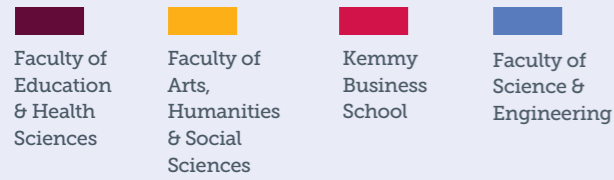
Language Support

Work Experience

Student Support

Best Living Experience

# International Students by Nationality



**Leo Liu**  
 Project Manager Cakeshop Consulting Beijing, China  
 Nationality: Chinese  
 Studied: MA International Tourism, 2005

"After graduating from the University of Limerick with a Master's in International Tourism, I undertook a three-week work placement at the five-star Adare Manor Hotel and Golf Resort in Limerick. The experience gained from working at a five-star hotel was invaluable. The University of Limerick has taught me essential life skills that have benefitted me in both my professional and personal life. At present, I am a project manager for Cakeshop Consulting Marketing and Advertising in Beijing. My role focuses on space concepts, budgets, pre-opening set up and post operations as well as providing marketing support."



**Mark Brennan** PhD Student in Public Policy  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, USA  
 Nationality: American  
 Studied: MSc Mathematical Modelling, 2014

"Upon graduation from the University of Limerick, I began studying for a PhD at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). For three years at MIT, I worked on a US Agency for International Development project, evaluating supply chains of food assistance and agriculture programs in Eastern Africa. This academic year, I begin researching irrigation supply chains in Senegal with an MIT Water and Food Security grant, and studying domestic federal food and housing assistance programs. The statistics and mathematical programming modules I took at the University of Limerick proved essential for carrying out my research."



**Amber Pandey** Software Developer  
 Johnson & Johnson, Limerick, Ireland  
 Nationality: Indian  
 Studied: MSc Information and Network Security, 2016

"I chose to study at the University of Limerick because it provided an excellent scholarship and had a world-class education system which helped enhance my professional career. Career Services provided assistance with CV preparation and advice on opportunities available in Ireland after graduation. I am currently employed with Johnson & Johnson in Limerick, working as a software developer on the data analytics team. My role involves designing, developing and deploying visualisation solutions to provide insights into business problems using QlikSense, QlikView and Tableau."



# Research and Innovation

The University of Limerick values, supports and encourages research excellence with demonstrable academic and societal impact across all disciplines.

## Research

Our research portfolio has expanded steadily in recent years and our state-of-the-art research infrastructure has been enhanced through sustained investment and expansion, including funding for six large-scale, University of Limerick-led national centres. The campus is home to the Nexus Innovation Centre; this supports spin-out activity in the region and is central to the University of Limerick Enterprise Corridor, which hosts numerous indigenous and multinational R&D companies. Adjacent to the University is the National Technology Park, Ireland's first science/technology park, which covers 263 hectares and is home to more than 80 organisations employing more than 3,000 people.

## Research Strengths

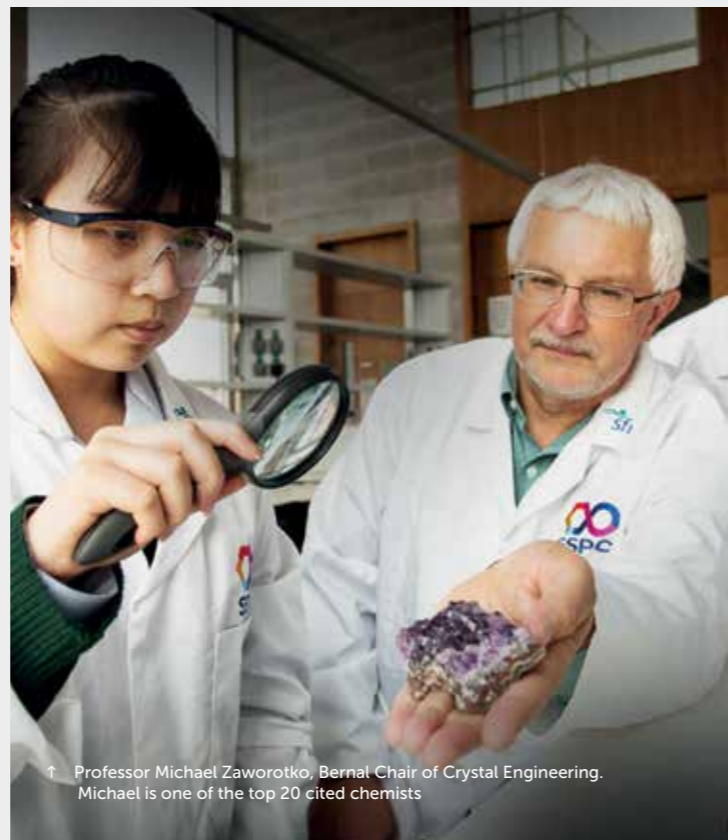
Our dynamic research ecosystem attracts researchers, academics, entrepreneurs and high-performing students. University of Limerick is proud to describe its commitment to engagement as a distinctive strength, fostering strategic global partnerships with enterprise and communities across 97 countries.

## 'Innovative' PhD offerings – traditional and structured doctoral degrees

The University of Limerick faculties – Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (including the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance); Education & Health Sciences; Kemmy Business School; and Science and Engineering – currently host more than 800 postgraduate research students from 56 different countries. Over 730 research students are enrolled in the PhD programme.

Structured PhD programmes enable students to undertake a combination of disciplinary specific research skills and generic and transferable skills modules. In addition, UL offers a Certificate in Generic and Transferable Research Skills; this six-module programme is delivered on a blended learning basis and incorporates self-directed work, academic writing and self-evaluation.

The University is recognised as having particular research



↑ Professor Michael Zaworotko, Bernal Chair of Crystal Engineering. Michael is one of the top 20 cited chemists

strengths in the areas of materials, advanced manufacturing, software, health, and applied mathematical sciences. UL's research successes are enhanced by the ongoing development of interdisciplinary research institutes, research centres, and collaboration with international academic and industrial partners. In terms of doctoral research, many of our PhD students are aligned to the research institutes, namely the Bernal Institute, Lero (the Irish Software Research Centre) and the Health Research Institute.



↑ University of Limerick Teddy Bear Hospital



# Research and Innovation



The Bernal Institute represents a €100+ million investment that builds on significant strengths in applied sciences and engineering. The Institute's strengths include internationally leading research in crystallisation, crystal engineering, composite structures, process engineering, and an emerging field of Biomaterials Research. The Institute has utilised its research expertise to lead large, inter-institutional research centres in pharmaceutical materials, pharmaceutical processing, composite materials and dairy processing.

The Bernal Institute has also invested €50 million in world-class characterisation, modelling and manufacturing equipment as well as composites and pharmaceutical manufacturing infrastructures, making the facilities internationally competitive.

↓ Professor Robert Langer MIT (University of Limerick honorary doctorate recipient) visiting UL



As more and more critical aspects of human activity become dependent on it, software has become more and more pervasive. Lero the Irish Software Research Centre is leading internationally in software engineering and is working with industry to address grand challenges, including architecture to support the "internet of things".

Lero is focused on advancing the state-of-the-art in software engineering and related topics. Our research is focused on how software comes into being and how it evolves over time, with an emphasis on reliability, security and fitness-for-purpose. Working with a range of industry partners, Lero's research is focused on helping to improve the quality of software across a broad range of factors and applications, as well as producing a stream of highly qualified software practitioners for the future.



The Health Research Institute (HRI) is cross-faculty and brings together researchers in University of Limerick and its partner institutions focusing on convergent and translational health research. The mission of the HRI is to conduct outstanding person-centred research to enhance health and well-being of individuals and transform the health environment for the population. The HRI research activity is structured around the following three thematic areas: health technologies, lifestyle and health & health service delivery.

The activities of the HRI are supported by expertise in biostatistics, health informatics and health economics, and facilitated by the Clinical Research Support Unit (CRSU) located at University Hospital Limerick.



Nexus is a purpose-built innovation centre at the heart of the University of Limerick. Nexus enables the accelerated development of national and international start-ups with a global reach and the commercialisation of academic research, resulting in the creation of new businesses and jobs.

Nexus is the hub of innovation and start-up activity where entrepreneurs can develop, collaborate and grow. We challenge start-ups to move past conventional ideas around business development and encourage them to become highly connected, agile, smart start-ups. We seek to educate graduates who are prepared for pioneering roles in society as leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs.



Cala Medical Limited are a UL spin-out company resident at our Nexus Innovation Centre at the University of Limerick. The company has designed and patented a unique device containing a specific immobilised enzyme which treats the excessive inflammatory response in the blood of sepsis patients.

The treatment could dramatically cut the death rate from sepsis which is a highly prevalent and often fatal illness requiring intensive medical care. The number of sepsis cases globally is estimated to be over 26 million and there is an enormous medical need for new therapies to combat the high mortality rates.

Cala Medical was founded by Dr Jakki Cooney (Department of Biological Sciences), Dr Todd Kagawa and Dr Brian Noonan, who have licensed the IP from the university and spent the past three years working in Cala Medical.



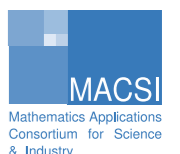
The University research centres include:



SYNTHESIS & SOLID STATE PHARMACEUTICAL CENTRE



DAIRY PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY CENTRE





# Research and Innovation



## Athena SWAN Charter

The Athena SWAN Charter encourages and recognises commitment to combating under-representation and advancing the careers of women in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM) roles within the higher education and research sectors.

The University of Limerick is committed to building and maintaining an inclusive environment which promotes equality, values diversity and respects the rights and dignity of all.

As members of the Athena SWAN Charter Network, University of Limerick is working to raise awareness and ensure the engagement and advancement of women in STEMM roles within the university. UL is an Athena SWAN Bronze Award winner.



## Staff

University of Limerick boasts a campus community of 15,000 students and over 1,500 staff. We continue to invest in our academic staff and build our community of outstanding academics. We grow our research through a constant investment in people, technology and facilities and we strengthen our engagement with our national and worldwide alumni, our industry partners, our academic partners and the wider community.

The University of Limerick is a young, ambitious and responsive organisation with a reputation for being a pioneer and innovator. We pride ourselves on a reputation for delivering excellent research that makes a difference to our wider communities, economy, culture and the world at large. We are proud to describe our commitment to engagement as a distinctive strength, fostering strategic global partnerships with enterprise and communities across 100 countries.



## Recent Developments

- Ireland's first Master's in Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- UL hosts new 47 million advanced manufacturing research centre
- A University of Limerick research team has made a significant breakthrough in the fight against colon cancer, with research that has advanced our ability to predict the survival outcome for colon cancer patients
- New human organ 'mesentery' discovered by the University of Limerick scientists
- University of Limerick scientists discover that applying pressure to a protein found in egg whites and tears can generate electricity
- Launch of €2 million underwater robot







## Education and Health Sciences

*Medicine (graduate entry), Nursing and Midwifery, Physical Education & Sports Sciences, Education and Psychology*

Education and Health Sciences (EHS) is a rapidly growing faculty that consists of three Schools (the Graduate Entry Medical School, the School of Education and the School of Allied Health) and three departments (Nursing and Midwifery, Physical Education and Sport Sciences and Psychology).

The core mission of EHS is to advance the well-being of people by graduating effective and critically reflective scientists, education and healthcare professionals and creating and disseminating knowledge, through research and scholarship that impacts on the social, educational and healthcare needs of people locally, nationally and globally.

EHS has identified four priority research areas: physical activity and human performance, social inclusion, professional practise and education, and optimising health. EHS has been to the forefront in developing and embedding a structured PhD programme at the University of Limerick.

The Faculty of Education and Health Sciences offers a variety of undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes including Psychology, Nursing & Midwifery, Medicine, Physical Education & Sports Science, Allied Health and Education.

**Education**  
**#126-150**  
Times Higher  
Rankings 2019

**Psychology**  
**#251-300**  
QS World  
Rankings 2019

**Medicine**  
**#401-450**  
Times Higher  
Rankings 2019



## Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

*Law, Languages, Politics, History and Journalism*

The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences is a stimulating centre of critical thinking and a generator of nationally and internationally esteemed scholarship. It prides itself on the quality of its teaching and its commitment to research in a disciplinary and interdisciplinary context where debate and discussion are integral features in the development of knowledge and of analytical skills.

The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (FAHSS) at the University of Limerick is home to a vibrant and innovative research culture. Researchers – from full-time faculty to graduate students – are involved in research

that forges new pathways of understanding; that is deeply connected to society; and that has widespread impact. Faculty members lead and supervise research across a wide range of subject areas, from criminal justice to the histories of the Holocaust, and from language teaching and linguistic practices to global dance practices and world music.

The Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences offers a variety of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes including Sociology, Journalism and Communication, Law, Languages, Politics, History, TESOL, Global Irish Studies, and programmes offered through the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance.

**English Language & Literature**  
**#151-200**  
QS World  
Rankings 2019

**Arts & Humanities**  
**#301-400**  
Times Higher  
Rankings 2019

**Social Sciences**  
**#301-400**  
Times Higher  
Rankings 2019

**Law qualifications**  
from the University of Limerick are recognised by the Indian Bar Association and the New York Bar Association





## Science and Engineering

*Physics, Materials Science, Food Science, Environmental Science, Industrial Chemistry, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics, Aeronautical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Design, Manufacture Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Architecture, Product Design, Computer Science, International Design, Mathematics and Financial Mathematics*

The Faculty of Science and Engineering is well recognised for the quality of its teaching and learning, academic programmes and research expertise, having three world-class research institutes in the areas of Materials and Surface Sciences, Software Engineering, and Mathematics, which are underpinned by well-established links with industry.

The Faculty of Science and Engineering offers a variety of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes including Engineering, Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, Mechanical, Mechatronics, Aeronautical, Civil, Architecture and Product Design, Maths and Physics.

**Engineering/  
Mechanical**  
**#301-350**  
QS World  
Rankings 2019

**Engineering &  
Technology**  
**#384**  
QS World  
Rankings 2019

**Chemistry**  
**#401-450**  
QS World  
Rankings 2019

**Computer Science &  
Information Systems**  
**#451-500**  
QS World Rankings 2019



## Kemmy Business School

*Accounting, Finance, Economics, Human Resources and Marketing*

The Kemmy Business School is a dynamic and innovative business school with a reputation established over 30 years for providing a first-class business education that prepares graduates for successful and rewarding careers in a variety of business disciplines and professions. The commitment to designing study programmes for key sectors of the economy (health services, financial services, tourism) and for key sub-groups of the population (mature students, employed professionals) and in delivering these in innovative and flexible ways (at outreach centres, in-company, distance/ flexible learning) are key characteristics of the school.

The Kemmy Business School offers a variety of Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes including Accounting, Finance, Economics, Human Resources, International Business, Taxation, and Marketing.

**Business &  
Economics**  
**#301-400**  
Times Higher  
Rankings 2019







## The Irish World Academy of Music and Dance

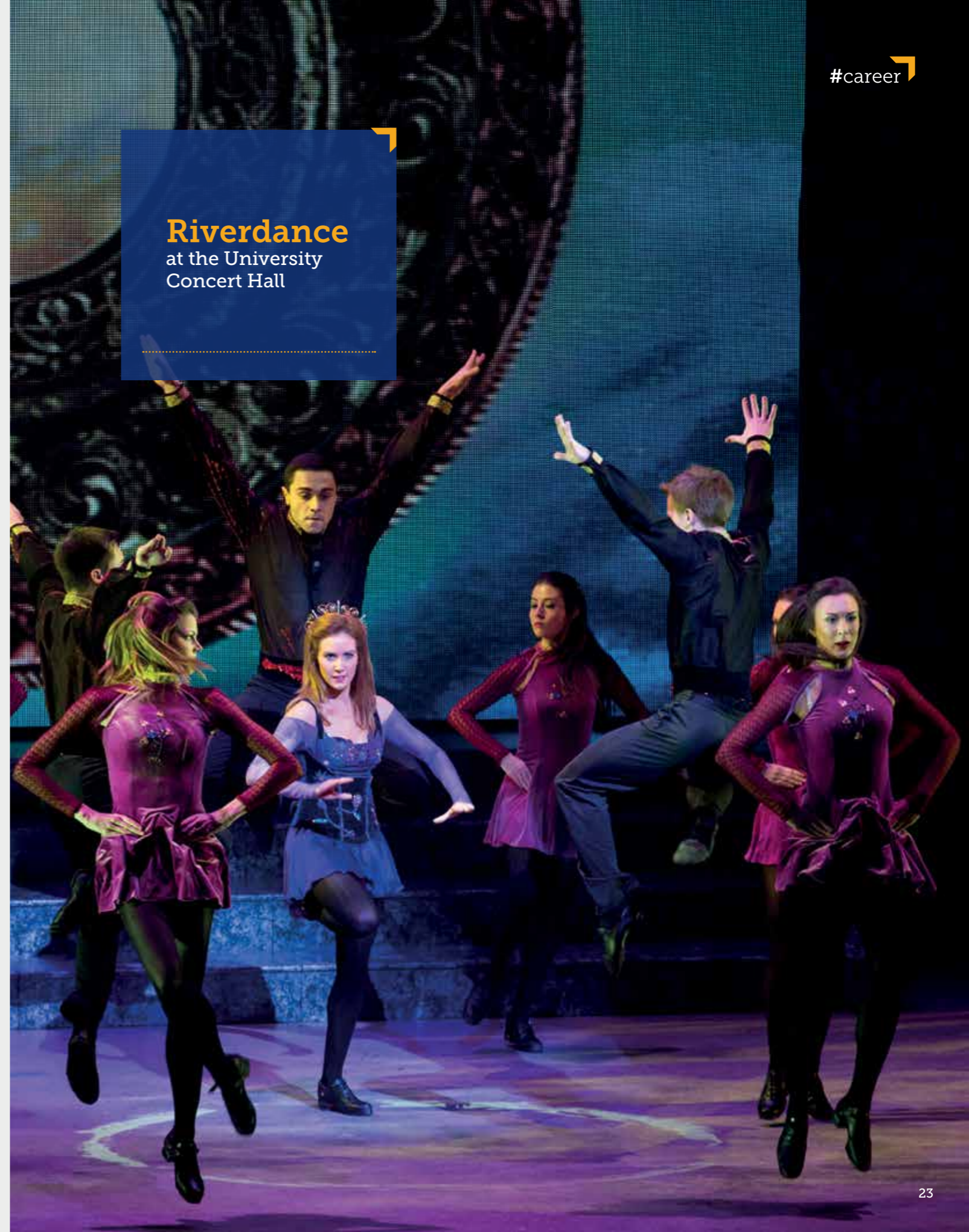
The Irish World Academy of Music and Dance is the centre of academic and performance excellence housed at the University of Limerick.

The Academy honours the energies of performance and academic reflection across a wide range of genres and disciplines through its Voice, Music & Dance programmes.

These in turn are informed by innovative community outreach and artist-in-residence initiatives that take the Academy to the wider community while attracting a wealth of international performance and scholarly expertise.



## Riverdance at the University Concert Hall





## Career Goals

Over 97% of University of Limerick graduates gain employment within six months of graduation or choose to continue with further studies.

#aworldofopportunities





# University of Limerick Careers

Employability has always been at the core of our teaching mission and continues to be a central tenet of our distinctive approach to higher education in Ireland.

The University of Limerick pioneered the inclusion of work placement and internships as a compulsory element of all our undergraduate programmes. This places more than 1,900 students in work placements annually. These valuable work experiences make our graduates more employable, which is why our graduate employment rate is 15% higher than the national average. This is one of the specific strengths of the University of Limerick for many students is an incentive to choose UL over other Irish universities and colleges.

In the 2019 QS Graduate Employability ranking, University of Limerick is ranked #201-250 globally. This high-ranking position is a direct result of our strong connections with industry and the professions and a commitment to ensuring that programmes remain relevant and reflect the needs of employers. University of Limerick graduates work with some of the world's top employers including Google, Boeing, Intel, Ernst & Young and Dell.

The Irish Government Third Level Graduate Scheme for non- EU students enables students who have completed their undergraduate and postgraduate studies to remain in Ireland for one to two years to seek employment.

Change your view  
Change your future...



## President's Volunteer Award

Our vision for the University of Limerick is to provide an outstanding student experience, to actively serve our communities and to contribute to the civil, social and cultural life. The President's Volunteer Award (PVA) has been established to harness, acknowledge and support the contribution that students at the University of Limerick make to their communities. The PVA draws on a strong tradition of student volunteering both on and off campus in Ireland and overseas.

## Third Level Graduate Scheme:

- Undergraduate students  
1-year employment visa
- Postgraduate students  
2-year employment visa

University of Limerick Employment rate is **15% higher** than the national average

**>2,000** students in work placements annually

University of Limerick is ranked **201 -250** globally in Graduate Employability

\* QS Graduate Employability ranking 2019

**54** Programmes are accredited by Professional Bodies

### Our Employment Partners







## University of Limerick... Your Gateway

At the University of Limerick students gain life experience. Friendships are forged and journeys are taken together that create lasting memories. The University of Limerick is a unique location and gateway to a brighter future...

[#gateway learning](#)



# Life at the University of Limerick

## Social and Cultural

Students are poised to enjoy sensory new experiences, from classical Irish literature to contemporary spoken work, arts festivals, live music, theatres, outdoor markets, local food and sporting events. The roar of the crowd at a rugby match in Limerick's Thomond Park Stadium will set hearts racing, while spirits will soar with a nearby visit to the Cliffs of Moher with a truly awe-inspiring view. Limerick is a feast for students seeking social, cultural and sporting options. It was chosen as the **European City of Sport 2011** and it was the first **Ireland's City of Culture** in 2014. As Ireland's third-largest city, Limerick has a vibrant social community on and off campus.

At the University of Limerick we have over 80 clubs and societies catering for a wide range of interests. Students are welcome to join in and participate in an abundance of activities, including competing in the top sporting intercollegiate competitions in Ireland and overseas. Clubs and societies are run voluntarily by fellow students and add balance to a busy academic life while in Limerick.

UL is a cultural centre in itself: the university is home to key national and university art collections, which include over 2,200 artworks and sculptures. The Irish World Academy of Music and Dance is an internationally acclaimed centre for innovation and research in music and dance performance and scholarship. The university is also home to the Irish Chamber Orchestra. The University Concert Hall (UCH), is a 1,000-seat, multipurpose venue and the first purpose-built concert hall in the country. Since its inception, UCH has hosted some of the biggest names in entertainment including Johnny Cash, James Taylor, Billy Connolly, Van Morrison, Nigel Kennedy, Leslie Garrett, Sir James Galway, Christy Moore, Sinéad O'Connor and Jimmy Carr to name but a few

→ The All-Ireland Hurling\* Champion's squad has thirteen players and four members of management who are current students or graduates of the University of Limerick.

\*Traditional Irish sport



a unique world...



→ Diwali

Voted  
**5th** in the world  
for **best student  
experience**

\* International Student  
Barometer survey



### A Sporting Life

- The home of Munster Rugby at Thomond Park and the GAA, with county teams for our national sports, football and hurling

### A Cultured Life

- European city of Sport in 2011
- Ireland's City of Culture
- National visual arts collection housing 2,200 artworks
- Home to the Irish Chamber Orchestra
- The University Concert Hall
- The Irish World Academy of Dance

### A City in the Country

- Limerick is Ireland's third largest city
- Easy access to the Cliffs of Moher and the Clare Glens Loop

### An Active Life

- More than 80 clubs and societies catering for a wide range of interests



Unique  
Diverse  
City







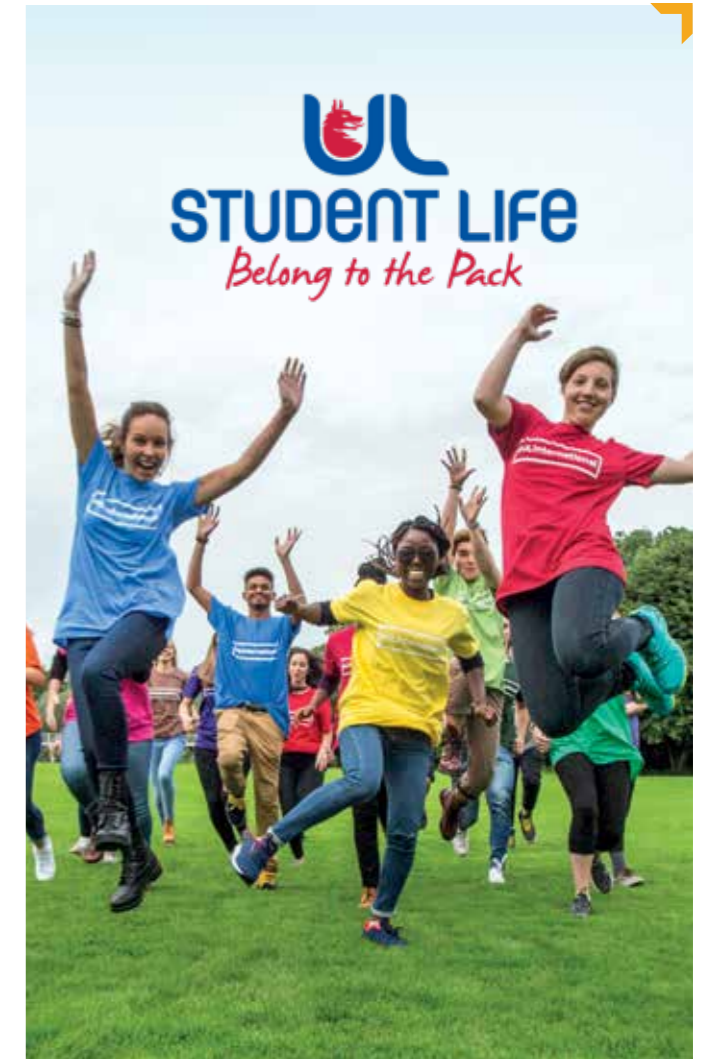
### Student Life

UL Student Life is the representative body for 15,000 University of Limerick students. Students automatically become members of UL Student Life upon enrolment. Three student officers (President, Welfare Officer and Academic Offices) as well as the part-time members of UL Student Life's Executive Committee, represent and help the student body during their time at the university. UL Student Life provides students with services such as a fortnightly newspaper, welfare and academic advice, a common room, a games room, clubs and societies. There are currently 37 active clubs and 45 active societies on campus.

### Healthy Campus

*Healthy UL* is an initiative which aims to improve health and well-being across the campus. *Healthy University of Limerick* is a cross-campus initiative that has introduced health-promoting programmes in the areas of healthy eating, exercise, mental health, sexual health, addictive behaviours and the environment.

The University of Limerick is working to eradicate single-use beverage cups on campus with a new environment initiative encouraging students and staff to adopt reusable cups. As part of the *Healthy UL* initiative, all campuses have been designated as smoke-free and vape-free zones and support services to help people quit smoking are available to staff and students at the university.



37 Active Clubs, 45 active societies





## University of Limerick... Personal Best

At the University of Limerick we help students to reach their targets and long-term goals, enabling them to stand out from their peers.

#achieve



# University of Limerick Sport

The University of Limerick has made a unique contribution to sport regionally, nationally and internationally. The university takes a leading role in the provision of teaching and research programmes in physical education and sports science in Ireland. Complementing the top-class sports facilities at UL is the emergence of some of the most innovative and world-leading sport-related research, giving University of Limerick students the opportunity to engage with leading researchers and use the latest sports performance analysis techniques, including cryotherapy research and the pioneering altitude training centre housed on the UL campus.

**The University of Limerick Sport Arena** is home to the National 50m swimming-pool base for the high-performance swim unit, the 25m diving pool, the National Strength & Conditioning Centre, fitness studio, multi-purpose sports halls, indoor 3-lane jogging track, sprint track and various other ancillary and associated services.

### The University of Limerick Sport Outdoor Facilities:

The multi-purpose, fully floodlit all-weather synthetic grass park contains two full-size 3rd Generation (3G) soccer pitches, one full-size 3G rugby pitch and a full-size 3G GAA pitch. This is the largest artificial grass development in Ireland.

Current resident groups include Limerick GAA and Munster Rugby Academy. We also have additional on-campus facilities that include a 400m athletic track, an AstroTurf facility, and four tennis courts.

**The University of Limerick Sport Boathouse** is another unique facility on campus. It is located adjacent to the River Shannon and is home to Ireland's only indoor powered rowing tank, which simulates various weather and water conditions.

In addition to its educational and academic role, the UL campus is widely known as Ireland's premier sporting campus and has served as the training ground for both European & World Champions and Olympians performing in a myriad of sporting disciplines.





# Limerick

Education deserves a sharp focus and a rounded view. Limerick – on the edge of Europe – a forward-looking city, home to cutting-edge technology companies and sharp-witted citizens.

Limerick's population of over 190,000 people is the third-largest city in the Republic of Ireland and is easily accessible by car, bus, train or air. Located just 20km from Shannon International Airport with direct connections to major cities in the USA, UK and Europe, Limerick is renowned as a centre of excellence for technology: it is home to the National Technology Park and to many international electronics and technology firms.

Limerick offers its visitors a welcoming, friendly city, complete with an extensive range of attractions, museums, including the iconic Hunt Museum, and art galleries. For sporting enthusiasts, Limerick offers a wide range of sports, from Gaelic games (hurling and football) to the city's favourite sport, rugby.

University of Limerick is home to Coaching Ireland and to the University Arena, which houses Ireland's first 50-metre Olympic swimming pool.

#afriendlywelcome



There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met.  
- William Butler Yeats





↓ Limerick Waterfront

## Limerick Snapshot

- **Top 10 Investment City** to Invest in Europe (\*6th Global "Best to Invest" Report Site Selection Magazine 2014)
- **European City of the Future** for Business Friendliness and FDI Strategy (\*FDI Intelligence 2018)
- **Fastest growing region** from Foreign Direct Investment outside the Irish capital
- **Cultural institutions** include the Limerick City Gallery of Art, Irish Chamber Orchestra, Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, RTE Lyric FM (Ireland's National Classical Music and Arts Radio Station), University Concert Hall
- Granted in 1197, **Limerick's charter is older than that of London**



↓ University Concert Hall



↑ Riverfest Limerick



↓ Horse Races, Greenmount Park



↓ Limerick Street Art / Jazz Festival



↑ St Mary's Cathedral



100,000 Urban Population – 50% of population under 35 years



# Ireland

Ireland may be a small island but it has a large personality – filled with breathtaking scenery, a rich and diverse history, an enduring deep-rooted culture with a rich musical tradition and enthralling literature. The Irish people are world-renowned for their warm welcome; known as the “Land of Welcomes”, Ireland has unrivalled hospitality and a vibrant social culture. Ireland is a safe place to live and study, the Global Peace Index (2017) rates Ireland as the 10th most peaceful place in the world.

## Key Facts

- Ireland has a population of 4.8 million people
- Ireland has the youngest population in Europe with one-third under 25 years of age and almost half the population under the age of 34 (\*Central Statistics Office – 2017)
- Ireland’s education system is among the best in the world. It ranks in the top 10 globally for:
  - Quality of the education system
  - University education that meets the needs of a competitive economy
  - Knowledge transfer between universities and companies (\*WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2016-2017, IMD Competitiveness Yearbook 2017)
- Irish qualifications are recognised for excellence worldwide
- Ireland is a land rich in cultural heritage with a history of world-leading innovation
- 35,000 international students from 161 countries enjoy Ireland’s vibrant culture (\*Education in Ireland)

#worldwideimpact

## Ireland’s rich cultural heritage is reflected in its Nobel Prize winners:

- William C. Campbell, Physiology or Medicine, 2015
- John Hume, Peace, 1998
- Séamus Heaney, Literature, 1995
- Seán MacBride, Peace, 1974
- Samuel Beckett, Literature, 1969
- Ernest Walton, Physics, 1951
- George Bernard Shaw, Literature, 1925
- W.B. Yeats, Literature, 1923

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