REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
ENTRY CLEARANCE (EDUCATION VISA)
Instructions

(Students at UC Dublin Science & Engineering Summer School: Go to the end of this document for your visa instructions.)

To study in the Republic of Ireland, a United States citizen does not need a visa. However, you must hand-carry the documentation listed below in order to pass through Irish Immigration and Customs. Do not place any of these items in luggage that must be claimed after you pass through Immigration.

1. A signed U.S. passport, valid through your entire stay abroad.

2. Original letter of acceptance from your Irish host university.

3. "Participation Letter" from UCEAP verifying your student status, confirming that the host university fees are paid by you to the University of California, and verifying the mandatory EAP insurance coverage. This letter will be emailed to you if/when you are accepted by a specific host university. If you print the emailed letter on a color printer, it will appear to be an original hardcopy.

4. A financial statement. This requirement may be fulfilled in ONE of the following ways:
   a. A notarized statement from your parent(s) in which they guarantee to support you during your residence in Ireland. This statement should be typed, using letterhead stationery or a typed home address as the heading. The amount of the financial support does not have to be stipulated. However, see the GNIB note below.
   b. A financial aid award letter.
   c. A bank letter, verifying that you have sufficient funds on account or that you regularly deposit an amount that would support you while you are in Ireland. (A bank letter is the most effective reference for establishing a checking account in Ireland.)

5. A round-trip airline ticket.

If you travel to the United Kingdom before entering Ireland, you will be required to show only your passport to the United Kingdom Immigration officials (because you are merely "traveling through" the United Kingdom on your way to the Republic of Ireland).

If you are not a United States citizen, you should immediately contact the Irish Consulate because entrance procedures vary by country of citizenship.

Consulate General of Ireland
100 Pine Street, Suite 3350
San Francisco, CA 94111
Telephone: (415) 392-4214 FAX: (415) 392-0885

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Walk-in Hours: 10:00 a.m. - Noon; 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
www.consulateofirelandsanfrancisco.org

Students should direct any further enquiries to Abtran, the official visa service provider for the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service. Abtran can be reached (for $2.90/minute) at 900-776-5000 (charged to your telephone bill) or 800-735-5888 (charged to your credit card).

Note concerning Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB):

Within 30 days of your arrival in Ireland, you will need to register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB). The International Office at your host university will have detailed information about this process for you. **Do not travel outside Ireland before you register with the GNIB because you may not be allowed back into Ireland.**

In general, you will need to show the GNIB all the same original documents you showed upon arrival to Irish Immigration. The notarized letter from your parents, #4a. above, could have a monetary amount noted, since the GNIB requirements appear to be slightly different from the Entry Clearance requirements. You will also need to present:

- Your student identification card from your Irish university.
- Proof of residence in Ireland.
- A credit card to pay the €300 immigration fee.
- Proof of insurance. (You could attach a copy of the UCEAP insurance card to your EAP Participation Letter, #3 above.) The card is found and can be printed from the Insurance tab above the Pre-Departure Checklist.
- Proof that you have opened an Irish bank account after arrival, with a deposit of 2000 Euros for Short-term students or 3000 Euros for Year students. Students receiving financial aid should provide original documents showing amounts to be disbursed, but not yet available to deposit into an Irish bank account. The bank account is a recent GNIB requirement and may not yet apply in all cities.

**Students at UC Dublin Science & Engineering Summer School:** Your program is less than 90 days. You must hand-carry the admission letter from University College Dublin that shows your program dates. You will present this letter to an Immigration officer upon arrival in Ireland. You should receive a 90-day stamp in your passport. With a 90-day stamp, you do NOT need to follow the GNIB instructions above.

HOWEVER, if you do not receive a 90-day stamp, but receive a one-month or other stamp instead, then you WILL need to follow all the instructions above (both #1-#5 and GNIB). Because you will not know what stamp you will receive upon arrival, UCEAP recommends that you hand-carry the documents listed above (#1-#5). Be sure to request the 90-day stamp BEFORE the Immigration officer stamps your passport. (If you are not a US citizen, see the instructions above for non-US citizens.)