



2025/26
UCD SMURFIT SCHOOL
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS HANDBOOK

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WHY UCD SMURFIT SCHOOL

UCD Smurfit Business School is one of a small group of schools worldwide to hold the 'triple crown' of accreditation from the three centres of business and academic excellence: EQUIS (Europe), AACSB (US) and AMBA (UK).

Our courses are consistently globally ranked by the prestigious Financial Times and Economist Rankings.

We are a member of the Global Network for Advanced Management alliance and the CEMS alliance. We are also signatories of the UN-backed Principles for Responsible Management Education.





WELCOME TO UCD SMURFIT SCHOOL

A warm welcome to both: Ireland and also to the UCD Smurfit School for all new students joining us in the 2025-26 academic year.

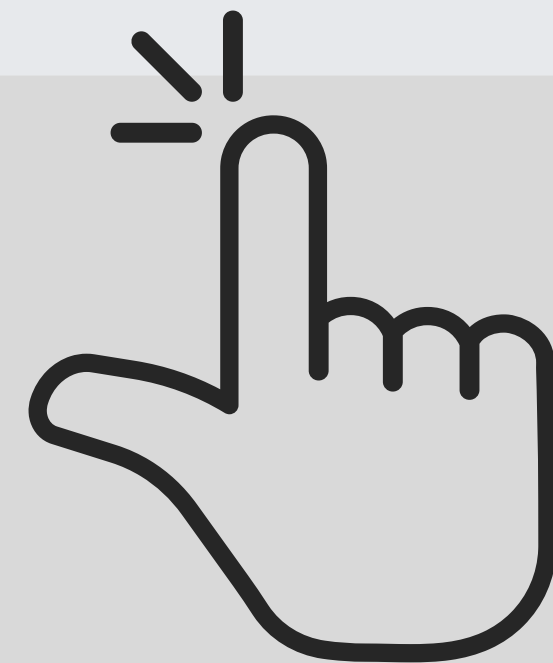
My name is Jola Meagher - I support international students relocating to Dublin and settling in UCD.

You can reach me at jola.meagher@ucd.ie

Click on the image to the right to listen to my hello - welcoming you warmly to the School.



‘Céad Míle Fáilte’ means ‘A Hundred Thousand Welcomes’ & it is a traditional greeting in the Irish (Gaeilge) language. It reflects the generous & hospitable nature of the Irish people. Céad Míle Fáilte to UCD everyone!





**UCD Smurfit
School tour
of Blackrock
campus**

**Student
hangouts
on UCD
Blackrock
campus**

**UCD
Belfield
campus
tour part 1**

**UCD
Belfield
campus
tour part 2**

**UCD James
Joyce Library
tour (Belfield
campus)**



**‘DAY IN THE LIFE OF’
CLICK ON THE IMAGE TO LISTEN TO A STORY**



HOW WILL I RECEIVE INFORMATION PRIOR TO STARTING MY STUDIES?

Emails (monthly) from the School Office team to students who have accepted an offer (you will also receive emails from other central UCD offices like Registry or UCD Global).

Webpage for new incoming students with a lot of info about starting your studies. Link is provided in the monthly emails aimed at students who have accepted their offer.

Webinars (recordings on the webpage mentioned above)

- 'Moving to Ireland: Q&A for International Students' monthly webinars (starting in May)
- Themed summer webinars on topics like: accommodation, immigration, careers, GLP.

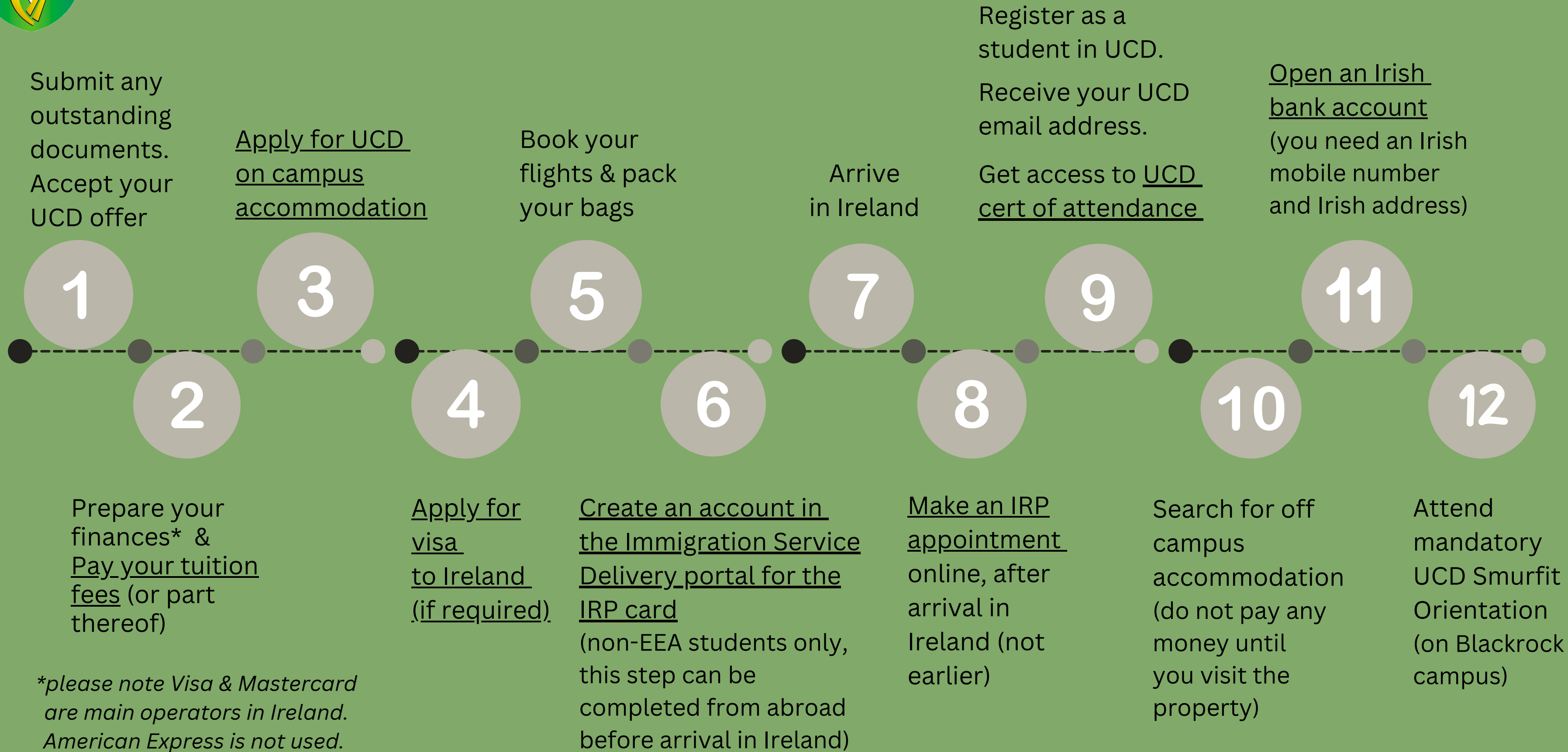
UCD Smurfit Offer Holders Connector – for FAQs on topics including orientation and getting started.

SISWeb Welcome Hub - Information and guidance materials to welcome new students





CHECKLIST FOR UCD SMURFIT SCHOOL STUDENTS



MY UCD SMURFIT ORIENTATION

Programme Orientation - a mandatory session with your classmates and programme director & programme manager, followed by a social event (location: Blackrock campus)

Welcome to Ireland Orientation - a mandatory session for new international students about settling in UCD and in Ireland, followed by a social event (location: Blackrock campus)

Please note

- *Orientation schedule is emailed to students and also posted on the Incoming Students Webpage (link is provided to students when they accept their offer)*
- *Orientation activities in UCD Smurfit School take priority over any events organised on UCD Belfield campus.*
- *Orientation for the MBA programme has a different structure, students need to refer to the MBA resources*





PACKING MY BAG...

Packing my bag for UCD

Packing for the Island of Ireland

Here is what I am packing for UCD part 1

Here is what I am packing for UCD part 2



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UCD Key Info

SISWeb & Brightspace

UCD cert of attendance

UCD support services

Registering with disability supports

GLP+Jumpstart

Clubs+Societies+Gym

UCD Global Lounge & the Village



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Guide to Immigration

Ireland - not a Schengen Area member
Irish Border Control
Irish Residence Permit
Immigration checklist
Setting up an account for IRP
Working in Ireland: Stamp 2 + Stamp 1G + PPS number



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Guide to Accommodation

UCD Residences

Testimonials from our students

UCD off campus search engine

Advice and tips for students

Warning on scams

Living with a landlord

Tenant's rights and responsibilities

Dublin postal codes



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Guide to Transport

- **Dublin airport transport**
- **Getting from the airport to campus**
- **UCD advice on getting around**
- **Leap card**
- **Rent a car / rent a bike info**
- **Transport for Ireland (TFI) apps**



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Guide to Healthcare in Ireland

- **FAQ about healthcare in Ireland**
- **Pre-travel checklist for students with a medical condition**
- **Health insurance**
- **What to do if you need a doctor or a dentist?**
- **What to do if you feel unwell and need to visit a hospital?**



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Practicalities of moving to Ireland

- **Video testimonial from our students**
- **Cost of living**
- **Bank account & mobile phones**
- **Where to shop**
- **Apps to use in Dublin**
- **Tips from UCD students**
- **Making friends in UCD**
- **Survival Guide for UCD Smurfit students**



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Guide to Living in Irish Society

- **Irish society**
- **Communication**
- **Irish sense of humour**
- **Everyday slang phrases**
- **Sports and weather**
- **Places to visit around Dublin**

I hope you have found this Handbook helpful.

If you have any questions,
please reach out to me at
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