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# EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear readers,

We are pleased to present the latest edition of 'The Next Step' Careers newsletter, continuing with International studies, Volume-4, Twenty-third Edition. This issue will explore the educational opportunities offered in Ireland and Spain, highlighting the various benefits these countries offer to Indian students.

This edition will describe available scholarships, cost of living and safety in each country making it easier to seek financial aid for your studies. Additionally, we will examine potential career paths and placement opportunities after graduation in these regions, providing insights into how to navigate the job market effectively.

As always, your feedback is crucial to us. If you have suggestions for future topics or ideas you'd like us to cover, we encourage you to write to us at [careers@assamvalleyschool.com](mailto:careers@assamvalleyschool.com). Your input ensures we continue to deliver valuable and relevant content for our readers.

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Sincerely,  
Da-i-sha Emi Diengdoh



**Ireland** is known for being welcoming and inclusive. Indian students often find a friendly and multicultural environment that makes them feel at home. The country offers a high-quality education system, diverse cultural experiences, and ample opportunities for post-study work, making it a favorable choice for Indian students seeking international education and career prospects.



Trinity College, Dublin.

### **Is it worth going to Ireland for Indian students?**

The decision to study in Ireland is worth considering based on individual goals, interests, and circumstances. Ireland offers high-quality education, post-study work opportunities, a safe environment, and beautiful landscapes.

# Benefits to study in Ireland

There are many reasons as to why many Indian students can opt to study in Ireland. Here are some of the reasons why:

## You don't require a GRE Score

- Irish Universities are in the same league as the US Universities and accept Indian Students even without a GRE Score.
- You can still study at the universities in Ireland such as Trinity and UCD. Indian students require an excellent academic record and scores on one of the tests - IELTS, TOEFL, PTE, and Duolingo.
- Also, although almost all Irish universities do not require GRE and GMAT scores, they can ask for them to pursue studies in the MBA stream.

## English Language Proficiency Training

- Ireland has come up with a brilliant program to bridge the gap between International Students and English Proficiency.
- The prestigious Irish Universities offer short-term Pre-session English language programs.
- These courses are designed in a way that could help international students acquire skills needed for exams like IELTS, TOEFL, DET, and PTE.

## Lower Cost of Studying for Indian Students

- Compared to the most preferred study destinations, the USA, the UK, and Australia, studying in Ireland can cost much less in tuition fees.
- While the tuition fee is lower than in other study-abroad destinations, other expenses include accommodation, student visas, and medical insurance, which would cost no more than 9 lakhs a year.
- However, Indian students can further reduce their cost of living expenses by getting a part-time job or paid internship.

# Scholarships

Following are some Scholarships that are available for Indian Students if they want to study in Ireland.

## Global Excellence Undergraduate Scholarship:

**Eligibility:** High-achieving Indian students applying for full-time undergraduate courses at participating Irish universities. Typically requires a 90% or above in 12th standard exams.

**Award Amount:** Up to €5,000.

**Application Process:** Along with university application, a personal statement may be required



## Jim Kemmy India Scholarship at University of Limerick:

**Eligibility:** Indian students with an average grade of 75% or higher in both 10th and 12th grade, including English and math.

**Award Amount:** Approximately €4,279, reducing tuition to €8,000 per year.

**Duration:** Up to four years if grades are maintained

## Trinity College Dublin Undergraduate Scholarships:

**Eligibility:** A level score of AAB or above, International Baccalaureate score of 36+, and 12th grade score of 90%+.

**Award Amount:** €36,000 per year.

**Deadline:** 1st July (closed for 2024)

## Government of Ireland International Education Scholarships (GOI-IES):

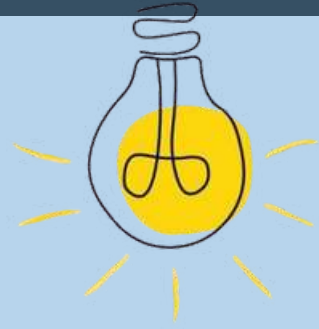
- Eligibility: Non-EU/EEA students, including Indians, with a CAS letter from a recognized university.
- Award Amount: Full tuition fee waiver + €10,000 stipend for one year.
- Deadline: Typically closes in March

## Ireland-India Council Fellowship:

- Eligibility: Indian students interested in studying in Ireland.
- Award Amount: Variable funding.
- Application Process: Details may vary; typically involves coordination with the Irish Embassy or Consulate



# Cost Of Living



Studying in Ireland offers undergraduate Indian students a blend of quality education and rich culture. Living costs range from €850 to €1,500 per month, with accommodation between €400 and €1,200. Groceries cost about €150-€250 monthly, and public transport is affordable. Health insurance is around €120-€150 annually. Tuition fees are €9,000 to €25,000 per year. Students can work part-time (up to 20 hours a week) and explore scholarships to manage expenses.

# Safety In Ireland

Ireland is considered a very safe destination for Indian students, offering a welcoming and secure environment. The country boasts a low crime rate, and universities prioritize the safety and well-being of international students through comprehensive campus security measures. While petty crimes like mugging can occur, especially in isolated areas, these are relatively rare and often preventable by being vigilant. Indian students can feel at home in Ireland's cosmopolitan cities like Dublin, Cork, and Galway, where cultural diversity and friendly communities prevail. Overall, Ireland provides a safe and supportive setting for Indian students to pursue their academic goals without undue concern for personal safety.





# Placement

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## **Finance:**

Dublin is a growing financial hub offering roles in banking, investment management, insurance, and financial analysis.

Graduates with degrees in finance, accounting, or economics are highly sought after.

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## **Hospitality and Tourism:**

Ireland's booming tourism sector offers jobs in hotels, event management, food service, and travel planning.

Graduates in hospitality management or tourism studies are welcomed into this growing field.

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## **Sales and Marketing:**

Roles include retail management, e-commerce strategy, telemarketing, digital marketing, and brand management.

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## **Engineering:**

Opportunities exist in civil, mechanical, electrical, and environmental engineering due to Ireland's infrastructure projects.

Engineering graduates can also find roles in renewable energy and manufacturing.

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## **Healthcare:**

High demand for medical professionals such as nurses, laboratory technicians, and healthcare administrators.

Pharmaceutical engineering roles are also available in medical device development.

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## **Technology and IT:**

Ireland is a global hub for tech giants like Google, Microsoft, Facebook, and Apple.

Popular roles include software development, data analytics, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence (AI), and IT consulting.

Graduates from fields like computer science and software engineering are in high demand.



Spain is an increasingly popular destination for Indian students, offering globally recognized universities, affordable living, and a vibrant culture. It provides a unique blend of academic excellence and enriching life experiences, with opportunities to learn Spanish and enhance global career prospects.

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Studying in Spain offers numerous benefits for Indian students, making it an attractive destination for higher education. Here are some compelling reasons:



Universitat de Barcelona

**01** **Quality Education System:** Spanish universities are recognized globally for their academic rigor and research output, offering a diverse range of programs in various disciplines.

**02** **Cultural Richness and Historical Heritage:** Spain is renowned for its vibrant culture, historical sites, and festivals, providing a unique living and learning experience.

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Language Benefits: Learning Spanish, the second most spoken language globally, can enhance career opportunities

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Affordable Cost of Living and Education: Compared to other Western European countries, Spain offers relatively low tuition fees and living costs

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Global Recognition: Degrees from Spanish institutions are recognized worldwide, improving employment prospects  
Geographical Advantage: Spain's location allows easy travel to other European countries

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A Safe Country - Spain is one of the safest countries in the world, you can live quietly in any of its cities. You will enjoy living outdoors in the same easygoing manner as the usual Mediterranean lifestyle. People are quite nice and coexistence is peaceful.



# Scholarships for Indian Students in Spain

Here are some scholarships available for Indian students in Spain, categorized by type:

## Embassy Scholarships

**Spanish Government Scholarships:** Offered by the Spanish Ministry of Education, these scholarships cover undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels. They provide financial aid to international students, including Indians.

## Merit-Based Scholarships

**EADA Scholarship:** Merit-based, covering up to 25% of the program fee. Eligibility requires completing the admission process and paying a portion of the fees.

**Spanish Studies Abroad Merit-Based Scholarship:** Prefers students dedicated to studying Spanish. Requires a GPA of at least 3.5 and an essay submission.

**UIC Barcelona Scholarship:** For international students with high academic grades. Requires an average grade of 8 or higher in secondary education.

# Admission Requirements



Indian students wishing to study in Spain should know that some admission requirements must be fulfilled. Upon your decision to study university programs in Spain as an Indian student, consider the following general requirements that you need to be aware of:

- **Education Degrees and Certificates.** If you are willing to study a bachelor's degree in Spain, you should provide your High School Certificate and transcripts. In the case of master's studies, you should prove you have finished your bachelor's by showing the bachelor's degree certificate/diploma.
- **Passport.** It is one of the most fundamental requirements of all the others. Studying abroad requires a passport that is valid for the duration of the program.
- **Language Proficiency Proof.** Students from India studying in Spain must prove their proficiency in English and Spanish. English proficiency is usually demonstrated through tests such as the IELTS and TOEFL.
- **Proof of Monetary Funds.** Having the financial means necessary for the first year in Spain is another crucial aspect of studying in Spain. You must prove your financial stability through bank statements or other required documents.

# Cost of Living and Studying

As one of the most attractive countries in the EU, Spain offers affordable living costs and a fantastic experience for international students. Generally, the cost of living will depend on which region of Spain you live. For an average lifestyle, an Indian student will need from 900 € to 1,200 € per month for living expenses. There are many saving tips for students who study and live abroad. So, there is still a way for you to have some extra “unexpected money” in your pocket as you live in Spain.

In the case of living in bigger cities of Spain, such as Madrid and Barcelona, you have to expect a higher cost of living. On the other hand, choosing cities like Valencia or Cadiz as study destinations will assure you a much more affordable cost of living since it will require less than 900 € per month on average.

## Safety In Spain

Spain is generally a safe country for Indian students, with a low rate of violent crime and a vibrant cultural environment. While petty crimes like pickpocketing can occur in tourist areas, being vigilant and securing valuables can minimize risks. Indian students find the Spanish lifestyle warm and welcoming, with many universities offering a multicultural setting. To stay safe, it's advisable to blend in with locals, learn some Spanish, and avoid displaying expensive items. Familiarizing yourself with local customs and emergency numbers like 112 can also enhance your safety. Overall, Spain provides a secure and enriching experience for international students, making it an excellent choice for those seeking a blend of education and cultural immersion.

# Placements from Spain:

Upon completing courses in Spain, Indian students can explore various job and career opportunities with their degree from Spain. Some of these career paths include:

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## Working in Spain

- **Growing Sectors:** Opportunities can be found in sectors such as tourism, renewable energy, information technology, automotive, agriculture, and business services.
- **Language Skills:** Proficiency in Spanish is a significant advantage when seeking employment in Spain. It opens up more opportunities and is often a requirement for many local jobs.
- **Work Permits for Non-EU Students:** Post-study, non-EU students can apply for a work permit to stay and work in Spain. The process and success rate can vary depending on individual circumstances and market demand.

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## International Careers

- **Global Recognition:** Degrees from Spanish universities are recognized globally. Graduates can leverage this in their home countries or other international markets.
- **Networking:** Studying in Spain provides an opportunity to build a diverse network of contacts, which can be beneficial for international career opportunities.

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## Further Studies

- Pursuing further studies like a Ph.D. or specialized courses is another path. Spanish universities and research institutions offer various programs that are recognized worldwide.

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## Entrepreneurship

- Spain's supportive ecosystem for startups and entrepreneurs can be an excellent platform for students wishing to start their own business, particularly in fields like technology, biotechnology, and renewable energy.

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## Academia and Research

- For those inclined towards academia, there are opportunities to engage in research and teaching roles within Spanish institutions or globally.

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