



## EU-Passworld Scholarship Programme

### University of Galway, Ireland

[University of Galway](#) is a highly ranked university on the west coast of Ireland, known until recently as NUI Galway. The University is committed to the values of respect, openness, sustainability and excellence. An exciting activity of the institution is the [University of Sanctuary initiative](#) which facilitates access to higher education for refugees and other marginalised communities.

[UNHCR](#), the UN Refugee Agency in Ireland, [Nasc](#), the Migrant and Refugee Rights Centre, and [University of Galway](#) are establishing the [EU-Passworld project in Ireland](#). This offers the opportunity for a refugee currently residing in Nigeria to continue their higher education at the University of Galway.

### About Ireland

Ireland is an island situated on the Northwest of Europe, with a population of just over five million people. It is a republic and a parliamentary democracy which gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1922 and enjoys stable governance. Ireland is a full member of the European Union and was voted onto the UN Security Council from 2021-22. Ireland has made many progressive changes in the past few years and continues to strive towards recognising the full rights of all who live here.

The climate of Ireland is temperate with summer averages of 16°C and winter averages of 5°C. Temperatures seldom rise above 25°C due to its location bordering the Atlantic Ocean.

Although Irish (Gaeilge) is the first official language, English is spoken by all and is the most commonly used language. Ireland has its own distinctive culture and language and is known as 'The Island of Saints and Scholars'. It has an excellent educational infrastructure and an exceptionally high rate of participation in post-secondary school education. Ireland has also been renowned for its tradition of

development and educational links with other nations and its warm welcome for visiting scholars.

Ireland has become an increasingly diverse country over recent decades and welcomes a broad array of religions and cultures. Over 14% of the population are of non-Irish nationality and come from over 200 different nations. Immigrants enrich Ireland by contributing to culture, skills and perspectives in all parts of society.

### Welcome to University of Galway

The University of Galway was founded in 1845 with a beautiful and historic riverside campus located in the centre of the small and famously friendly city of Galway. The University enrolls 19,000 students from undergraduate to PhD level and has some 2,500 staff, including over 800 professors and lecturers.

Over the past two decades the university has invested heavily in state-of-the-art facilities that enable its international reputation for research and teaching excellence. It is particularly strong in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) which are taught and researched by over 700 staff and 5000 students in the College of Science and Engineering. The College has a research income of over €30 million per year and its work is globally recognised with two thirds of publications including international collaborators.

Galway is only 2.5 hours ride by public transport across Ireland from the capital city of Dublin. It sits on the scenic west coast facing the Atlantic Ocean as a major stop on the Wild Atlantic Way tourist route. The small city combines the energy of a young and diverse population with the authenticity of a place steeped in history and tradition. It hosts a number of annual international festivals and is renowned as a place where arts and culture are celebrated, reinterpreted and shared with the world.



- For a profile of University of Galway, check out this [profile video](#)
- See the [Interactive Map](#) of the campus

## International students at University of Galway

As a high-quality research-led university in a friendly and welcoming city, University of Galway has been popular with international students and researchers for many decades. Recently, the university has boosted this with its [Global Galway initiative](#) to increase the international diversity and experiences for all students as well as to grow awareness of the unique strengths and opportunities on its campus.

- Find out about student's experience of life and learning at University of Galway through the [International Student Blog](#), including [insights from an international student from Nigeria](#). Profiles of experiences of other [international students from Nigeria in Galway](#) are also available.
- There is also helpful information in the “Living and settling in Ireland” section of the [International Student Guide](#) for on transitioning to life and study at Galway.
- Information on Student Supports and Campus activities are described on the [University Life section of the University of Galway](#) website.

Please note that the selected EU-Password scholarship student at University of Galway **will be exempt from tuition fees and will receive financial support for pre-departure expenses including airfares. Accommodation and living costs will be provided by local community sponsorship for the duration of the programme.** Learn more in the ‘Integration Supports: Welcome to the Community’ section below.

## Scholarship to complete a Masters in Science and Engineering

University of Galway is offering a postgraduate scholarship in the College of Science and Engineering. One student will be selected to begin a Masters in any of the following programme options:

- [MSc in Biomedical Engineering](#)
- [MSc in Biomedical Science](#)
- [MSc in Biotechnology](#)
- [MSc in Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety](#)
- [MSc in Computer Science – Data Analytics](#)

The [Postgraduate Prospectus](#) provides an introduction to the University of Galway including profiles of students, campus, research and community as well as practical information and student supports.

The successful applicant will begin studies in **September 2023** and graduate with a full University of Galway degree on successful completion after the duration of the programme.

They will join a class of local and international students, and will complete the standard curriculum of taught modules along with assigned project work and a short thesis or equivalent.

University of Galway will provide learning and research facilities and mentoring to the selected student. The student will enjoy full student rights and benefits including academic supports, student supports, and access to extra-curricular training opportunities. Potential future career paths will be facilitated by the on-campus Careers Development Centre and by engagement with local industry partners where possible.

## Integration Supports: Welcome to the Community

### Travelling to Ireland

The student selected for the EU-Password scholarship at University of Galway will receive financial support for pre-departure expenses, including flights.

### Settling in Ireland

The selected student will be supported by the local community through a Community Sponsorship Group (CSG) in Galway for the duration of their studies. The CSG will be made up of a mixture of students, staff and academics from the University, as well as people from the local community. Find out more about Community Sponsorship in Ireland [here](#).

Support provided by the Community Sponsorship Group encompasses all aspects of settling into life in a new country.

- **Administrative** - After the student arrives in Ireland, they will be supported to set up various administrative functions and register with authorities and services. This ranges from registering for an Immigration Residence Permit, applying for Travel Documents to applying for their Personal Public Service Number (PPSNs).
- **Accommodation** – Accommodation will be provided either on campus or privately at no cost to the student.
- **Living expenses** – The student will be provided with a living cost allowance which will ensure they can focus on their studies.
- **Language** – Support from the English Language Centre in the university will be available if required.
- **Cultural orientation** - Staff working with international students through the University of Sanctuary will provide support and guidance. Furthermore, the CSG will provide local orientations to the student upon arrival.
- **Social Integration** - The University will play an important part in the integration of the student. Like any international student they will be able to avail of resources already in place within the University: Buddy / Mentoring system, Societies, University of Sanctuary network and alumni and International Student Groups.
- **Healthcare** – The student will be entitled to access the same medical services through the University as all students.

### Call for applications and further details

Candidates are invited to apply by filling in an [online application form accessible here](#), and to submit a scanned copy of the following documents to [eupassworld@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:eupassworld@universityofgalway.ie) by **17th March 2023 at midnight GMT**:

1. **Proof of refugee registration** with UNHCR or Nigerian authorities
2. **Official documentation: if available**, either passport (only identity page required) or other official ID if you do not currently have a passport
3. Copy of **Bachelor's Degree**
4. Copy of **Bachelor's Transcript of exams passed and relative grades**
5. **English language test, if available** (Not obligatory to apply but will be required should you proceed to final stage)

For further information about the scholarship, please contact [eupassworld@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:eupassworld@universityofgalway.ie).