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Undergraduate Offer Pack
2015 – 2016

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Congratulations

Welcome to University College Dublin and congratulations on being offered a place to study in Ireland in one of Europe's leading research-intensive universities. We have a diverse community of some 30,000 students enrolled in study at UCD.

UCD offers a unique campus environment with world class degree programmes and research sitting side-by side with a wonderful array of clubs, societies, sporting facilities, student residences and woodland walkways. University life should be a journey of academic and personal discovery and the UCD campus facilitates both.

We encourage our students to "Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow" so many of UCD's graduates have gone on to leadership positions in Ireland and across the globe in academia, the health professions, engineering, the arts, sports and politics. UCD graduates are consistently ranked highly by global employers and enjoy excellent job prospects.

This UCD Undergraduate Offer Pack has been prepared with the intention of making your transition to UCD as smooth as possible. In the coming pages, we have included what we think might be some helpful information to you as a new student. This includes information about the admissions process and what you must do next in order to accept your offer, as well as information about the University and the city of Dublin.

Upon entering one of our undergraduate programmes you will begin on a path of intellectual stimulation, acquiring new knowledge and skills enabling you to become a highly-qualified graduate in your chosen discipline. I know that you will find studying in UCD a life-changing experience, where you will be helped to grow both personally and professionally, preparing you for a rewarding career.

I look forward to welcoming you to studies at UCD.

Bairbre Redmond

Professor Bairbre Redmond
Dean of Undergraduate Studies

What to do now

As soon as you receive your offer you need to:
accept, decline or defer your offer

On accepting your offer of a place in UCD commence next steps:

1. Pay your Fees
2. Start Registration
3. Apply for a Visa (if applicable)
4. Make Accommodation Arrangements
5. Organise Health Insurance
6. Make Travel Arrangements
7. Arrive in time for Orientation

Types of offer

- **An Unconditional Offer or Full Offer**
  means that you have met all the entry requirements for the course.

- **A Conditional Offer**
  means that you will be accepted if you meet certain additional requirements.

Accepting your offer

You must accept your offer in order to reserve your place at UCD. You may be required to pay a non-refundable deposit which will then be deducted from your fee obligations. Generally offers must be accepted and the deposit paid within 15 working days of date of the offer. An offer, whether conditional or unconditional, will be made in good faith taking into account information as supplied by the applicant and/or referee at the time of the application. The Application Group reserves the right to withdraw any offer if deemed necessary at a later stage. By acceptance of an offer of admission, the applicant agrees to be bound by the Rules, Regulations and Policies of the University.

I have a full offer…

To accept your offer you must:

1

Accept Online

- To accept your Offer and pay the deposit, if applicable, please log in to your application account (at www.ucd.ie/international/apply).
- Upon logging in, you will see that your application to: MAJOR appears with the status of 'Offer' Click on 'Accept or Reject' and it will bring you to the page where you can either accept, and pay the deposit if appropriate, or decline the offer.
- Your acceptance will not be complete until you successfully record your acceptance and, where appropriate, pay the deposit.

2

After Acceptance

- Upon acceptance of your Offer UCD will automatically create a student record for you. Following this you will receive an e-mail confirmation of your acceptance.
  The e-mail will also inform you of your UCD student number.

I have a conditional offer…

To accept your offer, you must:

1

Pay your non-refundable deposit

- Log in to your online application account at:
  www.ucd.ie/international/apply
- Click on 'Pay Deposit' to proceed to the secure payment area.

2

Accept Online

- You will see that your application to this programme appears as 'processed' and the status appears as 'conditional offer'. Click on 'conditional offer' and it will bring you to the page where you can accept. Click on the drop down list in the 'decision' field, and select 'conditional accepted'. Click on 'submit' to record your acceptance. Your conditional acceptance will not be complete until you successfully complete Step 1 and Step 2 above.

Meeting the conditions of your offer

English language condition

Teaching in Irish Universities is through the medium of English; therefore all applicants from Non-English speaking countries are required to demonstrate a high level of competence in English language.

The minimum English Language Requirements in relation to International English Language Testing System (IELTS): **An average score of 6.5 over all components and a minimum of 6.0 in each band on the Academic Version**

The minimum English Language Requirements in relation to Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) administered by Princeton University:

In the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), **a minimum score from 600 paper based TOEFL (with a minimum score of 475 in the Test of Written English), 250 computer based TOEFL or 90 internet based TOEFL (iBT)**

See page 24 Note 4 for Visa specific language Requirements.

Academic condition

If your offer is conditional upon obtaining your final high school results, the offer letter will state the level required. When your results are known, please upload a certified copy of your results. We may also ask for original transcripts to be mailed. Official translations must be provided with the original/copy documents where documents are not in English. Any offer will be conditional until we have received satisfactory original transcripts. Applicants who wish to have their original documentation returned should forward a stamped addressed envelope.

Deposit condition

A deposit of €500 is payable to secure a place on most courses. Deposits are non-refundable. The deposit amount will be deducted from your fee obligation.

Proof of identity

Applicants should be aware that, if admitted to a course, they will be required to present either their birth certificate or passport as part of the registration process.

For all proficiency tests the results must be **less than 2 years old.**

Some courses have higher English language requirements. Please make sure to check the English language requirements for your chosen programme of study.

Deferring an offer

If you are thinking of deferring your offer please contact the UCD International Admissions Team. A charge of €500 will be applied to any applicant who receives a deferred offer of a place on an undergraduate course. The charge will be set against the fees for the subsequent year and is not an additional financial imposition on the applicant.

Deferral students will not be required to pay the application fee when reapplying for the subsequent term. In order to facilitate this, the Online Applications unit will need to be made aware once the new application has been submitted in order that the mandatory payment facility can be overridden.

In cases where an applicant has been granted a deferral, but does not wish to pay the charge, application can be made the following year as normal and assessed in competition with other applicants.

There is no onus on UCD to offer a deferral facility if they do not wish to do so.

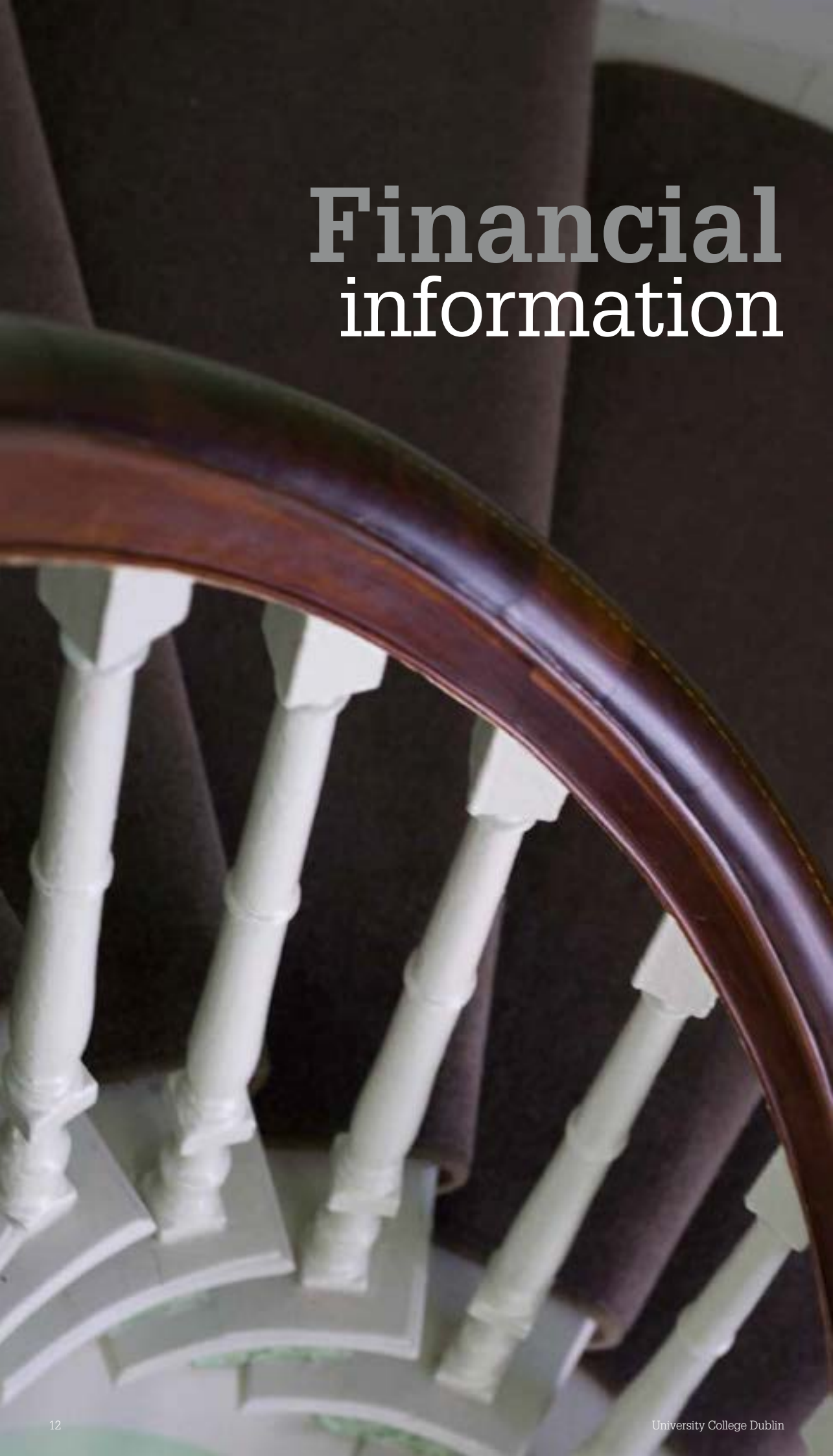
Log in to your online application account at: www.ucd.ie/international/apply and click on 'Pay Deposit' to proceed to the secure payment area.

Rejecting an offer

If you do not want to take up a place of study in UCD, you can reject the offer on the applications system as explained in the offer section above.

Contacts

UCD International Admissions Team
internationaladmissions@ucd.ie



Financial information

Programme fees

In order to complete the registration process and gain unrestricted access to University student facilities you must register and pay the appropriate fees. A detailed breakdown of your fee obligation is available while registering in the SIS (Student Information System) through your UCD Connect account.

When to pay fees to UCD?

Students may pay fees by semester:

- **If you are on a 1 semester programme** all fees must be paid in advance
- **If you are on a 2 semester programme** you may pay your fee in halves by semester
- **If you are on a 3 semester programme** you may pay your fee in thirds by semester

Further information on payment dates is available at: www.ucd.ie/registry/adminservices/fees/fee_payment_dates.htm

If you require a visa to study in Ireland, visa application requires that you pay the greater of €6,000 or half the tuition fee – **see page 23 for further information.**

Note 1: If you require a visa to study in Ireland please be advised that the Irish Government will only issue a student visa to students who have paid their tuition Fees in full or paid a minimum deposit to the value of €6,000. Please ensure that you have paid and received a receipt to the value of the minimum visa payment requirement of €6,000, so as to avoid visa refusal on the basis of incomplete tuition fee payment.

Note 2: Where a student is receiving funding from a third party source, students must pay either a half or a third (whichever is applicable to the programme) of any balance of fees and charges in order to be a registered student of the university.

How do I pay fees?

- If you have an Application Number or a Student Number you can pay directly by credit or debit card using UCD's online payment facility. This is available at www.ucd.ie/stuweb. A receipt will be emailed to you at your default email address or another that you specify.

- Students making payments from outside Ireland may also pay UCD directly by International Bank Transfer to:

  UCD Fees Account, Bank of Ireland,
  College Green, Dublin 2. Ireland.
  IBAN : IE82 BOFI 9000 1720 6115 11
  Swift Code: BOFI IE 2D

- Pay via the PayToStudy payment facility. This facility is especially useful for students who require a VISA to travel and/or study. You may access this service via webpage: www.ucd.ie/registry/adminservices/fees/non_eu_fee_payment.html

Receipts

If you use a direct payment method you will need to contact UCD for receipts relating to Visa applications etc. This may take some time; therefore we urge international students to use the PaytoStudy option to expedite payment and visa applications.

If you pay online you will be emailed a receipt.
You may also print your own receipt for the current year.
Log into www.ucd.ie/stuweb

For further information on UCD Fees visit:
www.ucd.ie/fees

Important notes:

- UCD regrets that it cannot accept cash payments for any portion of a student's fees.
- If you pay UCD directly by International Bank Transfer it is essential that you include your student number (or application number) - if known- as the sole narrative. A copy of the Bank Transcript should also be sent to UCD by www.ucd.ie/registry/adminservices/fees/connector.html or faxed to +353 1 716 1228.
- The UCD Fees and Grants office does not issue invoices to individual companies or to students for the purposes of paying fees. If you are in a situation whereby you are in receipt of private sponsorship this is a matter between you and your sponsor directly. The fee liability for your programme rests in full with you as a student of UCD.

Cost of living

The guide below is based on 2014 costs and is to help you work out the costs for living expenses such as accommodation, food and other basics. Lots of things can affect how much money you'll need, so these numbers are indicative only and subject to change.

The estimates above do not include the cost of flights or insurance. You should also budget for any initial costs you will likely incur (e.g. you might need to budget for short-term accommodation upon arrival in Dublin). Also please note that all non-Irish nationals, who are not citizens of the EU/EEA or Switzerland, must register in person with the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) after arrival and after completion of registration at UCD. The GNIB will issue you with a residence permit/ GNIB card. The fee for this card is €300 and should be included in your budgeting calculations.

Expense	Annual cost (€) (9 month academic year)
RENT (shared/own room)	2,700 – 5,400
ELECTRICITY/GAS/BINS (Public Utilities)	252
FOOD (including lunches)	2250
TRAVEL (Monthly Short Hop ticket)	972
BOOKS AND MATERIALS (including photocopying and printing)	675
CLOTHES/MEDICAL	405
MOBILE PHONE	180
SOCIAL LIFE/MISCELLANEOUS	1,170
Total	**€8,604 – €11,304**

Funding and scholarships

Check out www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships-and-funding for information on scholarships and funding available for international students.

Funding for US citizens and residents (Financial Aid)
University College Dublin is approved by the US Department of Education to certify loans under the 'William D. Ford Direct Loan' Program.

Under the new Program, eligible students can obtain Subsidized & Unsubsidized Direct loans and also Direct PLUS loans. Federally supported loans will be made by the US Department of Education rather than by a private lender/bank.Students who are not eligible for federal loans may apply for credit-based private loans to help finance their education at UCD. However we advise all students to apply for federal loans before applying for private loans.

Please bear in mind that US Federal Government regulations for foreign schools differ to those for US schools and that the process we follow is in compliance with those regulations.

Living and working in Ireland

Entitlement to Work (Casual Employment)

Students who are attending a full-time course of at least one year's duration are entitled to seek employment on a casual basis.

Casual employment means you can work for 20 hours per week during term time or full-time (up to 40 hours) during normal college holidays.

Please note term dates at
http://www.ucd.ie/students/keydates.htm

Third Level

UCD International provides information about living and working in Ireland on their website: www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/

Contacts

UCD Fees
www.ucd.ie/fees

UCD Applications Team
Tel. +353 1 716 1443/1476
internationaladmissions@ucd.ie

International Scholarships Information
www.ucd.ie/international

Accommodation

For your first year it is recommended that you take campus accommodation.

Campus accommodation

UCD has set aside on-campus rooms for undergraduate students **who alert us to their need for accommodation before July 1 2015**. Up-to-date information and allocation policy will be sent out to you shortly.

You will find information about on-campus and off-campus accommodation on: www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/accommodation/

Types of campus accommodation

Types of Campus Accommodation UCD has campus accommodation in

- halls of residence and
- three, four, five and six bedroom self catering accommodation

These are spread across three locations, (Belfield, Blackrock and Donnybrook). For further information, please see www.ucd.ie/residences.

Cost of on-campus accommodation

All prices are available at the UCD Residence Fees website. As a guideline, accommodation fees for the 2014/15 academic year range from €4,470 to €6,260, depending on the type of accommodation with catering available in some residences for approximately €9 per day.

Type of accomodation	Monthly cost (€)
On-Campus, not catered	480 – 720
On-Campus, catered	784
Off-Campus, own studio/apartment	850 – 1000
Off-Campus, shared apartment	400 – 600

Information for Accommodation 2015/16 will be updated in Feb/March 2015 on www.ucd.ie/residences.
A deposit is payable at the time of booking. This is refundable at the end of the academic year less the cost of any damage/breakages. All residences will also have a utility charge. In 2014/15 this utility charge was €396 and an insurance charge of €35 was also needed. Please note that should a student vacate their residence during the occupancy period they will forfeit their deposit and rent.

How to apply?

Please note a UCD Student Number is required in order to apply for on-campus accommodation. Therefore, you will not be able to apply for on-campus accommodation until you have fulfilled all of the conditions of your offer and received a 'Full Offer' and accept your place of study.

Off-campus accommodation

If you would prefer to live off-campus, you can contact the UCD Residences Off-Campus Office or the Student Union Accommodation Services for advice on off-campus options.

Check out the UCD student accommodation search which lets you search for student houses, student homes, housing, flats and lodgings in Dublin.
www.ucdaccommodationpad.ie

Contacts

Off-Campus Accommodation Office
Merville Residence Reception Office
University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4
roombookingsupportresidences@ucd.ie
Opening Hours:
Monday-Friday 09:30 – 13:00
and 14:00 – 17:00

Student Union Accommodation Services
Student Union Centre
University College Dublin,
Belfield, Dublin 4
Tel: +353 1 716 3164/3112
accommodation@ucdsu.ie
or welfare@ucdsu.ie

The following websites have advertisements for available accommodation in Dublin:
www.ucdaccommodationpad.ie
www.daft.ie
www.independent.ie
www.let.ie
www.myhome2let.ie
www.letbynet.com

Visa information

Do I need a visa?

Some but not all non-EU/EEA students require an entry visa for Ireland. You can check on **www.inis.gov.ie** for the list of countries that are not visa required. If your country is not on the list, then you require a visa. (Examples – UK, US, Canadian, Brazilian, Malaysian students do not require a visa whilst Indian, Chinese, Russian students do).

You must make your visa application on-line using the AVATS on-line facility. Completing the on-line application form is the first step. The application will only be processed when the on-line form is completed AND the required documentation, passport photograph and appropriate fee are received by the relevant office as indicated by the on-line system.

If you are applying from China, India, Nigeria, Russia, United Arab Emirates or the United Kingdom, please also check the Irish Embassy website for details of further documentation which may be required.

You should read the visa application details very carefully. If you do not provide the documentation required, your visa will be refused.

Some points for you to note

When making a visa application you must:

1. Complete an online application
2. Check the Irish Embassy details where your documentation is to be sent
3. Provide a passport sized photo
4. Pay the application fee
5. Provide a signed letter of application which explains why you require the visa
6. Provide evidence from UCD that you have been accepted on a full-time course of study
7. Show evidence of tuition fees paid. Either half fees or €6,000 (whichever is the greater amount) must be paid[1]
8. Ensure your passport is valid for 12 months
9. Have private health insurance (Please visit UCD International Student Support Services for information on health insurance providers). Please note that private health insurance is not provided by UCD[2]
10. Show that you have enough money to support yourself while in Ireland (bank account statements for six months previously, evidence of access to €7,000, sponsorship letter etc.)[3]
11. Show evidence of language proficiency. INIS requires IELTS of 5 but UCD generally require IELTS of 6.5[4]
12. Any other documents as requested by INIS or the Irish Embassy through which you are applying
13. Make sure you keep copies of all documents submitted

1. Please see the www.ucd.ie/registry/adminservices/fees/payment_of_fees.htm for details on tuition payments and note Pay to Study payment facility.
2. A basic medical expenses insurance policy, which satisfies the GNIB, can be purchased on-line for €120 from the ODON website.
3. A new pilot project by INIS allows you to lodge an amount of €7,000 to an 'education bond'. See INIS website for further details.
4. INIS are currently not accepting TOEFL English language tests taken after 17 April, 2015 for the purposes of student visa applications.

Health insurance

Non-EU students must obtain private health insurance. You can purchase insurance in your home country, however you will need to ensure that it is valid in Ireland and in any other countries you plan to travel to. There are different levels of private health insurance available. Students are advised to read their policy documents carefully. The GNIB require that, if you have health insurance from your own country it must cover you up to €25,000 for in-hospital treatment.

Basic medical expenses insurance is available for approximately €120 from ODON Insurance Brokers. This insurance policy will satisfy the visa requirement for private health insurance and can be obtained before students arrive in Ireland. For more information on this insurance please visit the ODON website at: http://www.odon.ie/ucd.aspx

Need more help?

Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service
www.inis.gov.ie

International Student Adviser
carl.lusby@ucd.ie

Checking on your visa status

- ✓ You should apply as early as possible for your visa as it can take eight weeks for it to be processed but in busy periods may take longer than this.
- ✓ You can check on-line at Visa Decisions to see if your visa has been processed (using your Visa Application Number). This list is updated weekly.
- ✓ If you get approval for a visa, the Embassy to which you sent your documents will affix a visa to your passport.
- ✓ You can contact our International Student Adviser Carl Lusby if you are experiencing delays in receiving a decision. You will need to give her your visa application number, your country of origin and the course you are accepted to.
- ✓ If you are refused a visa you may appeal the decision within 2 months. However, as this would affect your date of arrival in UCD, you would need to seek advice on final acceptable arrival date from the course director/administrator.

Registration

Once you accept an offer
the next step is registration

You will need to register before you can begin your undergraduate studies at UCD. You do this online. Registration allows you to obtain your student ucard and gain access to the wide range of facilities available to our students. Registration for the majority of programmes takes place in August and is done online. You will receive notification via email when Registration opens. Typically for courses starting in September, registration will open in August.

Online registration will be available through UCD Connect – at www.ucd.ie. Please note that your UCD Connect account will be available 48 hours in advance of online registration. Your UCD Student Number is your user name and your date of birth is your password ddmmyy format.

In UCD Connect, click on the "Student Life" tab, then enter the SIS Student Information System. If you were a student of UCD in the last three years your computer account and email details remain the same. If you have any questions or problems with the registration process, please contact your College/School directly. Please see www.ucd.ie/students/registration.html for further details on Registration 2015/2016 such as times, guides (including videos) to registration and other support information.

Please note: To access UCD Connect E-Mail, you will need to log into UCD Connect at www.ucd.ie, your username is your student number and your password is your Date of Birth ddmmyy format.

Orientation

Orientation is the time to ask all questions, to meet other students, have fun and dive into the Irish culture! Orientation introduces you to the University and key staff members, and provides you with crucial information and advice that will assist you in adjusting to the living and learning environment of the University. You will receive academic advice about your course and support in how to enrol in the correct units of study. The UCD Orientation program runs over one week.

Please note that Orientation Week begins officially on the 1st September so it is wise to arrive in good time. Classes begin on Monday 7th September. Please also check www.ucd.ie/international/study-at-ucd-global/coming-to-ireland/orientation for updates on September 2015 Orientation.

2015/2016 Term dates

Most programmes start at the beginning of the academic year early September. The start date for your programme will be stated on your offer letter. Research programmes can usually start at the beginning of September, January or May.

For details on term, revision and exam dates please see the academic calendar for 2015/2016 at www.ucd.ie/students/keydates.htm

Contact

Student Desk
www.ucd.ie/studentdesk/contact

2015 Term dates

1. **Orientation**
   1 September – 4 September
2. **Semester One**
   7 September – 18 December
3. **Semester Two**
   25 January – 21 May
4. **Semester Three***
   23 May – 4 September

*(Graduate Students Only)

Why choose UCD?

Why choose UCD

University College Dublin is one of Europe's leading research-intensive universities. At UCD undergraduate education, master's and PhD training, research, innovation and community engagement form a dynamic spectrum of activity.

Today UCD is Ireland's largest and most diverse university with over 30,000 students, drawn from approximately 121 countries. It actively promotes university life as a journey of intellectual and personal discovery. UCD is Ireland's leader in graduate education with approximately 8,000 graduate students with almost a quarter being graduate research students.

UCD is home to over 6,000 international students and delivers degrees to over 5,000 students on overseas campuses. In addition, the University places great emphasis on the internationalisation of the Irish student experience – preparing all UCD students for future employment and life that crosses borders, boundaries and cultures.

Campuses

Belfield campus

The main campus of UCD is situated at Belfield, a 133 hectare site 4km south of the centre of Dublin city.

This campus is an attractively landscaped complex of modern architectural buildings, accommodating most of the Colleges and Schools of the University as well as its student residences and numerous leisure and sporting facilities.

Facilities on campus include:

- Banking Facilities;
- Numerous Food Outlets;
- Photocopying, Printing, Stationery Services;
- Shops;
- Bookshops;
- Bike shop;
- Crèche;
- Purpose Built Sport and Fitness Centre;
- Olympic 50m Swimming Pool;
- Children's Pool, Sauna, Jacuzzi, Steam Room;
- Gym, Dance Studio, Spinning Studio;
- Dramsoc Theatre (Seats 111);
- Tournament-Grade Debating Chamber;
- Cinema.

To take a virtual tour of the facilities available on the Belfield Campus please visit: www.ucd.ie/exploreucd

Blackrock campus

The UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School is located at the Blackrock campus, approximately two miles from Belfield. The picturesque Blackrock campus is located on the former Carysfort Park Estate and is now home to the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School, Drama Studies Centre and UCD Student Residences. The campus is within walking distance of the thriving seaside town of Blackrock, one of the prime residential and shopping areas of suburban Dublin, which is linked by light rail and bus services to the city. The Blackrock campus is connected to the Belfield campus by a scheduled bus service.

Lyons estate

Other University buildings include the Lyons Estate in Co. Kildare which houses the UCD School of Agriculture, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine's research farm.

Why UCD?

University College Dublin is one of Europe's leading research-intensive universities. At UCD master's and PhD training, research, innovation and community engagement form a dynamic spectrum of activity.

UCD was founded in **1854**

8,035
Graduate students enrolled

It is a diverse University both in **ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES AND CULTURE**

JAMES JOYCE
completed his Bachelor of Arts in 1902

TOP 1%
of higher education institutions world-wide

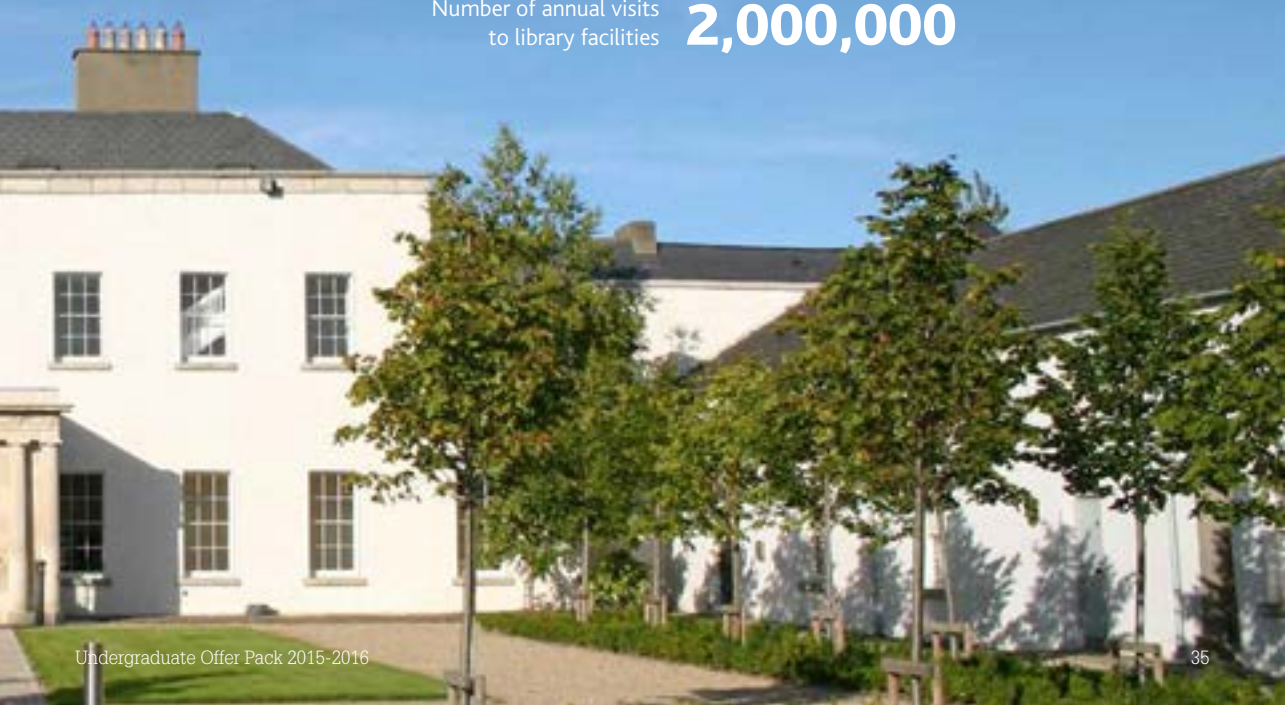
INNOVATIVE RESEARCH
conducted at the University attracts some of the world's most brilliant academics

121 NATIONALITIES
studying in UCD

SAFE MODERN CAMPUS
24 Hour Security

UCD by Numbers

Ranked within top 1% of higher education institutions world-wide	1
Percentage of international students	22
Percentage of international staff	25
Percentage of non-Exchequer funding	49
Number of nationalities within the student body	121
Hectares making up the woodland campus	133
Million euro annual turnover	434
Million euro won in externally funded research in last 5 years	457
Number of PhD Students	1,642
Year founded by John Henry Newman	1854
Number of international students on overseas campuses	5,260
Number of international students on main campus	5,568
Number of graduate students	8,035
Number of awards conferred each year	7,892
Total number of students (including overseas campuses)	30,870
Square meters of science & engineering laboratory & facilities	125,500
Number of annual visits to library facilities	2,000,000



Support and facilities

International office

The UCD International Office offers a wide range of support to both international students and Irish students who wish to study abroad. International students make up about 25% of the UCD student population. The services offered by the International Office include:

- Pre-arrival information for new international students.
- Orientation programmes.
- Cultural and social events.
- Assistance with University procedures.
- Handbook for International Students.
- International Student Adviser who assists. with personal and practical issues.

For further information please visit:
www.ucd.ie/international

Student advisers

Student advisers provide support for all students during their time at university. They are located in all seven Colleges and are either attached to particular programmes or to specific groups of students. They work closely with the administrative and academic staff as well as with the Chaplains and other support staff. They are here to help you make your time at UCD as fulfilling and enjoyable as possible. You can call to see them in relation to personal, social or practical issues. From simple requests for information to more confidential and serious matters they will give you the time and space to talk things through. For more information, please visit:
www.ucd.ie/advisers

Peer Mentor Programme

All students coming in to undergraduate programmes will be allocated a Peer Mentor, who is generally a Stage 2 student. Your Peer Mentor will help you, during Orientation Week, to find your way around campus and will give you lots of useful advice on your course of study. He/She will also be available throughout you first year in UCD.

Career Development Centre

The Career Development Centre provides high quality careers education, information and guidance services to graduate students, enabling them to:

- Identify, develop and articulate their career management and employability skills.
- Develop creative and effective job search strategies.
- Make an effective transition into employment or to the next stage of their career development, whatever that may be.

UCD Library

There are thousands of books and periodicals, full-text access to a vast range of electronic information services and other learning materials in both print and electronic formats available to UCD registered students. There are 3,000 reading or study places in the libraries, including special assistive technology facilities for students with disabilities. Many services can be used online via the e-library, which also provides assistance and advice about library facilities, collections, information resources and

opening hours. There is also an open access toolkit to support bibliometrics training and awareness. Library staff are available to help you make the most of library resources.

For further information please visit:
www.ucd.ie/library

UCD Applied Language Centre (ALC)

The UCD Applied Language Center offers programmes in the following areas: Foreign language electives and English language courses.

For further information please visit:
www.ucd.ie/alc

IT services

UCD Belfield is the largest campus in Ireland and is digitally enabled with wireless access available campus-wide (including residences) for all students to use laptops, smart phones and tablets on campus. Students can also avail of a wide variety of support services online 24/7 from abroad or at home through UCD Connect. UCD students get:

- **25GB of email and a personal calendar** powered by Google (these can be synced to your smart phone).
- **Google Drive** – this allows you to access and share your files and folders wherever you are and can also be synced to your smartphone.
- **Blackboard** – this is the University's e-learning system – here you can submit assignments, and avail of online learning resources including virtual classes, wikis and blogs.
- **Software-for-U** – this service provides you with access to a selection of the most popular academic software for laptops and home computers, such as Photoshop and Autocad. Through UCD Connect you can also access your personal files, Library resources, exam results, registration details and get past exam papers online.

IT facilities on campus

Almost 1,000 computers are available in open-access laboratories as well as Stand Up And Surf (SUAS) areas throughout the University. SUAS are designed without seating for quick access to the internet. They are also Skype enabled.

Help and advice

There are four IT Centres on campus, where you can drop in and get help and advice on a range of IT services.

UCD Mobile

This app gives you an interactive campus map with information on campus facilities, tours, a staff directory, Blackboard Mobile Learn so you can check announcements on the go! And a Library Catalogue Search facility so you can look up journals on your smart phone. Just search for "UCD Mobile" in the Android Marketplace or your App store!

UCD Access Centre

UCD Access Centre provides support for students with disabilities. UCD Access Centre assists students in many different ways from academic support to exam support.

Registration with Access Centre is confidential. All you need to register is a letter from your medical consultant or an educational psychologist's report (no more than 3 years old). You will meet one-to-one with a member of the UCD Access Centre team and together you will put in place your individual learning plan. The UCD Access Centre is here to support you.

You can find more information and contact details at:
www.ucd.ie/openingworlds/ucdaccesscentre

UCD Student Desk

UCD Student Desk offers a range of services to students including registration/student records, fees, assessment, regulations and transcripts to name but a few.

For the full range of services available to students please visit www.ucd.ie/studentdesk

Sport and recreation

Sport clubs

Over the years UCD Sports Clubs have helped to nurture some of Ireland's finest national and international sportsmen and women, names like Brian O'Driscoll, Kevin Moran, Alan Brogan, Stephen Lucey, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Derval O'Rourke, James Nolan, Ciara O'Brien and Peter Lawrie. However, all sporting levels are catered for at UCD and regardless of your ability this is your chance to get into the spirit of things.

Whether you want to continue in a sport you are familiar with or want to be adventurous and take up something new, UCD Sports Clubs offer something for everyone, e.g. Aikido, Boxing, Kite, Snowsports, and Wrestling.

UCD Sport and Fitness

The quality of our facilities, which are among the best in the country, reflect the popularity and significance of sporting activity at UCD. There are 17 natural grass pitches on campus, five floodlit tennis courts, seven synthetic grass floodlit pitches including the National Hockey Stadium, six 5-a-side pitches and a large indoor Sports Centre.

The Sports Centre at Belfield includes two sports halls, four squash courts, the High Performance Centre, one handball/racquetball alley, a fully equipped climbing wall 50m Swimming Pool, Children's Pool, Sauna, Jacuzzi, Steam Room, Gym, Dance Studio and Spinning Studio.

For more information about our Sports Facilities, please visit: www.ucd.ie/sportandfitness/facilitiescourses/gym

Student societies

There are over one hundred student societies. The energy of UCD's social life comes from student innovation and renewal. In every conceivable nook and cranny of student activity new societies spring into existence to try to stand the test of time and establish themselves as mainstays of university life. A small sample of student societies in UCD – Film Soc, Jazz Soc, Eng Soc (Engineering), Photo Soc, World Aid Soc, Medsoc, Retro Soc, French Soc, English Literary Society, Agricultural Society, Parents' Society, UCD LGBT (the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans-gendered Society)... and far too many more to mention.

For more information on UCD Societies, please visit: www.ucd.ie/sportandsocieties.htm

Students' Union

UCD's Student Centre is owned by the students of UCD and is home to many campus facilities. The Students' Union (SU) is a union for all students of UCD. Its role is to make sure students' interests are looked after in all issues relating to their education and personal well-being in university. Also, the Students' Union is central to university life in UCD. Within the Students' Union we have five full time officers, President, Welfare, Education, and Campaigns & Communication & Ents.

As well as representation, the SU provides many services on campus such as shops, a photocopying bureau, a bookshop, two bars etc. The SU also runs regular entertainment events during the year featuring the best music and live acts around and you can check out what's on by logging on UCDents.com.

For more information about the UCD SU, please visit: www.ucdsu.ie

Why Ireland?

English speaking country

Located on the western edge of Europe beside the UK

Lonely Planet: "World's Friendliest Country"
Global Peace Index: "6th safest country in the world"
Ernst & Young

Ireland is home to 9 of the 10 world-leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies

Ireland is the internet and games capital of Europe
Most global players in the ICT sector – from Google, Facebook, eBay and PayPal to smaller specialist companies have chosen Ireland for major operations focussed on international markets

IDA - Ireland forecast to be third most digitally engaged country by 2015
Ireland is anticipated "to climb the fastest up the rankings, from 11th place in 2012 to third [in the world] in 2015

More than 50% of the world's leading Financial Services firms have operations in Ireland

World Bank: "One of the top ten places in the world to do business"

Top clean technology companies are attracted to Ireland's plan to supply 40% of all electricity from renewable sources

Why Dublin?

Dublin is one of Europe's oldest cities and has a long history of **academic excellence**

Dublin is a great place to be a student and here is why!

A vibrant and multi-cultural city, Dublin brings together the best of traditional Ireland as well as modern Europe and is currently home to the European Headquarters for many multinational organisations. The cultivating place of James Joyce, Beckett, Shaw, Yeats, the Chieftains, U2, Riverdance and more artists and writers than you could count. It's the capital city of the country with the youngest and finest educated population in Europe.

Few capital cities combine learning, enterprise and culture in such a small area. While renowned for its pubs, cafes and nightlife, you are never far from the sea or the green rolling hills of the countryside.

www.visitdublin.com
www.ireland.com

Visiting UCD

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By plane

Dublin is served by Dublin International Airport, which is located north of Dublin City Centre. There are frequent connecting buses from the airport to the city centre, including a special shuttle service, Airlink which brings passengers directly to Busáras (Central Bus Station, Dublin). Aircoach operates a service from Dublin Airport to Leopardstown/Sandyford/Stillorgan which passes UCD.

Further details available at www.aircoach.ie

For further information on Dublin Airport and Flights please visit Aer Rianta. Hit the Road available at www.hittheroad.ie shows you how to get to or from UCD Campus using a combination of Dublin Bus, Luas and DART links.

You can also change searching options and search how to get from point A to B anywhere in Dublin.

By train

Dublin is served by two main railway stations: Connolly Station and Heuston Station. It is a short walk from Connolly Station to O'Connell Street, where the Dublin Bus numbers 2, 11 and 46A can be boarded for UCD. The route 145 provides a direct route from Heuston Station to Belfield via the city centre.

Belfield campus

Belfield, the main University College Dublin campus is located on a 133 hectare site, 4km south of Dublin city centre. The campus in an attractively landscaped complex of modern architectural buildings, accommodating student residences and numerous leisure and sporting facilities.

Building	No	Grid
Agnes McGuire Social Work Building (Arts Annexe)	1	E9
UCD Agriculture and Food Science Centre	2	D7
Ardmore Annexe	3	C8
Ardmore House	4	C8
Bank, AIB	5	C8
Belfield Office Park	6	D2
Belgrove Student Residences	7	E8
Bicycle Shop	8	B10
UCD Bowl	9	C4
Campus Services	10	D7
UCD Centre for Molecular Innovation and Drug Discovery	11	D6
Centre for Research in Infectious Diseases (CRID)	12	B8
Centre for Synthesis and Chemical Biology (CSCB)	13	D7
Charles Institute	14	C5
UCD Clinton Centre for American Studies (Belfield House)	15	B10
UCD Computer Centre	16	C5
UCD Computer Science and Informatics Centre	17	C6
UCD Conway Institute	18	B5
Crannóg House	19	G12
Daedalus Building	20	C9

Building	No	Grid
Energy Centre	21	F3
UCD Engineering & Materials Science Centre	22	C9
Environmental Protection Agency	23	E1
UCD Geary Institute (Arts Annexe)	24	F9
Gerard Manley Hopkins Centre (UCD International Office)	25	D9
Glebe House	26	G11
Glenomena Student Residences	27	C11
Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington Building (Arts Annexe)	28	E9
Health Sciences Centre	29	C5
UCD Humanities Institute Ireland	30	F9
Information Point	31	B8
UCD Institute of Sport & Health / Leinster Rugby	32	F2
Irish Institute for Chinese Studies (UCD Confucious Institute)	33	G11
UCD James Joyce Library	34	D7
UCD John Hume Institute for Global Irish Studies (William Jefferson Clinton Auditorium)	35	B9
Medical Bureau of Road Safety (MBRS)	36	D5
Merville Student Residences	37	D11
National Hockey Stadium	38	D4
National Institute for Bioprocessing Research and Training (NIBRT)	39	C12

Building	No	Grid
National Virus Reference Laboratory (NVRL)	40	C8
Newman Building	41	D8
NovaUCD	42	B12
Oakmount Créche	43	G6
UCD O'Kane Centre for Film Studies (Observatory)	44	F7
O'Reilly Hall	45	C7
Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Church	46	E6
Pavillion	47	D4
Planning and Environmental Policy	48	E1
UCD Lochlann Quinn School of Business	49	D9
UCD Research	50	C8
Restaurant	51	D9
Richview Buildings Labatory	52	E1
Richview Lecture Building	53	F1
Richview Library	54	E1
Richview Memorial Hall	55	F1
Richview Newstead Block A	56	F2
Richview Newstead Block B (Main Bld)	57	F2
Richview Newstead Block C	58	E3
Richview School of Architecture	59	E1

Building	No	Grid
Roebuck Castle	60	G11
Roebuck Hall Residence	61	F11
Roebuck Offices	62	G11
UCD Rosemount Environmental Research Station	63	H4
UCD Science Centre (Hub)	64	D6
UCD Science Centre (North)	65	C6
UCD Science Centre (West)	66	D6
UCD Science Centre (East)	67	C6
UCD Sports Centre	68	E5
St. Stephens	69	C10
UCD Student Centre	70	D5
Building 71	71	D9
UCD Student Learning Leisure and Recreation Facility	72	E5
UCD Sutherland School of Law	73	D10
Systems Biology Ireland (SBI)	74	C6
Tierney Building (Administration Building)	75	C8
UCD Earth Institute - Richview	76	F1
Veterinary Hospital	77	B6
UCD Veterinary Sciences Centre	78	B6
Woodview House	79	B5

Blackrock campus

The UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business is located on the campus at Blackrock, County Dublin.

1. Blackrock Examination Centre
2. Copi-Print / ILTG
3. D Building
4. E Building / Memorial Hall
5. East Hall
6. Graduate School of Business
7. Library
8. Liguori House (Grey House)
9. Management House Executive Education
10. Marketing Development Programme (Granite Room)
11. Oratory
12. Proby House
13. Restaurant
14. Services Desk
15. West Hall
16. Laundry Room

Further information is available at:
www.smurfitschool.ie/location

Helpful Links

International Office
www.ucd.ie/international

Student Desk
www.ucd.ie/registry/adminservices/studentdesk/index.html

Accommodation
www.ucd.ie/residences

Fees
www.ucd.ie/registry/adminservices/fees/index.html

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