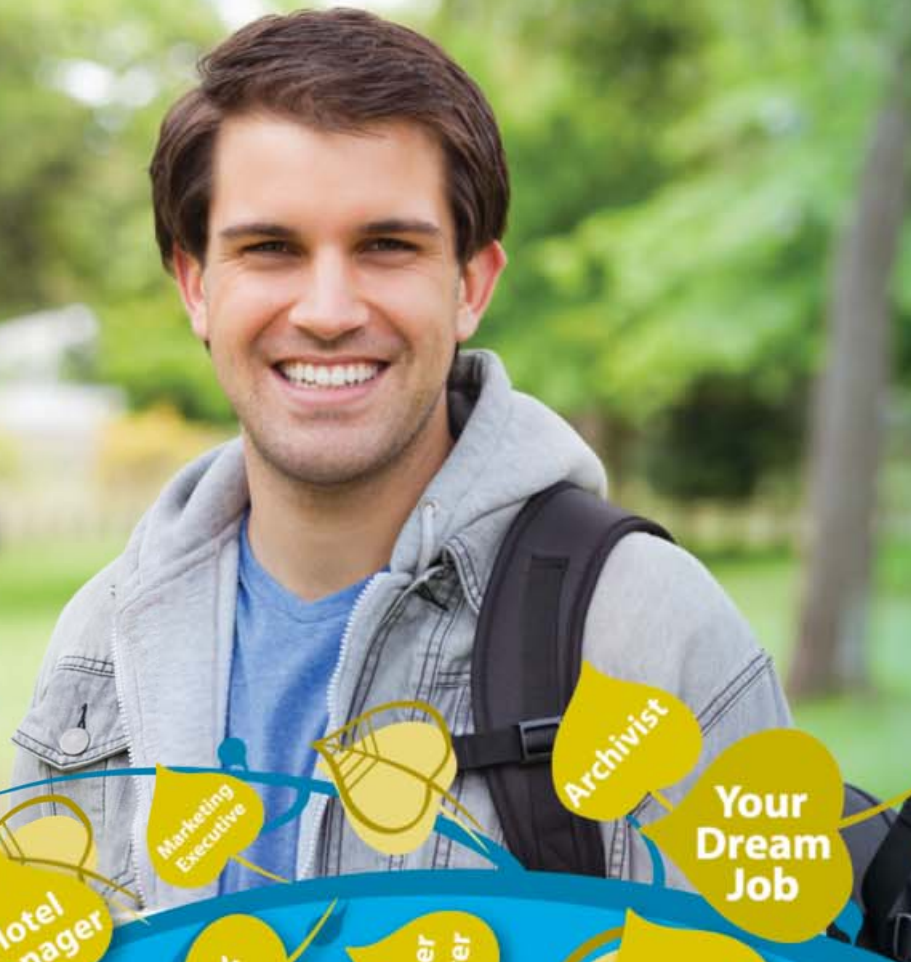




Your Career with an Arts Degree

Careers with Gaeilge



Irish graduates and the employment market

As with other languages, students who have studied Irish have excellent communication skills and broad cultural awareness. Graduates with a fluency in Irish are sought after for numerous roles, with Irish being an asset for many jobs that may bring graduates into contact with members of the public for whom Gaeilge is their first language.

Skills acquired include:

- Strong research and analytical skills
- Application of latest technologies
- Practical preparation skills for the employment market
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Well-developed interpersonal skills, including listening, clarifying and questioning
- The ability to organise and memorise detailed information
- Proficiency in phonetics
- Evaluative and analytical skills
- Problem solving and organisational skills
- Self-reliance and adaptability
- Cultural awareness

Typical jobs for Irish language graduates...

Irish graduates find employment in diverse fields. Here are some of the most popular career destinations for our Irish language graduates:

TV Production • Translator • Interpreter • Teaching
Public Service • Journalist • Local Government
Historian • Public Relations • Heritage Officer

Note: Further qualifications may be needed for certain positions. This list is a sample of positions available.

Career Destinations of our Irish Language Graduates

It is useful to know what fellow graduates have done after obtaining their degree at NUI Galway. The following are some of the roles our Irish graduates took up after graduation:

- TV Production, TG4
- Translation and Teaching, Europa Translation Carna
- Teaching Irish and Geography
- Events Organiser and Fundraiser, Amnesty International Dublin
- Fulbright Scholarship, University of Montana USA
- Duty Manager, Hotel Newport Mayo
- Translator, Freelance (MA)
- Teacher Irish and Geography, Donegal VEC
- Administrator with Heritage Centre, Blasket Islands, Office of Public Works
- Communications Account Executive, Stillwater Communications
- Clár Reachtair, RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta
- Video Reporter, Below the Radar

Source: NUI Galway First Destinations Survey

Boosting your employability with a degree in Irish

Irish language skills are particularly useful when combined with expertise in other fields.

Up to 40% of graduate employment opportunities are open to graduates of all disciplines. In some cases, however you may need further postgraduate study or professional training.

Work experience is also a key issue and any experience you have to add to your CV will be a bonus. Volunteering is also an excellent way of adding experience to your CV. Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge's BA programmes offer a unique opportunity to spend a year studying abroad, to embark on an internship with organisations working through the medium of Irish or to undertake a community-based learning project. This allows students the opportunity to make invaluable contacts and gain practical on-the-ground skills that will greatly aid their future search for employment.

The Career Development Centre at NUI Galway has some reference books that may help you find experience and some of the websites listed at the end of this leaflet also offer many opportunities.

There are some publications that may help keep you up-to-date. These publications also have many advertisements from companies and consultancies and so can help also with job search and may be available to reference in the Careers library.



What Postgraduate Courses do Irish Graduates do?

For certain career choices, employers may look for candidates with further qualifications and training. Our Irish language graduates frequently choose one of the following postgraduate programmes at NUI Galway:

MA (Nua-Ghaeilge)	MA/Diplóma Iarchéime (Cumarsáid)
HDip in Education	MA/Diplóma Iarchéime (Teagasc Teangacha: An Ghaeilge)
MA/Diplóma Iarchéime (Léann Teanga)	HDip in Business Studies
MA/Diplóma Iarchéime (Ateangaireacht Chomdhála)	Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
H.Dip.Appl.Sc. (Software Design and Development)	MA/Postgraduate Diploma in Film Studies
MA (Léann Eireannach) (Irish Studies)	MA/PDip (Conference Interpreting)

Other postgraduate programmes undertaken by previous Irish graduates include:

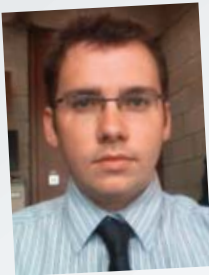
- HDip in Primary Education, Hibernia College
- MA (Tourism & Hospitality), Napiers Edinburgh
- Primary Teacher Training, Drumcondra
- MA (International Tourism), UL
- PGCE Primary, St Marys Belfast
- PGCE Primary, Aberystwyth University
- HDip Education
- PhD Arts
- Ard-Diplóma i gCumarsáid Fheidhmeach
- Postgraduate Diploma (Primary Education)

For information on studying in Ireland and studying abroad with useful links for many countries worldwide visit: www.nuigalway.ie/careers

www.postgradireland.com also has useful information on postgraduate courses in Ireland,

www.prospects.ac.uk is an excellent site for researching opportunities in the UK and <http://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/> covers the EU.

What our students say...



Liam Ó hAisibéil
Ph.D. Nua-Ghaeilge, 2013.

I studied Irish and Psychology for my Arts Degree, and I have an MA in Modern Irish. I have also completed a Ph.D. in Irish. I worked part-time as a tutor and lecturer in Nua-Ghaeilge. I taught a range of courses, for example in Migration Literature and Sociolinguistics. I also coordinated the module Arts in Action, a specially created course for visiting American students that focuses on the unique aspects of Galway's Gaeltacht heritage. This includes music tuition, visits to the University's Gaeltacht Centre in An Cheathrú Rua. Visits to TG4 also feature in this programme. I believe that my role on this innovative module helped me with my application to the Ireland Canada University Foundation for a posting in Canada as a teacher of Irish Language and Culture. I was placed in St. Mary's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia for the year in 2013-14.

Arts has prepared me well for a diverse and varied career. I have worked as a lecturer in UL, for example, and taught courses in placenames and folklore, which I was able to prepare at short notice and deliver to a high standard. I received excellent evaluations from my students on those courses.

Arts doesn't prepare you for one job. Instead, it opens your mind and sharpens your creative potential. It allows you to think about possibilities that you would never dream of if you were committed to a vocationally oriented programme.

Where can I find out more?

We have found that the following websites contain relevant and interesting information for students and graduates.

www.nuigalway.ie/gaeilge/

www.oegaillimh.ie/acadamh

www.gaeilge.ie includes searchable directory of organisations

www.gleg.ie Gaillimh le Gaeilge

www.ucd.ie/bnag/ Bord na Gaeilge UCD

www.beo.ie

www.gaelport.com/

www.localgovernmentjobs.ie

www.publicjobs.ie

MEDIA

www.rte.ie/rnag/

www.tg4.ie

GENERAL STUDENT/GRADUATE WEBSITES

Career Development Centre, degree opportunities:

www.nuigalway.ie/careers/students/degreeopp.html

Gradireland www.gradireland.com



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