



Postsecondary International Network (PIN) Leadership Summit

September 12-18, 2026 - Ireland

The Institute of Study Abroad Ireland has successfully developed long-term partnerships with many higher education institutions, and have provided online education about Ireland available to the world. ISAI partners with PIN in September 2026 for a professional development opportunity for senior administrators interested in international education and lessons learned from significant higher education and cultural transformations of the past and present.

The objectives of the program are:

- Strengthen higher education enthusiasm and option for internationalization, including online courses and study travel
- Equip senior administrators with insights and strategies from Ireland's transformation from Institutes of Technology to Technological Universities, including governance, leadership and partnerships
- Creating collaborative partnerships with other institutions with shared best practices among PIN members
- Addressing challenges of internationalizing college curriculum

This program will be very active with a combination of workshops, classroom, field trips and seminars at multiple locations, primarily Dublin City, County Donegal and site visits to Technological Universities. The itinerary is subject to change, as the focus will be adapted to suit the required outcomes of the PIN attendees.



Visit isaireland.com/pin-summit for more details

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Friday 11 Sept.

- Depart for Ireland
- Homework & Prework: Background of Technological Universities Act 2018 and Current Higher Education Landscape

Saturday 12 Sept.

- Summit begins at 2pm - Registration and introductions at Skylon Hotel Dublin
- Focus: Strengthening Internationalizing at your Institution
- Travel to Epic Museum of Irish Emigration
- Introductory Presentation – Dr. Niamh Hamill
- Visit Museum which features highly interactive, digital museum exploring 1,500 year of Irish history, highlighting global impact of Irish emigrants on arts, science politics and more.
- 6pm Group Dinner* & Debrief

Sunday 13 Sept.

- Full Breakfast at Hotel with PIN-Facilitated Topic #1: Leadership through Fiscal Precarity
- Depart 10am to travel to ISAI Campus in Donegal w/ stop at Boyne Valley.
- Tour of Newgrange Megalithic Site available (30 places) or visit to Battle of Boyne site.
- Travel Focus: Integration of history and culture to Career & Technical Education
- Depart Boyne Valley to Bundoran, Donegal
- Evening Seminar- *'The Power of International Narratives'* – Dr. Hamill
- 8pm Group Dinner* & Debrief on Day 2

Monday 14 Sept.

- Breakfast
- Morning Workshop: *'The Student Anxiety Factor in Internationalizing'* – Dr. Niamh Hamill
- 11am Travel to Donegal Castle & Cliffs. Seminar: *'Importance of Mythology, Landscape & Indigenous Language on Higher Education Learning'* – Dr. Hamill
- Group Dinner* & Debrief

Tuesday 15 Sept.

- Travel to ATU Letterkenny (breakfast en route)
- Tour and discussion at Atlantic Technological University – John Andy Bonar, VP Global & Dr. Sean Duffy, VP for Integration Site
- Afternoon - Visit to Derry City, Northern Ireland
- Focus: UN Goals and Curriculum
- Overnight An Chúirt Hotel, PIN-Facilitated Topic #2 – Leadership during a Period of Polarization
- Group Dinner

Wednesday 16 Sept.

- Breakfast at An Chúirt Hotel
- Depart for visit to Arranmore Island (Ferry to island- Gaelic speaking offshore island)
- Focus: International small business development for indigenous/bilingual populations. Multiple site visits to practicing businesses.
- Lunch on the island -
- Return to Bundoran Campus
- Dinner on own

Thursday 17 Sept.

- Travel from Bundoran to Athlone –
- Focus on TU regional development, regional governance, research capacity student-centered instruction including tour of Technical University of the Shannon (Athlone) – President, Professor Vincent Cunnane & Mary Simpson. Lunch on Campus
- Return to Dublin Skylon Hotel.
- PIN-Facilitated Topic #3 – Best Practices Panel and Updates
- Group Dinner

Friday 18 Sept.

- Debrief meeting at Skylon Hotel / PIN Annual Meeting
- 11am- Program Concludes

±Dates Confirmed -
Daily Events Subject to Change

HOW TO REGISTER

A \$200 registration fee is required with limited spaces available so please register early. Please use the link below or scan the QR code to go to the registration hub. PIN members & partners will be given priority if there is an oversubscription - www.isaireland.com/pin-forms

Summit Fees -

Free for PIN members (with \$750 Membership Fee)/\$950 Non-members.
Summit Fees includes program itinerary as prescribed.
Included meals noted with a *.

Accommodation - 6 Nights

Single - Single person from Saturday Sept. 12 - Thursday Sept. 17 inclusive.
2 Nights Dublin, 1 Night An Chúirt, 3 nights Campus - **\$1600 per person**

Two person sharing - twin/double room
2 nights Dublin, 1 night An Chúirt, 3 nights Campus - **\$1100 per person**

Shared option - solo room Dublin & An Chúirt, private bedroom in shared 2 bed or 3 bed apartment - **\$1300 per person**

Shared option - twin/double room Dublin & An Chúirt, private bedroom in shared 2 bed or 3 bed apartment - **\$950 per person**

Shared apartments with two or three bedrooms may suit friends travelling together.

Extra nights at either the beginning or the end of the trip may be added on - rates dependent on choices, please contact Maureen - admin@isaireland.com

