

## Program Description for Prospective Faculty

**Program:** IRELAND

**Approximate Program Dates:** Three weeks in June-July (Subject to change – final dates are set in August prior to the fall faculty orientation.)

**Program Focus:** This program is designed to provide students with a choice of courses while they experience the Irish culture first hand. Course proposals are welcome from all academic fields, as long as they relate closely to Ireland.

### **Program Description:**

Known as "the land of saints and scholars", Ireland is the perfect location for a truly immersive study abroad experience. Numerous excursions around the country will bring the academic material to life while on location. Additionally, students will have free time to explore on their own in each city as we travel around Ireland.

All of the cities we'll visit will provide a sense of Ireland's culture and history that is simply unattainable in the traditional classroom. Galway, also known as "City of the Tribes", is a beautiful seaside location on the western coast. Galway is well-known for its vibrant university scene and caters to student interests with great shopping, restaurants, and excursion opportunities. In their free time, students may wish to take a ferry to the Aran Islands to explore the ancient forts or learn about the history of the Irish language. There will be many opportunities to try local specialties, such as seafood chowder or artisan pastries.

In Cork, students may be able to visit the former Cork City Gaol (jail) to learn about social issues of 19th century, the English Market to try local cuisine, or the Cobh Heritage Center to learn about Ireland's influence on world history. We may also have the opportunity to tour the beautiful grounds of University College Cork, see one thousand year old bog butter at the Butter Museum, or take a cruise on the River Lee.

In Dublin, Ireland's capital city, possible visits to Trinity College and the Book of Kells, the Natural History Museum, the Chester Beatty Library, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the National Museums and Library, and Kilmainham Gaol will further enhance the academic content of each course and enable students to truly experience Dublin life. Additionally, students may choose to shop on trendy Grafton Street, tour the Guinness Storehouse, hear traditional Irish music in the Temple Bar area, learn about conservation efforts at the Dublin Zoo, or stroll through the National Botanic Gardens in their free time.

### **Responsibilities Prior to Departure:**

- Attend Faculty and Student Orientations
- Recruit
- Provide Syllabus

### **Responsibilities during the Program:**

- Teach Course
- Assist with Excursions
- Assist with Program Operations

**Benefits:**

Taxable two thousand and two hundred dollar honorarium (paid through your institution), individual single seat round trip airline ticket from Nashville, Tennessee, visitor's visa, all ground transportation, housing, food, excursions including entry fees, and limited health insurance during the program abroad.

**Expenses not covered by TnCIS:**

Transportation to/from the airport, travel expenses to the faculty/student orientations, passport, full coverage health insurance, non-program sponsored excursions and entry fees, personal spending money.