



# Master's Preparation Pathway

The complete solution to gaining your Master's degree

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## Get ready for your **Masters Degree**

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**Graduating with a Master's degree from an international university gives you a highly-respected qualification that is recognised all around the world. It confirms your expertise in your subject area which can create new, exciting opportunities and enhance your career prospects.**

Developed by our partners, NCUK, the Pre-Master's Programme offers you a complete solution to gaining your Master's degree in Ireland or the UK. As well as other countries such as the US and Australia.



## Why Study a Pre-Masters?



### Developing academic research skills for postgraduate study.

Successful Master's graduates need to have expertise in a wide range of academic research skills. Studying the **Research Methods**, you will learn to effectively source and evaluate information from literature and the web, master qualitative and quantitative research methods, plan a project, analyse and manipulate data, and understand intellectual property conventions. This module is assessed by a dissertation or project proposal.



### Learning the advanced English language skills you need. Taking the English for Academic Purposes.

(EAP) module will ensure you have the high-level reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills needed to succeed on a Master's degree. The EAP module is recognised by NCUK and DIFC's Irish universities for admission purposes, so you don't need to sit an IELTS test.

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### Getting ready to study abroad.

The Orientation to Western Study module prepares you for the teaching and learning methods you will experience on your Master's course: introducing you to the main differences between studying in your own country and studying at a western university.

**100%**

### Guaranteed access to thousands of Master's degree courses.

Successfully passing the NCUK Pre-Master's Programme enables you to have complete peace of mind as you will be guaranteed a place on a postgraduate degree at an NCUK University. You'll also be able to apply to Irish Universities – however, there is no placement guarantee.



### Full University application support.

DIFC will support you throughout the application process – from deciding where to apply to confirming your place. Our Placement Support team will help you to make the right decision about where to study your Master's.



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## What Makes DIFC Different

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### • An Experience You'll Never Forget

Your time with DIFC will equip you with vital skills to succeed in your Master's degree at university. But it will do so much more than that. We help you to grow as a person and as a thinker – enriched with a network of friends, contacts and experiences that will be with you through your career.

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### • Support You Every Step of the Way

Whether you are unsure exactly what you want to study or need to prepare your visa application, we will be there to hold your hand throughout the process. We support you not just academically, but also personally so that you are looked after, enjoy the whole experience and can deliver your best.

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### • More Options Than Any Other Foundation

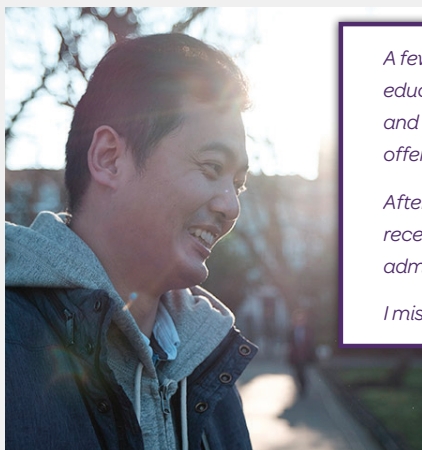
As the exclusive delivery centre for NCUK, DIFC offers you full guaranteed access to the NCUK university partner network, in addition to DIFC's own Irish university partners – giving you the best chance of securing an University offer.



### Did You Know?

Graduates of undergraduate degrees from Ireland or UK can stay and gain work experience for up to 2 years following graduation\*

\* Work permit applies to country of graduation and is 12 months in Ireland or up to 2 years in the UK



*A few years ago I chose to study in DIFC to prepare myself for third level education. In DIFC I received a great western-style pre-college experience and useful study tips from the staff, no mention thousands of potential offers from partner universities across Ireland and the UK.*

*After a year in DIFC, I entered the DIT. I did exceptionally well in DIT and received PhD scholarship in my final year of undergraduate course. I have to admit that I can never achieve these without the choice of studying in DIFC.*

*I miss the year.*

**Mingzhu Chen from China**

**Now studying** Ph.D. in Engineering at Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT)

# NCUK Pre-Master's Programme



The NCUK Pre-Master's Programme offers you a complete educational package: developing your academic knowledge, research skills and English Language ability to the highest levels, and giving you guaranteed access to a Master's degree course in the UK. This gives you the best possible preparation for success on your chosen postgraduate degree and in your future career.

## When can I start?

We have two intakes: September and January.

## Where can I study?

Our Pre-Master's Programme is only offered in our Dublin centre.

## How much does it cost?

€15,600 plus registration, less a €3,000 PMP Scholarship for students who confirm their place within 4 weeks of the offer letter. More details available at [www.difc.ie/fees-payments](http://www.difc.ie/fees-payments)

## What are the entry requirements?

You need to have successfully completed a Bachelor degree from a recognised university in your home country. To maximise your options, you should have at least an Upper Second Class degree. Students with lower GPA's can be accepted, however their placement options will be limited to lower-tariff UK universities only.

In addition, you need to have English Language certificate with a minimum of IELTS 5.0 or equivalent (5.5 IELTS for January intake).

## How long is a Master's degree?

A Master's degree in Ireland and the UK is one year. There are some programmes that are conversion Master's which are 15 – 24 months long.

# A guaranteed place on a Master's degree

Successful completion of the NCUK Pre-Master's Programme allows you to gain guaranteed access\* to leading NCUK Universities, with a choice of over 1,000 degree courses to choose from.

Studying the Pre-Master's Programme guarantees you access to NCUK's partner universities.



## NCUK Guaranteed Universities



## NCUK Worldwide Universities



## DIFC Universities

DIFC also has partnerships with the following Irish Universities & Institutes:







# Master's Study

## for three-year diploma holders

The NCUK Pre-Master's Programme is the best route for three-year Diploma holders from China who wish to progress to postgraduate degree studies – it ensures students will get into university and get on with their studies.

A number of UK universities will accept Diploma holders through the Pre-Master's Programme:

Note: Diploma holders can only progress to UK universities listed below.



## Entry Requirements for Pre-Master's Programme

Diploma equivalent from a Government recognised institution. Note that the awarding institution must be listed on the Chinese MoE website:

[http://old.moe.gov.cn//publicfiles/business/htmlfiles/moe/moe\\_2792/index.html](http://old.moe.gov.cn//publicfiles/business/htmlfiles/moe/moe_2792/index.html)

## Applying to University

During your studies at DIFC, you will receive tailored placement support and advice to help you choose the right Master's degree for your career path.

### 13. Congrats, you're off to University!

**12. Change of Course Offer:**  
If you didn't meet the conditions of your offer, DIFC will assist you in applying for alternative options

**11. Unconditional Offer:**  
Your place at university is confirmed once you pay your tuition fees

**10. Results:**  
DIFC submits your results to the universities. If you meet the conditions of your CF/CI choice, your offer is made unconditional

**9. Accommodation & Visa:**  
DIFC provide support and advice to help you apply for accommodation and prepare your visa application if you are studying outside of Ireland

**8. Offer Response:**  
Decide on your first (CF) and insurance (CI) choices

**7. Conditional Offers:**  
Get your conditional offers

**6. Application Submission:**  
Make 3 university applications

**5. DIFC University Fair:**  
Meet with university representatives and learn about potential scholarships

**4. Personal Statement:**  
Learn how to write a stand-out personal statement

**3. Compare:**  
Review entry requirements against your predicted grades

**2. Research:**  
Explore course options and Universities

**1. Career Planning:**  
Discuss personal and career objectives





# What Master's Degree can I study?

Whether you want to study a Master's degree in Business or Computer Science, your NCUK qualification guarantees you two conditional offers and on guaranteed place with an NCUK university. You will have the choice of thousands of degree courses.

Below are a sample of where our Pre-Master's Programme students have been placed in the last two years:



Visit our University Course Finder at [www.difc.ie/course-finder](http://www.difc.ie/course-finder) to explore thousands of other degree progression options

Nationality	University	Course
Chinese	University College Cork	MSc Food Business and Innovation
Chinese	University of Huddersfield	Msc International Business with Project Management
Chinese	Liverpool John Moore's University	MSc in International Event Management
Vietnamese	Griffith College Dublin	MSc in Applied Digital Media
Chinese	National University of Ireland, Galway	MEconSc in International Finance
Chinese	University of Leeds	MSc in Transport Planning & Engineering
Saudi Arabian	University of Sheffield	MSc in Medical Science Diagnostic Oral Pathology
Nigerian	Maynooth University	MA in International Development
Nigerian	Sheffield Hallam University	MA International Tourism and Aviation Management
Chinese	Aston University	MSc Business and Management
Chinese	Manchester Metropolitan University	MSc Management



# Get in Touch



We'd Love to Hear from You

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