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Dear Colleagues:

Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

We are submitting for your approval a proposal to establish a student exchange program with Trinity College Dublin (TCD), located in Dublin, Ireland, to begin in the 2012-13 academic year.

Further information about TCD can be reviewed at <http://www.tcd.ie/>

The Program

The program will be a two-way exchange, with semester and year-long options.

Two semester (or one year-long) exchange spots are allocated to students from the School of Drama, Film, & Music at TCD and from the Department of Dramatic Arts at UNC-CH. The remaining exchange spots will be open to all students in the College of Arts and Sciences, irrespective of major.

Additionally, the agreement with TCD includes a non-exchange option that allows UNC-CH students to enroll for a semester or full academic year paying TCD tuition. Such students would not be counted in the exchange balance but would have the same academic program and access to services as exchange students. This arrangement allows the Study Abroad Office to make the exchange slots available to our 'in-state' students while making non-exchange at TCD available to our 'out-of-state' students for whom TCD tuition is approximately the same as UNC-CH tuition.

The academic year at TCD is organized into three terms: Michaelmas Term (semester 1) running from late September to mid December; Hilary Term (semester 2) running from mid January to early April; and Trinity Term (revision and examination period) running from mid April to late May. Semester 1 is equivalent to UNC's fall semester and semester 2 combined with Trinity

term is equivalent to UNC-CH's spring semester. Exchange students have the option to study for the full academic year, the fall semester or the spring semester.

The minimum GPA requirement for admission to this exchange program will be 3.3, and students must be at least a junior at the time of participation. Students will receive transfer credit for courses taken at TCD. The equivalent of a "C" or above is required for credits to transfer.

Support and Rationale

The establishment of this program is supported by the Department of Dramatic Arts at UNC-CH.

In 2006 Bob Miles initiated a discussion with TCD about a potential partnership to help satisfy demand for programs in Dublin but there was not sufficient interest at TCD. Because of the Carolina Performing Arts' interest in and collaboration with a number of internationally renowned theater companies in Dublin and Galway, Bob approached TCD again in 2009, this time with success. Michael Magee, the new contact in TCD's International Office in 2009, was seeking to increase international partnerships at the department level. Adam Versenyi in UNC-CH's Department of Dramatic Arts and Steve Wilmer, head of TCD's School of Drama, Film, and Music, had a long-standing professional relationship and were interested in supporting an exchange program for their students. Following Bob's visit to TCD in 2009, Michael Magee visited UNC-CH in Spring 2010 and met with Adam and Karen O'Brien; Adam visited TCD in June 2010 to meet with Steve Wilmer; and Adam visited again in April 2011 to meet with the International Office, Steve Wilmer, and faculty from other various departments.

The site visits and continued discussions confirmed that the two institutions were compatible and an exchange program would be attractive for faculty and students. UNC-CH and TCD's drama programs are similar, both offering liberal arts undergraduate degrees, allowing for simplified credit transfer for majors. TCD offers Masters and PhD programs and has recently started a three-year actor training program at the graduate level which is equivalent to UNC-CH's MFA actor program. TCD also offers a digital humanities program, a field that has been gaining in popularity and significance at UNC-CH.

Dublin, Ireland

Ireland, situated on the Western Seaboard of Europe, has been an independent Republic since 1922. In part because of the growing population and booming economy, Ireland was voted the 'best place to live' by *The Economist* in 2005. An active member in the European Union, the official currency in Ireland is the Euro and the spoken language is English. Dublin is the capital and largest city in Ireland. With over 1.2 million inhabitants, Dublin contains over a quarter of the country's population. The city center is, however, relatively small and can be navigated by foot, with most of the population living in the suburbs. Dublin is a lively city with a young and diverse population making it a congenial atmosphere for students.

There are no immediate health or safety concerns in Dublin. Modern medical facilities and highly skilled medical practitioners are available in Ireland. According to the State Department website, Ireland remains largely free of terrorist incidents and has a low rate of violent crime.

The most common issue Americans face in Dublin, if any, is that of pickpockets around areas frequented by tourists.

Trinity College, Dublin

Founded by Queen Elizabeth I in 1592, TCD is a long distinguished university when it comes to academics and scholarship; its history is linked with that of Ireland in terms of politics, letters, and social change. TCD holds the prestigious status as one of Ireland's oldest and finest higher education institutions. TCD is consistently ranked highly globally and number one in Ireland. In 2010, TCD was ranked 14th in Europe and 76th in the world by THE World University Rankings; 52nd overall by QS World University; in the 201-300 world ranking bracket by Academic Ranking of World Universities; and 1st in Ireland by all three entities.

On today's campus, state-of-the-art libraries, laboratories and IT facilities stand alongside historic buildings on a 47-acre campus in the heart of Dublin. Undergraduate and graduate enrollment is currently over 16,000 students with close to 3,000 international students.

TCD offers a wide variety of courses in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; the Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science; and the Faculty of Health Science. With the exception of Medicine, all other subjects are available for exchange students provided they meet the academic requirements.

Student Services

UNC-CH students will receive support from the International Office at TCD.
<http://www.tcd.ie/international/>

A week-long orientation is provided at the beginning of the academic year. Exchange students have access to the many student support services and facilities, including Health Services, Disability Services, Counseling Services, and Careers Advisory Services. With their student IDs, exchange students have access to the library and computer facilities. Exchange students are automatically members of the Student Union and are encouraged to take part in the many social activities planned throughout the year. Each exchange student is assigned to a personal academic tutor.

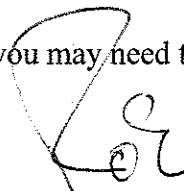
TCD provides exchange students with self-catering residential accommodation at Trinity Hall in Darty, about two miles from the city center. Accommodation at Trinity Hall consists of a number of en-suite single and shared bedrooms arranged in an apartment configuration with a communal kitchen and living space.

We are happy to provide any further information that you may need to evaluate this proposal.

Yours sincerely:



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