



NUI Galway  
OÉ Gaillimh



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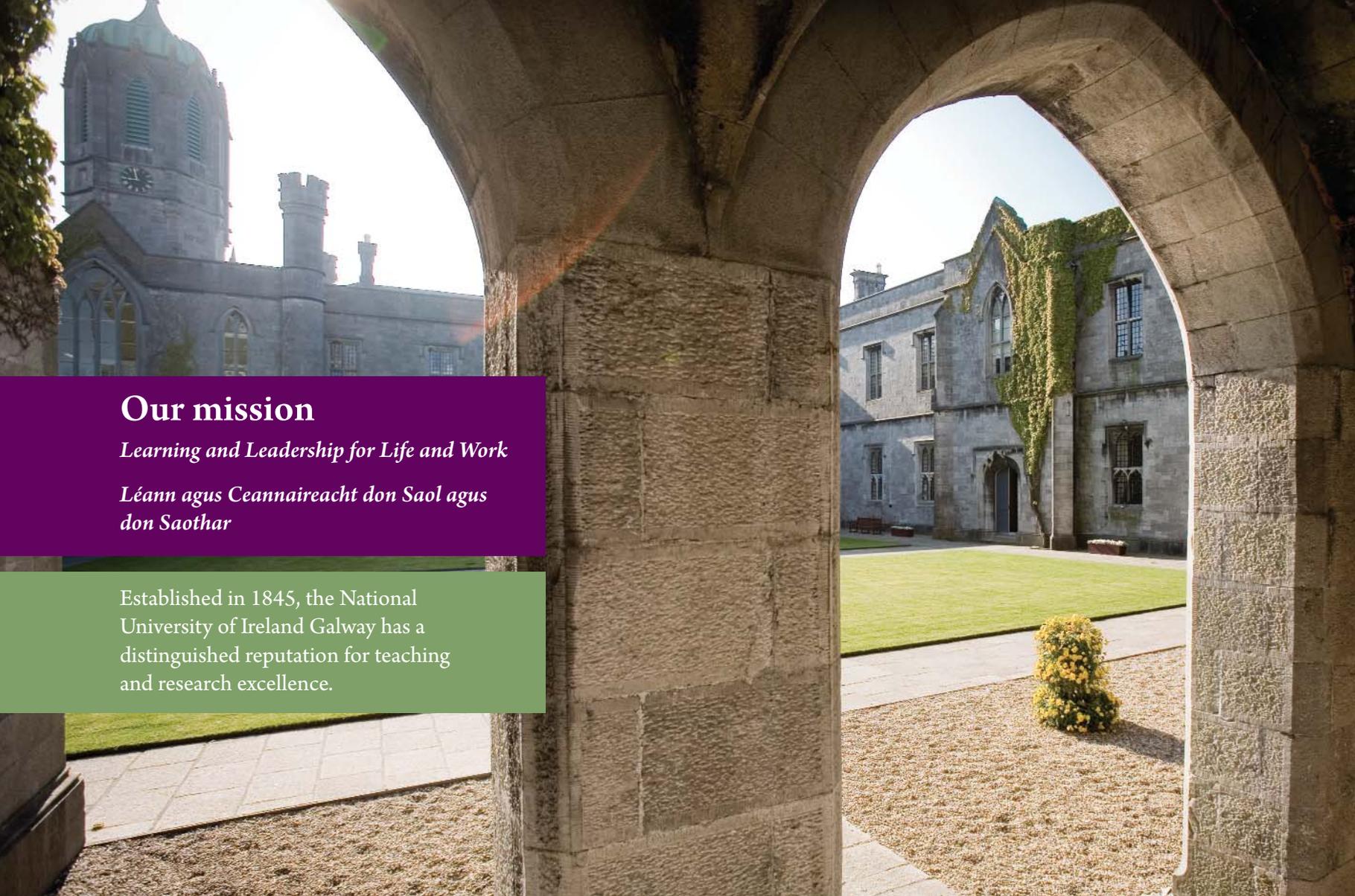
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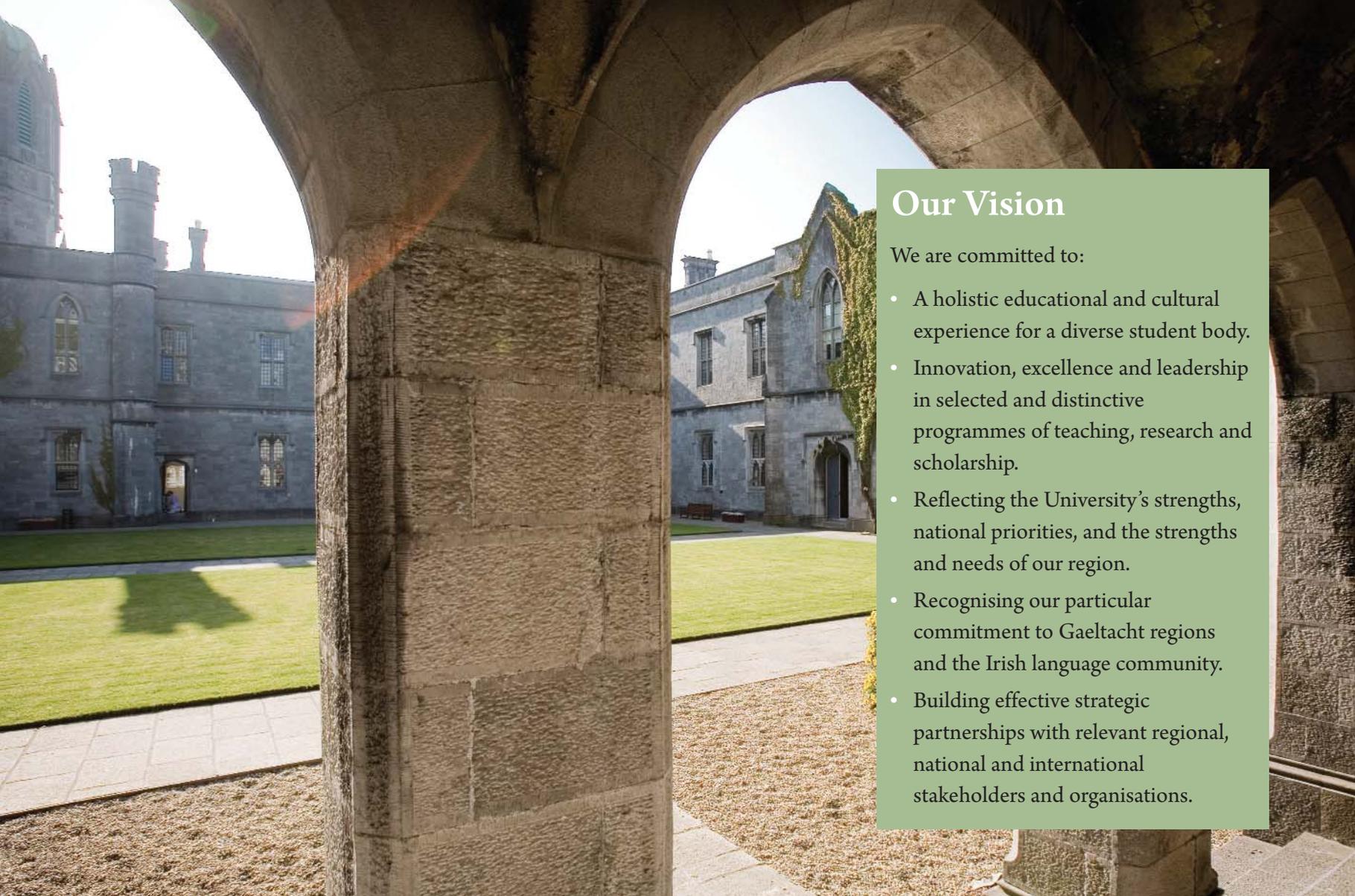
A photograph of a stone archway leading to a courtyard. The archway is made of large, textured stone blocks. Through the arch, a large, multi-story stone building with Gothic-style windows and a central entrance is visible. A well-maintained green lawn is in the foreground, and a small, rounded bush with yellow flowers sits on a gravel path. The sky is clear and blue.

## Our mission

*Learning and Leadership for Life and Work*

*Léann agus Ceannaireacht don Saol agus don Saothar*

Established in 1845, the National University of Ireland Galway has a distinguished reputation for teaching and research excellence.



## Our Vision

We are committed to:

- A holistic educational and cultural experience for a diverse student body.
- Innovation, excellence and leadership in selected and distinctive programmes of teaching, research and scholarship.
- Reflecting the University's strengths, national priorities, and the strengths and needs of our region.
- Recognising our particular commitment to Gaeltacht regions and the Irish language community.
- Building effective strategic partnerships with relevant regional, national and international stakeholders and organisations.



## Students

In 2013-14 there were 17,282 students at NUI Galway.

Of these, 2,675 were international students from 110 countries around the world.

Undergraduate	12,231
Postgraduate Taught	2,362
Postgraduate Research	1,207
Exchange/Visiting students	1,218
Other students	264
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,282</b>



## Staff

NUI Galway is the second largest employer in Galway, with 2,458 staff.

Academic Staff	1,051
Research Staff	489
Administrative/Support Staff	918
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,458</b>



NUI Galway has five  
Colleges, 16 Schools  
and over 60  
academic disciplines.

### College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies

School of Education

School of Geography and Archaeology

School of Humanities

School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

School of Political Science and Sociology

School of Psychology

### College of Business, Public Policy and Law

J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics

School of Law

### College of Engineering and Informatics

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### College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

School of Health Sciences

School of Medicine

School of Nursing and Midwifery

### College of Science

School of Chemistry

School of Mathematics, Statistics, and Applied Mathematics

School of Natural Sciences

School of Physics



## Inspirational Research

- NUI Galway was awarded Ireland's first UNESCO Chair – in Children, Youth and Civic Engagement.
- The Insight Centre for Data Analytics positions Ireland at the heart of global data analytics research.
- Ireland's only facility for manufacturing adult stem cells for human trials is at NUI Galway.
- The Ryan Institute is Ireland's largest Environmental, Marine and Energy Research group.
- Researchers in our Irish Centre for Human Rights are recognised among the world's leading experts in human rights law.
- Our Centre for Health Promotion Research, the only one of its kind in Ireland, has World Health Organisation (WHO) status for its role in health promotion education and research.
- The digitised Abbey Theatre Archive, the world's largest digital theatre archive, is in development.
- Galway is one of five global hubs in a medtech market, worth €95 billion annually in the EU.
- CÚRAM, the Centre for Research in Medical Devices, is a major new national research centre based at NUI Galway.

# Research

Research at NUI Galway is concentrated around five major research themes.

Pioneering research institutes and centres have been developed to establish a national and international reputation in these areas.

## Priority Research Areas

Applied Social Sciences and Public Policy

Biomedical Science and Engineering

Environment, Marine and Energy

Humanities in Context

Informatics, Physical and Computational Science

## Major Research Institutes and Centres

Applied Optics Group

CÚRAM, the Centre for Research in Medical Device

Health Promotion Research Centre (HPRC)

Irish Centre for Human Rights

Insight Centre for Data Analytics

Institute for Lifecourse and Society

- Centre for Disability Law and Policy

- Child and Family Research Centre

- Irish Centre for Social Gerontology

Irish Centre for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Research

Moore Institute for Research in the Humanities and Social Studies

National Centre for Biomedical Engineering Science (NCBES)

- Alimentary Glycosciences Research Cluster (AGRC)

- Apoptosis Research Centre (ARC)

- Centre for Chromosome Biology (CCB)

- Network of Excellence for Functional Biomaterials (NFB)

- Prostate Cancer Institute

- Regenerative Medicine Institute (REMEDI)

Ryan Institute for Environmental, Marine and Energy Research

Whitaker Institute for Innovation and Societal Change



## Teaching and Learning

- NUI Galway offers almost 60 undergraduate degrees, 585 postgraduate programmes and a wide range of parttime diplomas and degrees.
- 195 students completed PhDs and graduated with doctorates from NUI Galway in 2013-14.
- Over 15% of our undergraduate student body are non-traditional students, including mature students, socio-economically disadvantaged students, students with a disability, members of the travelling community and ethnic minorities.
- The James Hardiman Library houses over 450,000 printed books, 350,000 e-books and more than 30,000 full text electronic journals across a wide range of subjects, as well as an impressive literary and theatrical archive.



## The Student Experience

A distinguished University, NUI Galway offers a distinctive student experience.

- The University offers scholarships to first year students including; Excellence Scholarships; Creative Arts Performance Points; Sports Performance Points; and Elite Sports Scholarships.
- NUI Galway's student completion rate is higher than any other university in Ireland, at 86%.
- NUI Galway is one of Ireland's top universities for graduate employability with 93% of our graduates employed or in further study within six months of graduating.
- The University is leading the way in student volunteering and civic engagement.
- More than 70% of our undergraduate degrees now enable students to put their learning into practice in a community setting.

# Developing our Campus

## €400m

NUI Galway is in the final stages of a €400 million capital investment programme, the single largest capital development plan ever undertaken by the University. This investment has transformed the 105 hectare riverside campus. Students and staff now have access to the very best facilities for teaching and research.



*Pictured is the Biomedical Sciences Building.*



### **Campus Developments in recent years include:**

- The J.E. Cairnes Business School, opened in 2005
- The School of Nursing, Áras Moyola, opened in 2006
- The Marine Science research building, opened in 2007
- A state-of-the-art Sports Centre, opened in 2008
- The Student Cultural Centre, was refurbished in 2009
- The Nursing Library, opened in 2009
- A Memorial Garden, opened in 2009
- A Park and Ride facility, opened in 2009
- The student canteen, An Bialann, was refurbished in 2010
- The Engineering Building, opened in July 2011
- The O'Shaughnessy Bridge, joining the campus to the city, opened in July 2012
- The Biomedical Sciences Building, opened in 2014
- The Hardiman Research Building, opened in 2014
- The Psychology Building, opened in 2014
- The Institute of Lifecourse and Society building, opened in 2014

### **Campus Developments opening soon include:**

- A Clinical and Translational Research Facility
- A Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance
- A Human Biology Building

## Income

The University has an annual recurrent income of €209 million and a capital spend of circa €40 million.

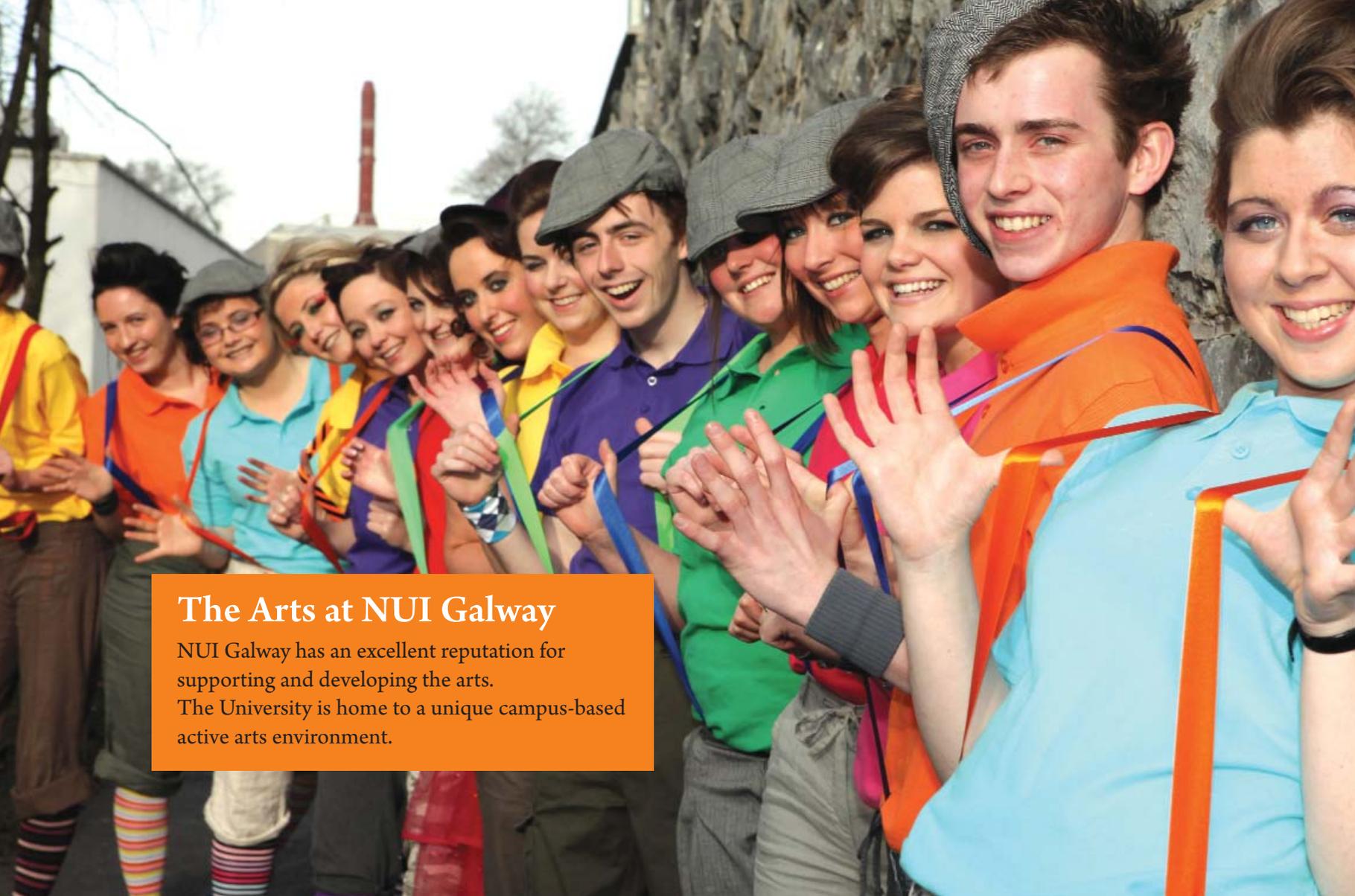
Student Fees	€102m
State Grant	€45m
Research Income	€55m
Other income	€7m
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>€209m</b>

2013-14 figures





- NUI Galway is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world for the quality of its research and teaching.
- NUI Galway was the only Irish university to increase its position in both the *QS World University Rankings* and *Times Higher Education Rankings* in 2014.
- NUI Galway has also been awarded the top rating of five stars in the *QS Stars* rating system.
- The University received the five star rating for the quality of its teaching and research, for its facilities, for engagement, internationalisation and innovation.



## The Arts at NUI Galway

NUI Galway has an excellent reputation for supporting and developing the arts. The University is home to a unique campus-based active arts environment.



- NUI Galway has its own art collection of almost 500 pieces representing Irish painting and sculpture.
- Múscailt, the Spring Arts Festival, includes new and original music and theatre performances.
- The Bank of Ireland Theatre hosts student drama productions, as well as a range of productions by touring theatre and dance companies.
- NUI Galway has an extensive literary and theatre archive collection including the archive of playwright, Thomas Kilroy, the archive of director, writer and actor, John Huston, the Druid Theatre Company archive, the Abbey Theatre Archive and more.
- The University has a number of strategic partnerships with Arts organisations including the Abbey Theatre, Ireland's National Theatre, Druid Theatre Company, An Taibhdhearc, the Irish language National Theatre, and the Galway Arts Festival.

# Sport

With 54 clubs, experienced coaches and the latest facilities, sport is central to life on campus.

- NUI Galway's elite sports programme for talented athletes including coaching from our elite sports officer, access to our elite sports gym, and a package of sports supports.
- In 2014, NUI Galway announced it will reward a limited number of athletes, applying for undergraduate courses, with 40 CAO Performance Points.
- A generous sports scholarships programme to help students with outstanding potential to achieve their goals, both in their sporting and academic careers.





NUI Galway boasts outstanding sporting and recreational facilities. Our 6,500 sq metre Sports Centre includes facilities of an international standard such as:

- 6-lane, 25 metre swimming pool with moveable floor, dedicated squash and racquetball courts. National league basketball arena and sports hall 100 piece cardiovascular gym
- Dedicated elite training gym
- Fitness studios for aerobic training
- A competition style climbing wall
- Saunas and steam room

Outdoor sporting facilities include:

- An 8-lane synthetic international standard track
- Grass pitches for Gaelic games, soccer and rugby
- Astro turf pitches in development
- Excellent water conditions for rowing, kayaking and canoeing with plans in development for upgrade to water sports facilities

## Campas eiseamláireach dátheangach

- Is campas eiseamláireach dátheangach é campas OÉ Gaillimh.
- Cuireann Ollscoil na hÉireann Gaillimh cláir uathúla Ghaeilge ar fáil san aistriúchán, san ateangaireacht, san oideachas, sa chumarsáid agus i léann agus i dteagasc na Gaeilge.
- Tá saineolas ar leith ag an Ollscoil i réimse na pleanála teanga agus na sochtheangeolaíochta.
- Tá campais sheachtracha againn sna pobail Ghaeltachta ar an gCeathrú Rua, i gCarna agus i nGaoth Dobhair.
- Tá 10% de mhic léinn na hOllscoile ag déanamh staidéir ar an nGaeilge nó trí mheán na Gaeilge.



## Commercialising our research

NUI Galway continued to excel in delivering commercial outcomes for research activities in 2013/14.

Technologies developed, and taken up by industry, span areas such as animal health, biopharma, medical devices, tissue engineering, biorefining and bio-energy and ICT.

- 5 new NUI Galway start-up companies were formed.
- 11 technologies were licensed to new or existing companies.
- 67 new invention disclosures were filed.
- 40 new collaborative R&D projects with industry partners.





## Alumni

There are 90,000 NUI Galway alumni in over 100 countries around the world. Many of our graduates hold positions of seniority in business, academia, politics, industry, the arts and the media.

The NUI Galway alumni community includes:

- Garry Hynes, Founder and Director, Druid Theatre Company
- Marie Mullen, Actress
- Eamon Gilmore, former Tánaiste
- Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland
- Máire Whelan, Attorney General
- Seán O'Rourke, RTÉ Broadcaster
- Harry McGee, *Irish Times* Journalist
- Ciaran Fitzgerald, Irish and Lions Captain, Former Manager of Ireland Rugby Team
- Gráinne Seoige, RTÉ broadcaster

- Olive Loughnane, Olympic Athlete
- Paul Hession, Olympic Athlete
- Pádraig Ó Céidigh,  
Founder of Aer Arann
- Irial Finan, Vice-President Coca Cola
- Dr Ronan Lambe, Founder ICON plc
- Declan Kelly, Former US Economic  
Envoy, Business Entrepreneur
- Michael Higgins,  
Managing Director, CIBC, USA
- Dr Brian Joyce,  
Chairman, Clancourt Holdings
- Adrian Jones,  
Managing Director, Goldman Sachs
- Gabriel D'Arcy, CEO of Bord na Móna
- Finian O'Sullivan, Bayfield Group and  
Founder of Burren Energy Ltd.



Garry Hynes



Marie Mullen



Eamon Gilmore



Seán O'Rourke



Marie Whelan



Michael D. Higgins



Olive Loughnane



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