



Getting from Dublin Airport to Dublin city centre and hotels near UCD

Dublin Airport is located about 12 km north of the city centre. There is no rail connection. There are city buses, but the best option is the [Air Coach](#). It picks up passengers outside Terminals 1 and 2. Tickets are on sale at small booths outside the terminals. There are several routes, so make sure you get on the right bus – ask the ticket seller or driver for advice if necessary. The [700 route to Sandyford/Leopardstown](#) stops at several places in the city centre and at each of the hotels mentioned below that are closer to UCD. It runs every 15 minutes, except between 0025 and 0325 when it runs every 30 mins; it takes about 30 mins to get to the city centre, 45 mins to UCD.

Taxis are also available and cost approximately 30 euro to the city centre.

Accommodation

The conference venue will be the [O'Brien Centre for Science](#) on the campus of University College Dublin (UCD), which is about 5 km south of Dublin city centre. There are some pubs and restaurants within walking distance of the campus, but many more in the city centre and a more lively atmosphere. The conference dinner will be held at Trinity College Dublin (TCD), which is in the city centre. There are very frequent buses to and from the city centre (about 30 minutes journey time from bus stop to campus including waiting for buses). You may prefer to base yourself in the city centre or closer to the campus.

A wide range of accommodation is available in the city centre, including backpacker hostels, Airbnb's and hotels at a range of prices. I recommend you search Airbnb or an accommodation booking site such as Booking.com, Trivago or Trip Advisor to find something to suit your preference. For convenience to bus routes serving UCD, it would be better to stay south or the river Liffey or close to the north bank and near the city centre itself – anywhere within a short walk of TCD would work. The Temple Bar area immediately west of TCD is well situated and includes some good budget accommodation, but can be noisy. Hotels around St Stephens Green or Merrion Square would generally be quieter but may be more expensive.

If you would prefer to stay closer to the UCD campus, the main options are:

The [Radisson Blu St Helen's](#) - which is a 10 minute walk from the campus but quite expensive.

The [Talbot Hotel Stillorgan](#) is south of the campus – about 30 minutes on foot or 10 minutes on a bus or taxi.

The [Clayton Hotel Burlington Road](#) is on the southern edge of the city centre - about 45 mins walk (or a short bus or taxi ride) from the UCD campus and a 30 minute walk from TCD.

Getting to the UCD campus and back to hotel accommodation

UCD by bus

UCD and the nearby hotels listed above are well connected by bus to the city centre. The main routes to UCD are 39a, 46a and 145; there is usually a bus every few minutes on one or other of these routes. The total journey time from city centre to UCD campus, including waiting at the bus stop, is usually less than 30 minutes.

The fare from the city centre to UCD is €3, and bus fares are paid directly to the driver **in coins**, with no change given. A good alternative would be to buy a Leap card (which gives discounted fares and is more convenient) – available from the airport, some DART stations and a [range of other outlets](#).

There are two apps that can help you use the bus system. One is the TFI Journey Planner, which enables you to plan your entire route, and the other is called Dublin Bus, which indicates bus departure times from a given bus stop in real time. You can search by Bus ‘Stop Number’ or for ‘Stops Near Me’. You should use the latter to find the stop nearest to your hotel, but make sure you find a southbound stop – listed buses will show destinations ‘UCD via Blanchardstown SC’ (route 39a), ‘Dun Laoghaire’ (route 46a) and ‘Ballywaltrim’ (route 145). In the city centre, Stop 404 on Nassau Street serves 39a southbound and Stop 406 on Nassau Street serves routes 145 and 46a southbound, as does Stop 842 on St Stephen’s Green. There is a southbound stop (No. 848) for 145 and 46a directly outside the Clayton Hotel Burlington Road.

When travelling southbound on route 39a, UCD campus is the final stop; on routes 46a and 145, the UCD stop is number 2007 (see map below). You can follow your progress on Google maps. Shortly before UCD, you will pass Radio Telefis Eireann (RTE) on the left, which is the national TV and radio broadcaster. It has a large sign and tall broadcasting tower. The UCD stop is not the next, but the one after that, up a slip road off the main road (see images below).

The stop for northbound buses back into the city from UCD (or if you are travelling northbound from the Talbot Hotel) is 768.

UCD by taxi

Taxis are also readily accessible at most times of day and the fare from the city centre should be less than 15 euro. I recommend using an app such as Free Now, which will call a taxi to wherever you are waiting.

Getting to the conference venues on the UCD campus



Images of the last few hundred metres to the UCD bus stop.



1. The RTE broadcasting tower and bus stop. UCD is the stop after the stop after this one.



2. Approaching the UCD slip road. The bus will bear left here and go up the slip road.



3. Just before the UCD stop – to university is signposted to the right, but the bus stop is straight on - just past this junction.



4. The UCD bus stop. Get off the bus here and then go back along its route towards the junction in image 3 and cross over the road to cross over the road bridge and get to the campus. There will be signs and guides to help direct you to the venue from the entrance to the campus.

Getting to the conference dinner and céilí in Trinity College Dublin on Wednesday evening

The conference dinner will be held in the Dining Hall on the Trinity College Dublin campus in Dublin city centre. The céilí will be in Atrium, which is adjacent to the Dining Hall. Both are marked by the red circle on the campus map below. Not all of the gates to the campus are open to the public. The main public entry points are through the Eros gate on College Green at the western end of the campus or through the gate at the junction of Dawson Street and Nassau Street on the south-western boundary of the campus.

