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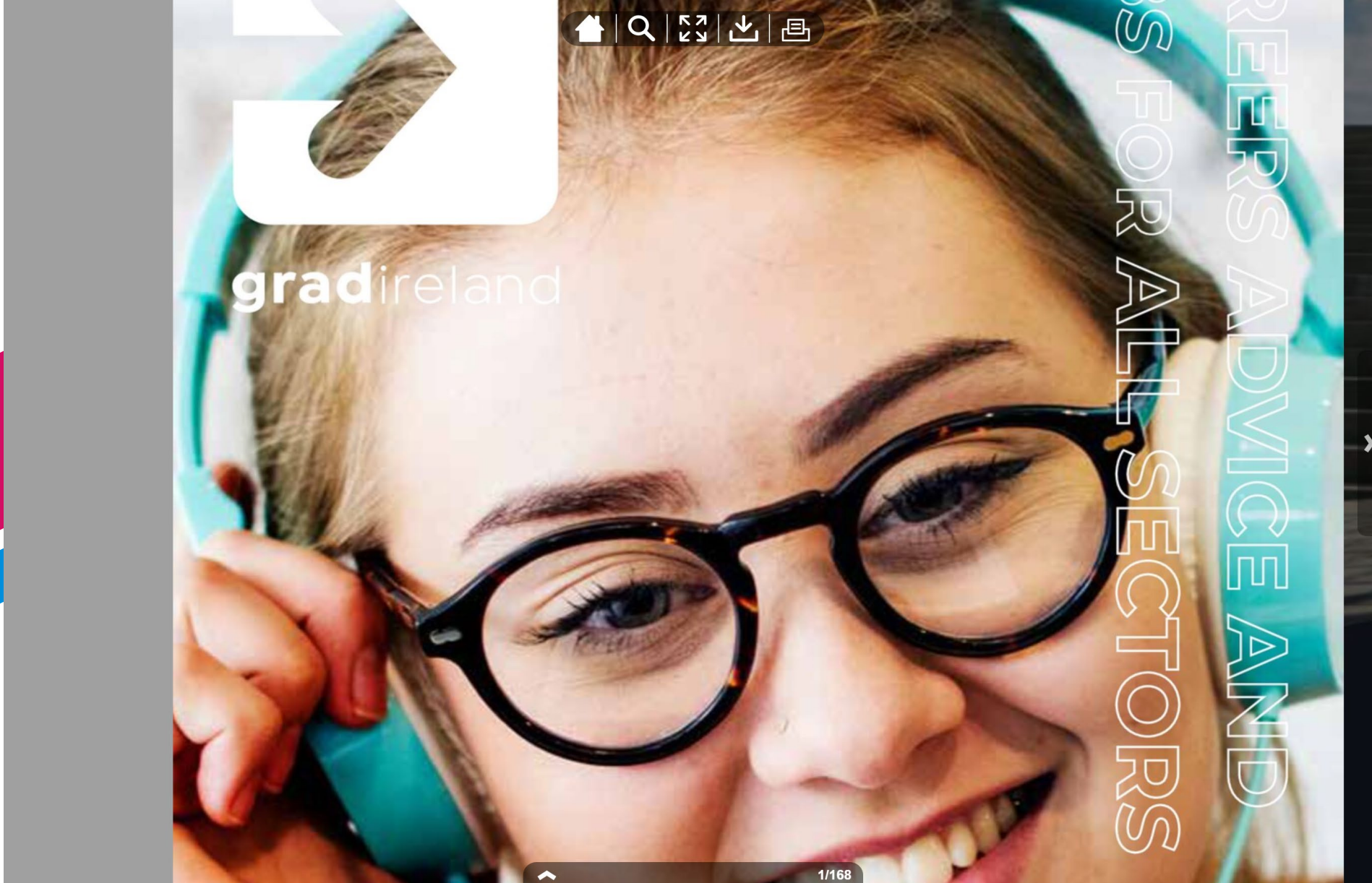
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Postgraduate Study – Key considerations

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- Dublin / Ireland / Abroad
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- Conversion Courses





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Postgraduate study: what to consider

So, should you be considering further study? You're close to finishing your undergraduate studies and the next big decision in your life is about what to do with it. Starting a career, taking some time out to travel or exploring your postgraduate options are the most common routes to choose from.



While further study is of considerable benefit, opening up exciting new career possibilities, postgraduate studies may not be for everyone. If you are in either of the above situations, however, you should seriously consider further study and its benefits. Let's take a look at what it offers and what you should be considering to make an informed decision.

Hone your career choices

A postgrad course can further your skills and knowledge in your chosen field. Employers value that experience and often entrust postgraduate-qualified applicants with greater responsibilities. In fact, in some fields a postgraduate qualification is the only way into certain stages of a career, especially so in academia.

In the private sector, postgraduate qualifications are equally valuable. An MBA, for example, may advance your career in business in ways that nothing else can.

The benefits of a postgraduate qualification on your prospects depend on your chosen career. Postgraduates may begin on a higher starting salary and advance more quickly for some lines of work, but for other careers work experience is valued over postgraduate study. Talk to a careers advisor before making the decision as they will be able to provide you with valuable, sector-specific insights.

Change your career

Studying for a postgraduate qualification is an ideal way to enter a new career. postgraduate diplomas and

and secondary school teaching. Advantageously, more and more postgraduate courses are being taught part-time or as e-learning courses, which means you don't have to give up everything in order to study.

A passion for academia

If you're coming to the end of your undergraduate studies but you still have the desire to learn and carry out research, a postgraduate course can satisfy your intellectual curiosity.

Postgrad study gives you the chance to really specialise in your field and advance your knowledge. If you enjoy your subject of study then perhaps you have the motivation to move on to a higher degree. Of course, you don't want to enter postgraduate study just to avoid looking for a job, but continuing on to further education if job opportunities are limited in your chosen area is a viable option.

Boost your prospects

A postgraduate qualification is an excellent way to enhance your prospects. Not only does a postgraduate qualification help you to stand out from the crowd, but it also shows your commitment and dedication. Research degrees demonstrate your ability to think independently and work towards a goal, while taught courses highlight your ability to learn new skills and ideas.

A postgraduate qualification is by no means a surefire way into your dream job, but it sends out a positive message to recruiters and it does improve your prospects.

Funding for postgraduate study

One of the biggest drawbacks to postgraduate study is

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- Entry into some sectors may be easier; some jobs require a postgraduate qualification i.e. teaching, academia and law
- Your increased specialist knowledge compared to undergraduates could help when applying for the same job
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Cons

- Postgraduate courses receive less funding than undergraduate courses. Many postgraduate students have a part time job
- Does your desired job role require a postgraduate qualification? Many roles will only ask for an undergraduate degree. Sometimes a role will require work experience over a further qualification. Research into your sector's requirements before committing to postgraduate study
- Quite often postgraduate salaries and roles are similar to undergraduates (sector dependent).

designed to ease the financial burden of postgraduate study. There are many options for funding from public bodies, charities and institutions. If you are thinking about taking a professional qualification, then your employer may be willing to assist you financially.

There is intense competition for funding, so it is by no means guaranteed. We have extensive information on funding on pages 92-95.

Further study options

Postgraduate study falls under three general types: taught, research and professional. Taught courses include master's programmes, such as Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, and Master

academically. Research courses usually lead to PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) or MPhil (Master of Philosophy) status. The Irish Research Council is the primary source of funding for students wishing to pursue this route, visit www.research.ie for more options.

Typically, PhD research is carried out over three years, while an ensuing fourth year is spent writing up a thesis. Home students may be able to secure funding for research courses from government grants and other sources, although international students generally have to fund themselves, which can be costly (again see our funding section on page 92).

Professional qualifications are postgraduate

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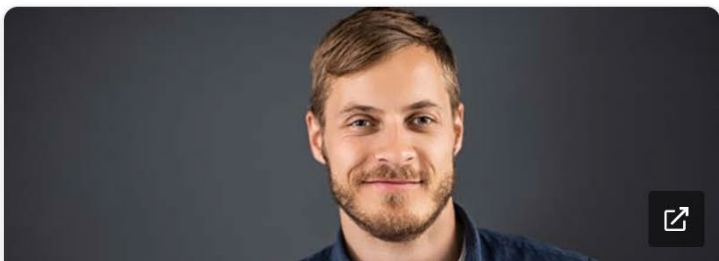
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<https://gradireland.com/s/courses/all>

<https://gradireland.com/careers-advice/postgraduate-study/how-apply-successfully-funding>

<https://www.postgrad.ie/#>

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People choose to undertake further study for different reasons. Further study provides a chance to progress to a higher qualification, learn new skills, or a way to continue studying a subject you love. Whatever you decide, it is important to think about whether progressing to further study will benefit your career in the long run.

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Top 10 study abroad tips



Jemma Smith, Editor



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The prospect of studying in another country is an exciting one but it requires a lot of forward planning. Discover what you'll need to put in place to ensure that your study abroad experience runs as smoothly as possible

International study is one of the most eye-opening adventures you can experience. But why study abroad? Some of the advantages include:

- experiencing a different culture
- learning a new language and transferable skills
- accelerating your personal development
- gaining new academic perspectives
- boosting your employability.

You should begin researching your study abroad experience 12-18 months before you actually travel - doing so will give you plenty of time to sort out applications, funding, visas and more.

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<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/masters-degrees/personal-statements-for-postgraduate-applications>

Application deadlines

<https://gradireland.com/further-study/advice-and-funding/applications/entry-requirements-and-deadlines-for-postgraduate-courses>

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<https://gradireland.com/further-study/advice-and-funding/funding/funding-for-postgraduate-study-in-northern-ireland>

www.learnabroad.ie/services – free service for those looking to study abroad

www.ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe – info on 32 European countries

www.Fulbright.ie – Fulbright Ireland awards for Irish Students to study in US

<https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/postgraduate-students/>

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Any questions

