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# Executive Summary



Turbulence and uncertainty have been defining features of the global landscape in recent years, but, in spite of wars and pandemics, natural disasters and political upheaval, Trinity has continued its long tradition of welcoming students from around the world and supporting our students who travel overseas on global mobility opportunities. Indeed, as Vice President for Global Engagement in Trinity, I could not be prouder of how the College community, and the Trinity Global team, in particular, have risen to the challenges posed by such instability.

In the past year, there have been several positive developments, as you will see on the pages of this report.

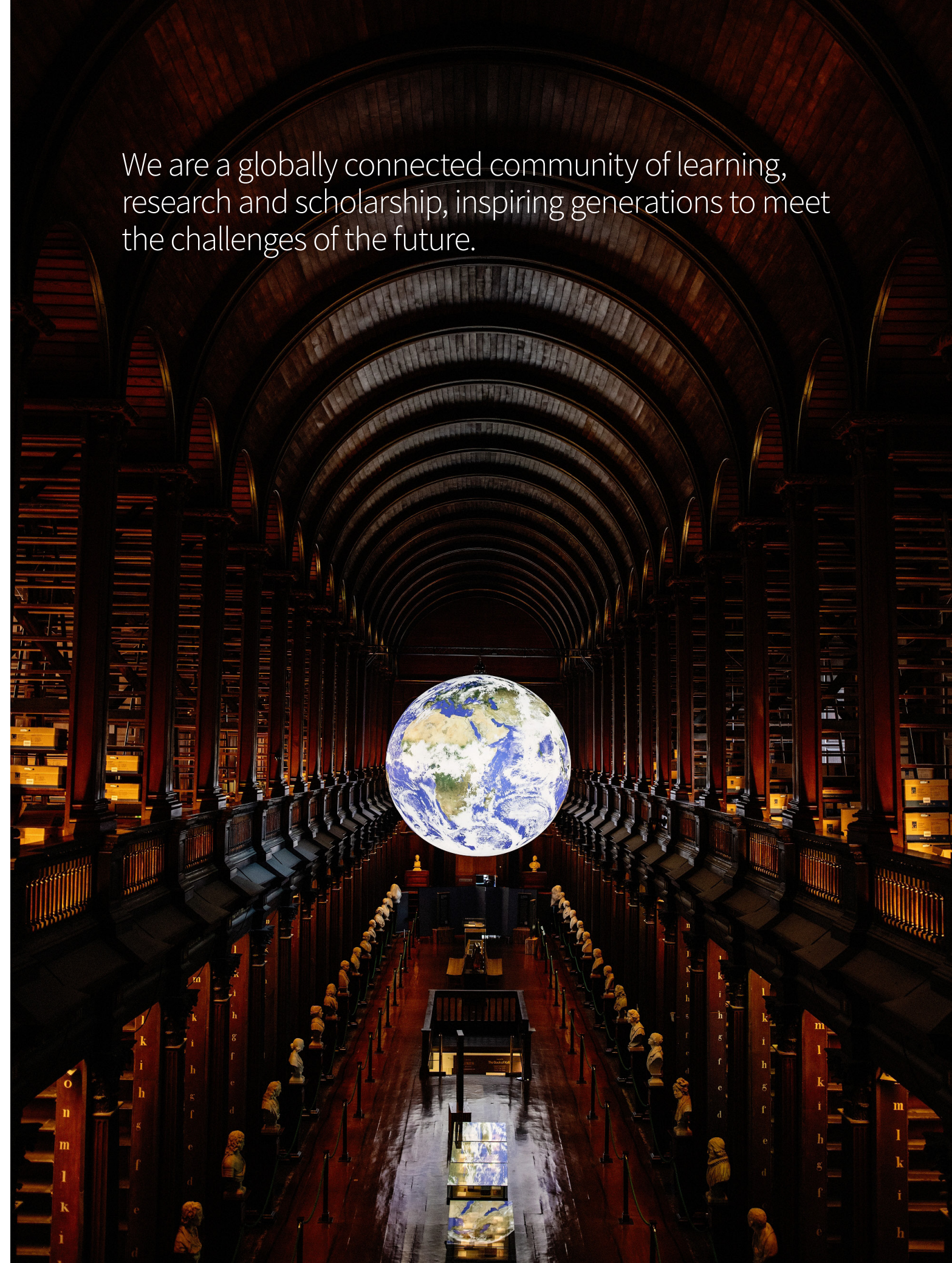
Trinity Global is at the heart of Trinity's work as a University of Sanctuary and, just in time for the start of the academic year, we were delighted to welcome four postgraduate students from Gaza, supported by Sanctuary scholarships. Then, on Friday, 18 April, it was with enormous pleasure and relief that we welcomed a further ten students and two research staff. This took a collective effort across College along with the great generosity of many donors. We were also supported by the Department of Justice, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Irish Red Cross, the Health Services Executive and our local partner, the Gaza Scholarships Initiative.

This is such an exciting time in Trinity College Dublin with our new Strategic Plan 2025-2030 due to be launched in the coming months. Closely aligned with this is the development of Trinity's new Institutional Framework for Internationalisation and Global Engagement. The publication of this new Framework will take place later this year.

I conclude with the motto of Trinity College Dublin: *perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturam*. It sets the scene for a university that will last into endless future times. As we prepare now for the next chapter, we are firm in our ambition to rise above the challenges of these times, balancing our commitment to climate and nature with the spirit of adventure that leads us towards greater and more impactful global engagement.

**Dr. Emma K. Stokes**  
Vice President for  
Global Engagement

We are a globally connected community of learning, research and scholarship, inspiring generations to meet the challenges of the future.





# Key Achievements

## Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Trinity Global is the first professional unit in Trinity College Dublin and in Ireland to receive the prestigious Athena Swan Bronze award. This reflects our strong commitment to advancing diversity, equality and creating an inclusive environment where everyone belongs.

## Ranking

Trinity is the **35th** most international university in the world (*THE Rankings 2025*).

## Global Incident Response Unit

We continued to respond to situations both natural and man-made affecting the Trinity community at home and abroad ensuring that students are supported when they need it most.

## University of Sanctuary

Trinity College Dublin is a University of Sanctuary, a member of the Scholars at Risk network as well as a member of the New University in Exile Consortium. We continue to promote the Trinity Sanctuary Fund.

## Trinity Students

We have **115** students from **23** countries on the International Foundation Programme.

## Global Mobility

**41%** of third year undergraduate Trinity students undertook an international experience as part of their programme.

## Gaza Scholarship programme

Trinity Global launched the Gaza Scholarship programme in collaboration with the Gaza Scholarship Initiative for Displaced Students. Four students from Gaza are now studying at Trinity.

## Pathway to Belonging

We supported 2,000 students through the Goin' to Trinity app which allows students to build communities based on shared interests and make connections prior to beginning classes. In addition, we hosted 12 online Pathway to Belonging pre-departure sessions attended by 800+ students.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION  
PROGRAMME GRADUATE  
CURRENT TRINITY STUDENT



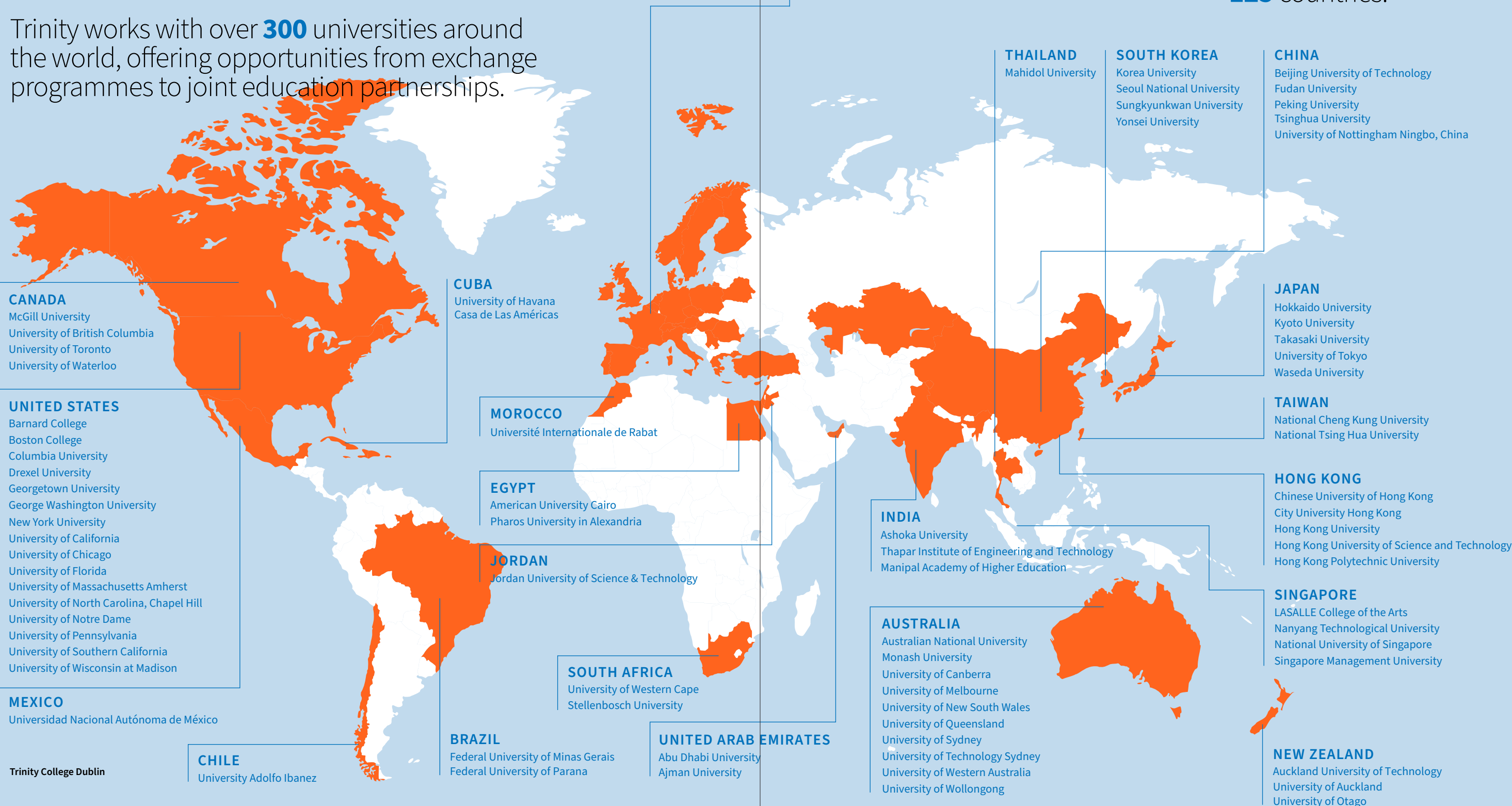
**Kunihiro Wada**

“I chose the IFP and to study at Trinity for two reasons, the quality of the education and the beautiful campus. There are so many interesting people from around the world here which expanded my perspective a lot, not just in terms of study but as a person.”



# Our Globally Connected Community

Trinity works with over **300** universities around the world, offering opportunities from exchange programmes to joint education partnerships.



## European Exchange Partners

More than **250** Erasmus and European partners in **30** countries.

We have **156,930** alumni from **161** countries.

We have **8,270** students from outside Ireland from **125** countries.



# University of Sanctuary

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Trinity is a University of Sanctuary. We provide scholarships, financial support, language supports and additional services to students and scholars of sanctuary.

## Gaza Scholarship programme

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## Sanctuary Scholarships

Trinity Global awarded four University of Sanctuary Undergraduate Scholarships and supported our continuing scholarship students with 124 one-to-one meetings and regular get-togethers.

We marked Refugee Day in June 2024 with a hybrid event 'Connected Learning in Crisis' at the Trinity Global Room.

We supported the MASI (Movement of Asylum Seekers in Ireland) 10-year anniversary conference.



### UNIVERSITY OF SANCTUARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE

#### Qudseya Mohibbi



"I consider my time at Trinity College to be among the most rewarding experiences of my life. From the start, I felt an intense sense of belonging within its vibrant, encouraging community. The college constantly supports students' academic and personal development. I have pushed myself, followed my passions, and met people from all backgrounds. Trinity has given me the confidence and abilities to pursue my goals and contribute meaningfully beyond the classroom."

### ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, TRINITY DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI

#### Tara Justin



"The dedication and collaborative spirit of Trinity Global has been instrumental in advancing philanthropic initiatives with Trinity Development and Alumni for our students. Their passion and responsiveness have fostered meaningful donor engagement across diverse areas, exemplified by the Sanctuary Fund Scholarships—laying the foundation for even greater impact through future collaborations"



# Trinity Global Student Experience

Our students are at the centre of all we do.

## Student Events

The Global Room hosted **324** student events.

## Campus Tours

**3,994** prospective students from **73** different countries completed campus tours.

## Visa and Immigration

**1200+** immigration queries handled.

**330+** immigration information sessions and 1:1 consultations held.

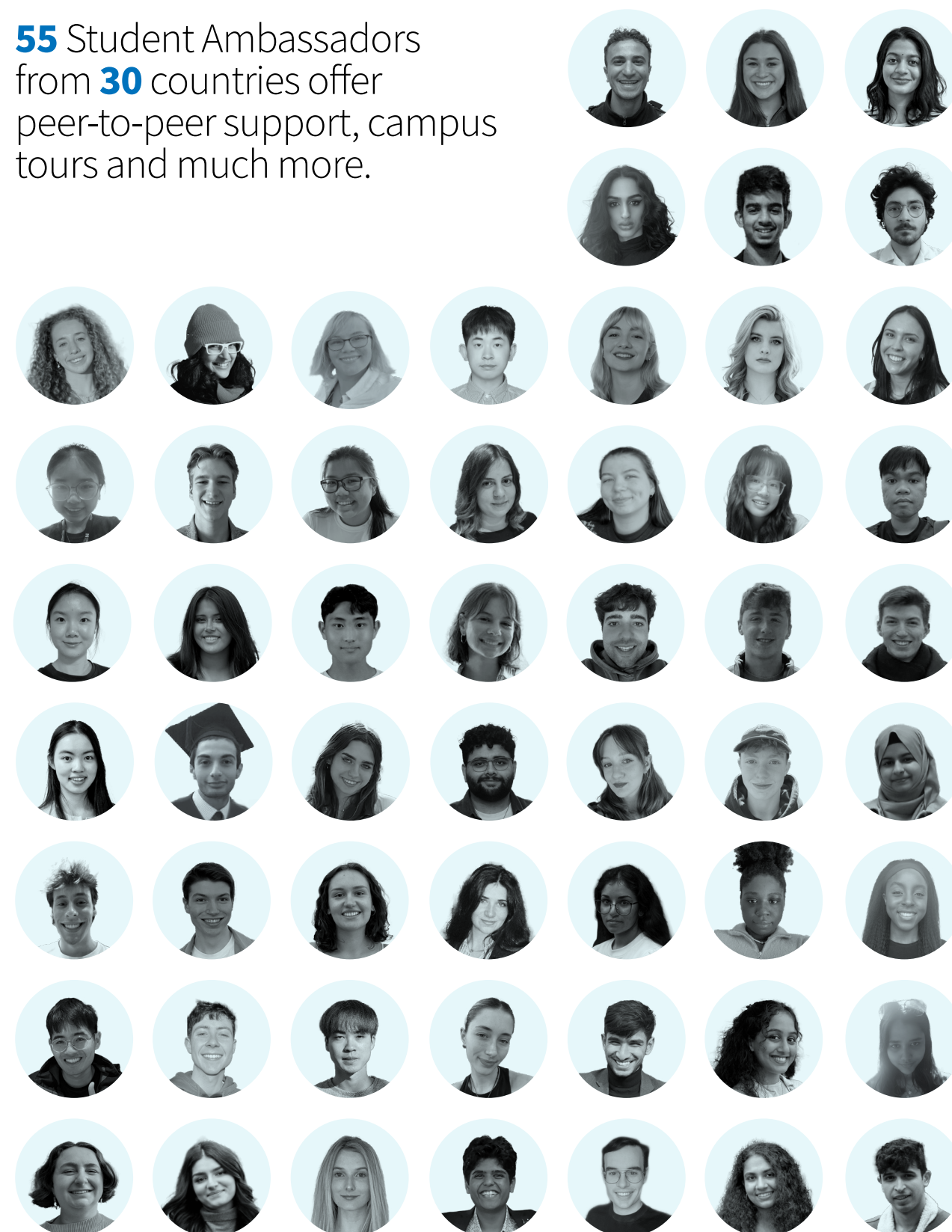
## Pathway to Belonging

**12** online Pathway to Belonging pre-departure sessions attended by **800+** students.

## Chat to our Students

**2,004** prospective students from 123 countries engaged with our Student Ambassadors online on our Chat to our Students/platform.

**55** Student Ambassadors from **30** countries offer peer-to-peer support, campus tours and much more.





# Trinity Students

A total of **22,686** students at Trinity in 2024/25, **17,543** EU and **5,143** Non-EU.

Trinity Global reached **101.4%** of the student recruitment ambitions outlined in the Global Engagement Strategy for 2024/25. **69%** were undergraduate students and **31%** were postgraduate students.

STUDENTS	TOTAL	EU	NON-EU
Total	22,686	17,543	5,143
Postgraduate	7,019	4,861	2,158
Undergraduate	15,667	12,682	2,985



## Student Recruitment and Marketing

**1200+** student recruitment events attended global, majority in-person.

Range of countries visited to promote Trinity included Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Mexico, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, UK, USA and Vietnam.

Goin’ to Trinity app supported over **2,000** incoming students. The app allows students to build communities based on shared interests and make connections prior to beginning classes.

We have supported 20 of the 24 Trinity Schools and 41 courses, providing marketing support in the form of advertising campaigns, course videos, webinars, photography, and CRM emails to future students. We have **230,000+** social media followers across our global social media channels.



TRINITY JOINT  
HONOURS  
STUDENT



Reece Slade

“I feel so at home at Trinity as an international student. There’s opportunity around every corner and I have gained so much from studying in such a multicultural environment”



## Global Mobility

**1,344 (41%)** of third year undergraduate Trinity students undertook an international experience as part of their programme in 2024/25.

Over 400 students were supported to study abroad through the Global Mobility Bursary scheme and 562 students were supported by an Erasmus+ grant.

We launched the Trinity Global Mobility Hub, an in-person advising space located in the Arts Block. The Mobility Hub provides students interested in Erasmus+ or international exchange programmes with a confidential meeting space to speak with a member of the Global Mobility Team staff or with a Trinity student ambassador.

We also have a team of **4** global mobility ambassadors.



## Trinity Global Scholarships

Hundreds of undergraduate and postgraduate students supported with scholarships and bursaries including:

Global Excellence Scholarships	China Scholarship Council Trinity Joint Scholarship Programme	Haddad Fellowship Programme	Dr. Jonathan KS Chiu and Dr. Margaret Sau Sheung Ip Undergraduate Scholarships
Claddagh Scholarship Programme	Government of Ireland International Education Scholarship	Global Mobility Bursaries	Titanic Belfast Scholarship Programme



DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
CENTRE FOR GLOBAL  
INTERCULTURAL  
COMMUNICATIONS.



**Dr. Théophile Munyangayo**

“Given the interconnected nature of our world facing educational disparities, the role of education in promoting equitable collaborations is paramount. We strive to establish strategic connections. Trinity Global has been very active in supporting our global intersections by connecting us to Africa and Latin America.”



# Our Unique Diplomatic and Cultural Engagement Strategy

Visits to and from Embassies, as well as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, European Institutions including Ambassadors, government delegations, dignitaries and donors to the University.

The Vice President for Global Engagement hosted visits by Ambassadors from Austria, Cyprus, Greece, Pakistan and Switzerland, and attended visits from the French and German Ambassadors hosted by the Provost.

Dr. Emma Stokes, Vice President for Global Engagement, hosted a special evening celebrating the Hubert Butler Essay Prize and the winning entrant, Trinity Teaching Fellow, Dr. Conor Daly from the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies.

Trinity hosted an interactive student event, 'An Insight into Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)'. Michael Gaffey, Director General of the Development Cooperation and Africa Division (Irish Aid) was in conversation with Professor Gail McElroy, followed by lively Q&A and networking with DFAT and our students.

A delegation from the Czech Embassy and Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS) met with Trinity Global and senior members of the Faculty of AHSS to discuss potential collaboration.



**ABOVE:** Austrian Ambassador visit (L-R) Deirdre Shirt, Professor Emma Stokes, Ambassador Melitta Schubert, Dr. Clemens Ruthner, Professor Mary Cosgrove.



**ABOVE:** (L-R) Dia de los Muertos at the Mexican Embassy, José Velez, Deirdre Shirt, Ambassador Carolina Zaragoza, Louise Staunton.



**ABOVE:** Czech delegation visit (L-R) Dr. Sarah Hunter, Dr. Catherine Leen, Dr. Katerina Garcia, Julie Smilnická (CAS), Professor David Honys (CAS), Dr. Dmitri Tsiskarashvili, Professor Emma Stokes, Ambassador Pavel Vošalík.

**RIGHT:** Pharos University, Egypt Visit Dr. Mohamed Ragab, Secretary General presented Professor Emma Stokes with a plaque for the University.

Dr. Emma Stokes, Vice President for Global Engagement and Professor Lorna Carson, Head of School, Linguistic, Speech and Communications Sciences met with a delegation from Pharos University in Alexandria to discuss Erasmus+ opportunities. Dr. Mohamed Ragab, Secretary General presented Dr. Emma Stokes with a plaque for the University.





# Partnerships

The School of Medicine received approval for an International Clinical Fellowship Programme pilot with the Bahrain Government Hospitals and plans to welcome initial clinical fellows later this year.

Supported Schools and Departments to develop 30 new partnerships which include student exchange and staff mobility including a new university-wide student exchange agreement with the University of Canberra.

Audit completed of Trinity Global portfolio of 600 partnership agreements.

HEAD OF THE SCHOOL OF  
LINGUISTIC, SPEECH AND  
COMMUNICATION SCIENCE



**Professor Lorna Carson**

“Participating in Erasmus+ projects has always been a rewarding experience. Having such an experienced team now in Trinity Global to guide and assist academic staff has made a real difference, creating valuable opportunities for learning and international partnerships. I highly encourage others to engage with the Trinity Global team to explore the connections and experiences that these programmes offer.”



Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin





# The Coimbra Group

Trinity is a founding member of the Group which is an association of long-established European multidisciplinary universities.

The purpose of the Coimbra Group is to influence European educational policy and to develop best practice through mutual exchange of experience. Key activities in 2024/25 include:



**ABOVE :** The Coimbra Group – Employability Working Group meeting at Trinity College Dublin

Professor Jane Stout, Vice President for Biodiversity and Climate Action, presented at the Coimbra Group Climate Symposium at Durham University as part of the Coimbra Group's 40th anniversary celebrations. She presented 'Trinity as an innovator' in the context of the Trinity Sustainability Strategy.

Trinity hosted two Coimbra Scholars under the Scholarship Programme for Young African Researchers.

A professional staff training workshop for members of the Coimbra Group – Employability Working Group was held in Trinity. It was attended by representatives from 16 of the Coimbra Group Universities and a representative from the Coimbra Office. The title of this workshop was "Future Skills for Employability". The Employability Working Group is chaired by Orla Bannon, Director of Careers, Trinity College Dublin.





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