



International Council of Associations for Science Education

## ICASE WORLD CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION 2026

**University College Cork (UCC) Ireland**

**Monday 22 June – Thursday 25 June 2026**

Cork is the second largest city in Ireland, the county town of County Cork, the largest city in the province of Munster and third largest on the island of Ireland. It has a population of 224,004.

The city centre is an island between two channels of the River Lee which meet downstream at its eastern end, where the quays and docks along the river lead outwards towards Lough Mahon and Cork Harbour, one of the largest natural harbours in the world.

The city has a thriving cultural life, with a World famous municipal food market (the English Market), two major theatres (the Cork Opera House & The Everyman Theatre), a thriving arts centre (the Triskel), a civic museum (Cork Public Museum), and many art galleries (notably that of the Cork Arts Society) and bookshops. More information about Cork can be found [here](#).



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Date and Location

**1. When will the conference take place?**

It will take place from Monday 22 June 2026 to Thursday 25 June

**2. Where will the conference take place?**

It will be held in the city of Cork, Ireland. The venue is University College Cork

### Registration Information

**1. How do I register for the conference?**

Registrations will open in August 2025. All registrations will be on the ICASE website.  
[www.icaseonline.ie](http://www.icaseonline.ie)

**2. How much does it cost to attend?**

All those attending the conference will pay a basic registration fee to cover the light refreshments and other running cost of the conference. When registration is open, you can then book optional items such as meals and social events.

### Event Information

**1. When should I arrive?**

We recommend that you aim to arrive in Cork on Sunday 21 June. There will be free shuttle service operating from Cork airport to the city centre on that day only.

**What are the hours of operation of the shuttle on Sunday 21 June?**

There will be an ICASE desk at the arrivals area in Cork airport and this desk will be staffed by members of the Local Organising Committee all day until the final flight arrives. Nearer the time, we will ask delegates who are flying into Cork airport to let us know their time of arrival so that we can be prepared to meet them.

**2. Where can I find the programme?**

The programme can be found [here](#).

**3. Where is the conference located?**

The conference events are located in [University College Cork \(UCC\)](#). The evening social events are located in the Metropole Hotel, more details below. UCC is a 25 minute walk from the city centre or a 10 minute ride by bus.

**4. Will there be any social events?**

Yes, on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, the conference concludes early for the day to allow attendees to visit the many tourist attractions in Cork. Details to follow.

## **Venue Information**

**1. Will there be internet access at the venue?**

Yes, all visitors will be provided with a WIFI code for the duration of the conference.

**2. In what area of UCC, does the conference take place?**

The ICASE conference takes place in the Boole Lecture halls located in the area next to the Boole library.

**3. Where can I find refreshments on site?**

Tea and coffee and refreshment snacks are included in the registration fee. It is essential that you book meals and social events in advance while registering for the conference.

**4. Where is the UCC campus in relation to Cork city?**

Cork City is an approximately 10-15 minute walk to the UCC campus.

## **Exhibitor Information**

**1. What is the exhibition date(s)?**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June is the dedicated exhibition date of the ICASE Conference.

**2. How can I become an exhibitor at the ICASE conference?**

Enquiries re exhibition space should be made to David O’ Brien, Exhibitions Coordinator, at [david.obrien@balcs.ie](mailto:david.obrien@balcs.ie)

**3. I represent a commercial company and would like to have a stand (booth) at the conference? Whom should I contact?**

Enquiries can be made to David O’Brien: [david.obrien@balcs.ie](mailto:david.obrien@balcs.ie)

## **Presenter/paper/poster submission Information**

**1. I wish to present a paper at the conference. How do I organise this?**

Check back as this information will soon be posted.

**2. I wish to make a poster presentation at the conference. How do I organise this?**

The poster presentation days are on Wednesday 24 June and Thursday 25 June.

**1. I wish to be listed as a sponsor of the ICASE conference. Whom should I contact?**

There are a number of different sponsorship options for the ICASE conference. For more information, please contact [john.ODonoghue@tcd.ie](mailto:john.ODonoghue@tcd.ie) or [r.robertcnolan@gmail.com](mailto:r.robertcnolan@gmail.com)

## Accommodation Information

### Where can I stay?

Cork city has a large number of hotels and guest houses. The Metropole Hotel is the main hotel for the conference with a dedicated early bird discount. The Gala dinner will be held in the Metropole Hotel, Cork.

This hotel is a 10 minute walk from Cork Railway station and a 5 minute walk from Cork Bus station. All of the city centre hotels are a short walk from the Metropole Hotel. The hotels and prices are summarised in the table below. All bookings must be made directly with the hotels as detailed in the table below.

### The Metropole Hotel Cork

Located in the heart of the Victorian Quarter in Cork's City Centre, [The Metropole Hotel Cork](#) is Cork's most iconic hotel, world-renowned for over 125 years of hospitality and warm service.

The Metropole is a 30 minute walk from UCC. This 4-star hotel offers B&B accommodation from **€140 per night** for single occupancy. Please book directly. ICASE members can avail of a special Conference discount. Please quote ICASE 2026. Note: This discount is only available until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

### Other hotels and guest houses

Cork city offers a wide variety of accommodation for guests with any budget. Below is a non-extensive list of hotels in Cork city. These accommodation examples is not an exhaustive list and other accommodation can be found online.

**Link to hotels in Cork:** [Hotels in Cork](#).

## Transport Information

### 1. How do I travel to Cork?

#### Fly to Cork Airport

- [Cork airport](#) is only a 13 minute drive (8 km) to the city centre.
- There are many taxis waiting at the airport with an approximate cost of €20 to the city centre.
- Cork airport has direct links with hubs like London, Paris and Amsterdam.
- Free shuttle service on Sunday 21 June to city centre.
- There is a public bus service from Cork airport to the city centre with a bus timetable found [here](#).

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#### Fly to Dublin airport

- There are direct bus services from [Dublin airport](#) to Cork city using [Aircoach](#) and [Expressway](#).
- The AirCoach is the best option to travel directly from Dublin Airport to Cork City Centre (details [here](#)).
- There is also a train service ([here](#)) from Dublin city to Cork but these require a transfer from Dublin airport to Heuston train station first.
- Cork (Kent) train station is located 3 km from University College Cork and 700 m from The Metropole Hotel

#### Fly to Shannon airport

- There is a bus service from [Shannon airport](#) to Cork city centre that leaves every hour. Details can be found [here](#).

### **Fly to Farranfore airport**

- [Kerry airport](#) is approximately 100 km from Cork city.
- It has direct links to the UK and Germany.
- There is a bus service from Farranfore airport to Cork. Details can be found [here](#).

## **2. Transport within Cork City**

**Car:** There are a number of car parks available at University College Cork. Details on parking can be found [here](#).

**Bus:** There are a number of bus services operating frequently between Cork City centre and UCC. The 205 & 208 buses run from St Patrick's Street to UCC and operate every 15 minutes ([timetable](#)). Currently, buses only accept cash.

**Taxi:** Approximately €10 to travel between UCC and the Metropole Hotel. *Free Now* and *Uber* are common apps used to book taxis

**Walk:** Approximately 15-20 minute walk between UCC and Cork City centre.

## **Other Details**

### **1. I require a visa to visit Ireland. How do I apply for a visa?**

Depending on where you are travelling from you may need to apply for a Visa. More information can be found at [here](#).

### **2. I would like to stay on for a holiday after the conference. Where can I find information on places to visit?**

Cork has many attractive places to visit while on holiday. Information on places to visit can be found [here](#).