



FAQ: Updated Thursday, 17th May 2012

The following are answers to some of the frequently asked questions thus far, and will be updated on a regular basis.

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If your question is not answered here, please contact Susan.Gallagher@nuigalway.ie for further assistance.

1. How do I pay my registration fee?

Please transfer € 400 (or more if you require an en suite room) at your bank to the account below:

VERY IMPORTANT: Reference: RSU001 BIGSS 12 – YOUR NAME please include these exact details in the reference line of your lodgement otherwise we will not receive your fee.

Bank Name: Bank of Ireland,

Bank Address: 43 Eyre Square, Galway

Account No: 21013054

IBAN No: IE 39 BOFI 903816 21013054

BIC: BOFIE2D

2. When should I book my flights?

Registration begins on **Thursday, 7th June**. You should book flights to arrive in Dublin or Shannon early Thursday morning as you will need to take a **bus (3.5 hours)** or **train (2.15 hours)** to reach NUI Galway by Thursday afternoon. If this is not feasible, you may choose to arrive on Wednesday 6th of June and book an overnight stay in Dublin or Shannon before travelling to Galway the next day. For more information about travelling from Dublin to Galway please access the following websites:

FROM DUBLIN AIRPORT TO GALWAY:

BUS

You can travel directly to Galway from Dublin airport by bus or coach *via* one of the following companies.

<http://www.dublinairport.com/gns/to-from-the-airport/by-bus-or-coach.aspx>

TRAIN

You will first need to *travel from Dublin Airport to Heuston Station in Dublin City Centre by bus* (30 minutes). You may purchase your ticket online for cheaper and/or student fares: <http://www.irishrail.ie/>

FROM SHANNON AIRPORT TO GALWAY

BUS

You can travel directly to Galway from Dublin airport by bus or coach *via* one of the following companies.

<http://www.shannonairport.com/gns/to-from-the-airport/by-bus.aspx>

3. Where is my accommodation located?

Your accommodation has been booked for you at Corrib Village, on the grounds of the National University of Ireland, Galway, adjacent to where our courses will be taking place. The accommodation comprises of private rooms, with shared bathroom facilities for all.

For further details about the village, check out their website:

<http://www.corribvillage.com/summer/index.html>

4. What if need a letter of support for my travel visa?

A letter of visa support was emailed to you along with your acceptance email notification. Please ensure you edit the details in this document **highlighted in red** as well as your name, return address and return this to us **immediately** for signing. A signed copy will then be returned to you for your application. **NOTE:** visa applications can be lengthy; the onus is on you to provide us with the necessary details to deal with this as swiftly as possible.

5. What is the deadline for payment of the fee?

If you are **not** applying for SPIE or other scholarship, your payment must reach us by **Friday, 27th April 2012**. If you have applied for a SPIE scholarship and your travel to BIGSS is

dependant upon this, please contact Dr. Marie-Louise O'Connell: mloconnell@rcsi.ie directly for more information.

6. What is covered by my fee?

Your fee will cover your accommodation, some meals and refreshments (breakfast, lunch, tea/coffee breaks, welcome BBQ and farewell banquet but **not** dinner), and all activities including transport. There are several local eateries that will suit all budgets or alternatively you can purchase food in the local supermarket and cook dinner yourself in the self-catering accommodation facilities.

7. What will I need to bring with me?

School: For the school you will need to bring an A0 poster outlining your research work as proposed in your abstract. These will be assessed by the course speakers throughout the school for critique and feedback on your work.

General: Weather in Ireland is changeable so please take care to pack suitably. Be sure to bring any necessary medication and make the BIGSS 12 aware of any medical support you may need throughout your stay, including dietary requirements. A list of local hospital and medical emergency numbers will be supplied to you upon your arrival.