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Sod turned on €26 million project for DIT

Work has begun on a €26 million construction contract for the development of the new campus for the Dublin Institute of Technology at Grangegorman.

The contract will provide the roads, paths, sports pitches, as well as the utility infrastructure necessary for the arrival of the first students next year.

Some 1,000 students from three of the institution’s constituent colleges will move to the north Dublin campus for the start of the next academic year. They will be housed in some of the former hospital buildings, protected structures which will be renovated to make them suitable for academic use.

A further 10,000 students are due to move to Grangegorman by 2017 to new buildings to be constructed as part of a €200 million public private partnership to provide a new campus on the site of the former psychiatric hospital.

The DIT currently is spread throughout the city centre on 39 separate sites. With 20,000 full- and part-time students, it accounts for close to 10 per cent of all students in higher education in Ireland.

The move to the 50-acre site is due to be completed by 2020.

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