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# Belfast as a Tech Hub

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## Belfast's technology sector

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### The tech economy

Northern Ireland has over 1,000 tech companies employing over 25,000 people. Belfast is consistently ranked as one of the top cities in the UK and Ireland for technology investment.

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### Why Belfast?

Graduate talent from Queen's University and Ulster University; competitive costs compared to London; time zone alignment with both US and European markets; government support through Invest Northern Ireland.

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### Cyber security

Belfast is one of the UK's top centres for cyber security. The Centre for Secure Information Technologies (CSIT) at Queen's University is Europe's largest cyber security research centre.

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### Fintech

Financial technology — using software to provide financial services. Major US financial companies (Goldman Sachs, Citi, Liberty Mutual) have significant fintech operations in Belfast.

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### The Titanic Quarter

The former shipyard site has been redeveloped as Belfast Harbour and Titanic Quarter — now home to film studios (Game of Thrones), tech companies, and a university campus.

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### Game of Thrones legacy

The HBO series was filmed primarily in Northern Ireland, bringing £250m+ to the local economy and creating a world-class film studio infrastructure in Belfast.



