



## **Maynooth University School of Business**

### **Accounting & Finance**

# **Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Financial Technology & Innovation**

Online, part-time programme

### **Why study Sustainable Financial Technology & Innovation?**

As the market demands more sustainable business practices, and as regulators impose increasingly stringent sustainability targets, an understanding of how to ensure long-term business and financial activity is now an essential attribute for anyone working in a legal, financial or policy profession. The goal of this programme is to train supply side experts that can serve a global market from Ireland, making Ireland an attractive place for sustainable finance. Students will explore current trends in sustainable finance, the environmental, social and sustainability risks facing businesses and the use of sustainable finance to address and alleviate these risks.

### **Why this programme?**

This programme is a part-time interdisciplinary course that will provide participants with a strong foundation in sustainable finance both in Ireland and internationally. By choosing this diploma you will learn the required skills from leading experts. You will understand core drivers, risks, and influences in the sustainable finance world providing you with skills that will be relevant across a range of careers. The programme will enhance your existing understanding of sustainability and sustainable finance and will allow those who are new to sustainable finance to expand their skills and knowledge.

### **How will this help my career?**

This programme aims to upgrade your skills in the following three areas:

- > Data science related to sustainable finance
- > How financial technology is used to implement sustainable finance solutions
- > How sustainable finance interacts with financial innovation

### **Funding opportunities:**

Private sector employees in certain industries may be able to avail of partial funding support.



## What are the entry requirements?

Applicants should have a minimum 2.2 honours (level 8) primary degree that is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level. This programme is also open to experienced professionals who do not hold a primary degree. We would expect such individuals to have considerable experience in the financial services or sustainability industry. Such applicants will require an interview to be assessed for their suitability and will be required to complete a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) portfolio. For students whose first language is not English or have not formally studied through English, the university accepts a range of language tests at specific levels.

## Course Structure

Participants will complete 60 ECTS in a calendar year. The programme is made up of nine taught modules carrying a 5 or 10 ECTS weighting. The programme will be delivered predominantly online with both synchronous and asynchronous content with a set of external deliverers and internal faculty. Participants will also be able to interact with the Bloomberg Trading Simulation Laboratory in the School of Business.

### Module Themes

- > Behavioural Finance for Sustainability
- > Climate Risk & Climate Investing
- > Ethics & Financial Regulation
- > Introduction to Sustainable Finance
- > Integrated Sustainable Finance & Innovation Project
- > Data Science for Sustainable Finance
- > Fintech Innovation and the Regulatory Framework
- > ESG Investing & Reporting

## MSc Sustainable Financial Technology and Innovation (Top up Masters)

Graduates of MU's Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Financial Technology & Innovation programme (PDSFTI / MH43D) with at least a 2.2 honours are eligible to apply for a top-up Masters. Students will continue their studies by completing a dissertation. Upon graduation, students will be awarded a level 9 Masters of Science degree.

## Course Fees

See [www.maynoothuniversity.ie/student-fees-grants](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/student-fees-grants)

## How to apply?

See [www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/how-apply](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/how-apply) for more information.

## Where can I find more information?

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