

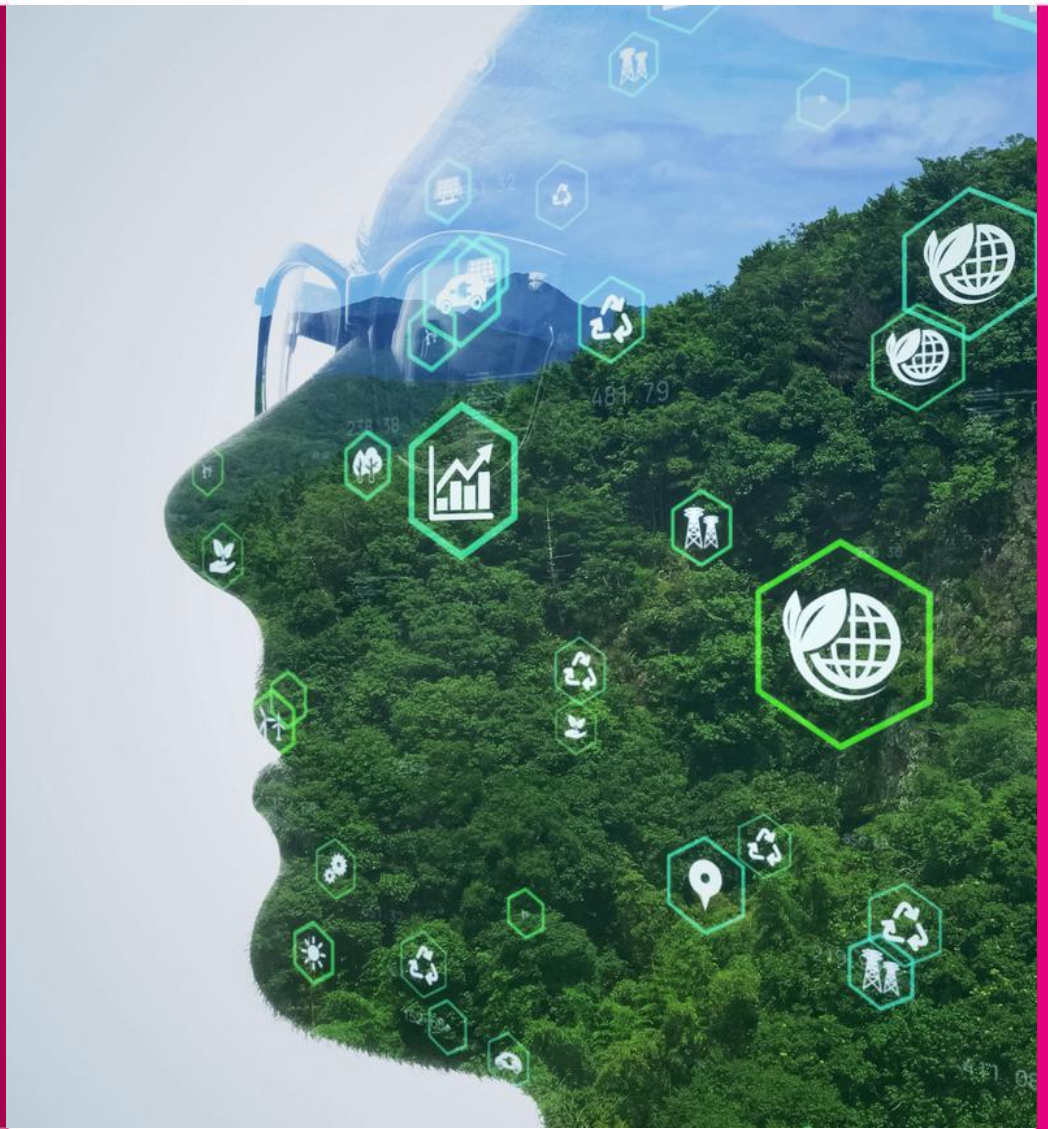


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Eacnamaíochta J.E. Cairnes  
J.E. Cairnes School of  
Business and Economics

# MSc Sustainability *Leadership*

University  
of Galway.ie



# A two-year part-time, flexible learning programme *suitable for working professionals*

## Course Overview

- **Flexible learning approach:**

A 2-year part-time, blended delivery approach that allows for industry's skills needs to be met in a flexible manner. Classes are delivered primarily online in the evenings but participants benefit from 4 immersive learning in-person blocks over 2 years.

- **Leadership skills:**

Equip yourself to address the challenges, risks and opportunities of environmental sustainability and social responsibility in the modern business world.

- **Curriculum:**

Strongly integrated with industry through a combination of guest speakers, company visits, case studies and applied projects.

- **International trip:**

The curriculum includes an international study trip to Bologna Business School, Italy.



Official Launch of the MSc Sustainability Leadership programme with Minister Hildegarde Naughton T.D, Chief Whip and Minister of State at the Department of Health.

## What organisations say

“ As Vice President, Programme Delivery Excellence and Commercial at Boston Scientific I am thrilled to see University of Galway launch this MSc Sustainability Leadership offering, which is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to lead sustainable change in organisations. With a focus on practical application and real world challenges, graduates will be well-prepared to make a positive impact on the environment and society.

Susan Murray

Vice President, Programme Delivery Excellence and Commercial at Boston Scientific



# International *Study Trip*

At the heart of our programme is the international study trip to Bologna, Italy.

MSc Sustainability Leadership students complete an immersive four day International Study Visit to Bologna Business School. As part of the trip, students visit organisations in the local region who are leading on sustainability transition, learn from industry thought leaders in the sustainability space and collaborate with students on the Masters in Sustainability Transition Management at BBS.

***The course fees for the programme include the costs of the international study visit.***



International Study Trip to  
Bologna Business School (Italy) 2024



## International Organisations Leading on Sustainable Business Transformation

Students gain sustainability leadership expertise through hands-on experience with international organisations. On-site visits offer valuable insights and networking opportunities, enhancing their learning.



*Burren & Cliffs of Moher  
UNESCO Global Geopark*



*Boston Scientific Visit*



*ThermoKing  
Trane Technologies*

## Build your network

Build a global network of like-minded contacts and a deeper appreciation of the power of collaboration, innovation, and social enterprise for sustainable development. Learn to value strong relationships with communities, employees, and the environment for responsible business.



# Why choose this course?

## Career Opportunities

There is a very strong employer demand for these skillsets with several potential career pathways identified including Chief Sustainability Officer, Director of Sustainability, Sustainability Manager, Sustainability Officer, Procurement Officer, Planning Officer, Sustainability Coordinator, Sustainability Consultant, Sustainability Projects Leader, Supply Chain Officer, NGO, County Council roles and General Management roles.

There is a need for organisations to understand the impact that sustainability will have on their supply chain, how to gain a competitive advantage and how to understand the regulatory and governance requirements.



Top 2%



## University of Galway Sustainability Rankings and Accolades

University of Galway has been named the **#1 university in Ireland** for sustainable development for a third year in a row, we are ranked **5th in Europe and ranked 47th in the world** by *Times Higher Education THE Impact Rankings 2024*. The accolade has been awarded in recognition of the University's progress in responding to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We are the first University to make the list as a Sustainable Development Goal Champion for 2023-24, chosen from across society as leaders in driving forward Ireland's progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



University of Galway has been ranked **1st in Ireland** for Sustainable Development for a third year in a row by the Times Higher Education The Impact Rankings 2024



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University of Galway is ranked **10th in the world for SDG 12** in the 2024 Times Higher Education Societal Impact Rankings



University of Galway is ranked **52nd in the world for SDG 3** in the 2024 Times Higher Education Societal Impact Rankings

# *This programme is for you if:*

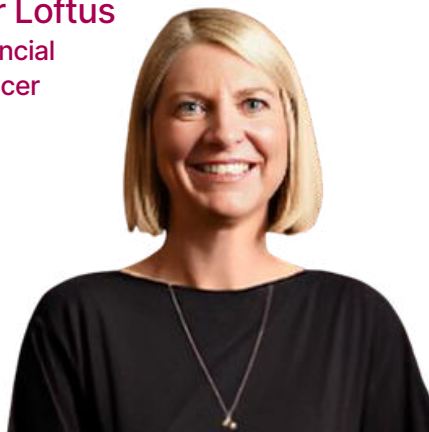
- You work in any leadership, management, policy making, non-profit, technical or sustainability-oriented role.
- You have a primary degree in business, science, engineering or social science.
- You wish to build a network of contacts with shared values and a sustainable mindset.
- You seek a holistic education approach with practical applications, including an international study trip and industry integration.

## Testimonial

“30% Club Ireland aims to achieve better gender balance at all organisational levels by promoting and rewarding female leadership. This objective is very much aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Gender Equality (SDG5). As a recipient of the 30% Club scholarship for the MSc in Sustainability Leadership, I am very grateful for the support of University of Galway and 30% Club Ireland. I look forward to applying the knowledge and skills I gain on this Master’s in both my personal and professional life!”

### Jennifer Loftus

Chief Financial  
& Risk Officer  
Acorn Life



### Scholarships Available

#### **30% Club Scholarship for Female Leaders**

The 30% Club partners with higher education institutions to offer scholarships to address the under-representation of women in postgraduate management education. One scholarship, covering up to 50% of tuition fees, is available for this programme.

#### **Scale Ireland Scholarship**

University of Galway offers one 50% tuition fee scholarship for the MSc Sustainability Leadership, open to members of Scale Ireland.

One scholarship (up to 50%) is also available for each of the following sectors.

- **Non-profit**
- **Manufacturing SMEs**
- **Agriculture and Food**
- **Tourism**

Scholarship deadlines available online.

### **MS Sustainability Leadership Industry Examples**

- Public Sector
- Software
- MedTech
- Sport
- Retail
- Financial Services
- Engineering and Construction
- NGO-NPO
- Corporate Law

# Exploring the MSc Sustainability Leadership

MSc Sustainability Leadership  
Online Information Evening



# Admission

## Entry Requirements

Applicants should have a minimum of two years' post-graduation working experience, along with a primary degree in business, science, engineering or social science.

## Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Applicants who do not meet the formal academic entry requirement may be considered if they have a minimum of five years' relevant work experience. Suitability will be assessed via interview. For more information contact the course administrator.

## Duration

Part-time: 2 academic years

## Course Fees

EU: €8,605 p.a.  
(including levy) 2024/25

Non-EU: €12,605 p.a.  
(including levy) 2024/25

Student Levy: €140 p.a

## Find out More

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“ The peer-to-peer learning opportunities have been second to none. My classmates come from a diverse range of professional backgrounds ... The unique perspectives this brings to the learning experience, in tandem with the excellent academic standards, and contributions from industry professionals really mirrors the real-world requirements for a sustainable future. ”

## Testimonial

Paula Leavy-McCarthy

**30% Club Scholarship Recipient**  
**MSc Sustainability Leadership**  
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## Learn More:

