

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NON-PROFIT MANAGEMENT

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Location
IFSC Campus

Application
Apply online at
www.ncirl.ie

Part-time Schedule

Indicative Schedule
Monday and Wednesday 18.00
- 21.00 and some Saturday
workshops

Duration
2 full calendar years:
5 semesters; 4 taught
semesters and a final
dissertation to be submitted
in the final year

Start Date
Sept 2020

Fees
€3,950 per annum
(€7,900 total fee)
(Fees revised annually)

Full-time Schedule

Indicative Schedule
Students need to be available
09.00-17.00 Mon – Fri. Full-time
students may also be required

to attend classes after 5pm.
(Class days and times vary)

Duration
1 year; 2 semesters and
a final dissertation

EU Fee
€7,900 total fees
(Fees revised annually)



Course Description

The MSc in Non-Profit Management is an applied programme, aimed at improving managerial competencies at a senior level in non-profit organisations. The course combines academic theory and research evidence with practitioner-led knowledge and skills.

The programme is underpinned by three pillars, namely: (i) core management knowledge and skills, (ii) knowledge and skills specific to the non-profit sector and (iii) skills of research and analysis.

The core knowledge pillar which extends across the management domain includes: economics, finance, strategy and law. These allow students to develop and enhance their management competencies. Specifically, graduates will be provided with the skillset to resolve real-life management challenges and personally develop into strong and confident leaders and mentors.

The non-profit pillar ensures that graduates of the programme are provided with a comprehensive understanding of the key specialist knowledge and skills required by senior managers and leaders of non-profit organisations.

The final pillar is that of research. The research element of the course directs students to contemporary challenges and problems in the sector in Ireland or overseas.

Overall this course seeks to ensure graduates develop their personal competencies as well as the critical thinking, analytical and management skills necessary for modern non-profit organisations and enterprises. At the core of the programme is the objective to ensure that graduates become effective managers and reflective, thoughtful leaders who collaborate, create and share knowledge in order to deal with the complexities of the non-profit sector.

Who is the course for?

The course is aimed at anyone following a career path which requires them to step into middle to top management positions in the non-profit sector and/or INGOs. Additionally, the course can provide a transition stage for graduates from other disciplines who wish to move into the management arena either as practitioners, researchers or consultants with a specific interest in non-profit management. As the course addresses a wide variety of managerial topics in the non-profit management space, current or aspiring board members of non-profit organisations may be attracted to the programme. As there are few non-profit management level 9 qualifications available from universities in Europe, current or aspiring leaders from the sector, in Europe and Africa, may also be attracted to the programme.

Award and Progression

The MSc in Non-Profit Management is awarded by QQI at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This award will allow transfer to level 9 research awards and in some cases progression to doctoral courses at level 10 on the NFQ.

Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to hold a minimum of a 2.2 honours degree at level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This programme does not require applicants to have previous work experience. The college operates a Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) scheme whereby applicants who do not meet the normal academic requirements may be considered based on relevant work and other experience. Non-English speaking applicants must demonstrate fluency in the English language as demonstrated by IELTS score of at least 6.5 or equivalent.

Career Prospects

Successful graduates of the programme are likely to emerge as future senior managers or CEOs of non-profit organisations or in INGOs. Many learners will likely be engaged already in the non-profit sector and will use this degree as a platform to develop general management competencies in the sector, helping the learner advance in the organisation and improving the managerial talent base in the organisation.

COURSE CONTENT

Core Modules

- Third Sector Studies
- Managing the Organisation
- Managing Financial Resources
- Fundraising for Non-Profits
- Regulation in the Third Sector
- Information Systems and Outcomes Measurement
- Leadership and Ethical Leadership in NPOs
- Communications and Marketing for Non-Profits
- Strategic Management of Non-Profits and International NGOs
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

Elective Modules

- Strategic Management of Human Capital
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Business Ethics
- Contemporary Issues in Organisational Leadership
- Implementation Science and Project Management
- Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

Availability of elective choices is subject to student numbers. The course content as shown is for indicative purposes. The college reserves the right to re-order the schedule of modules offered.

