

Master of Arts in Humanities in

**PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP**



**Online  
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IT Sligo**

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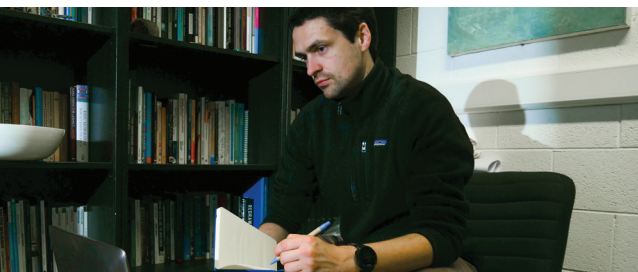
## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

What do we think of our leaders in times of change, who are our leaders and are they professional in their practice? These are questions we ask ourselves all the time. Within the context of our society and those who lead our society, or the global economy, are they authentic, ethical, and professional in their practice.

Professional leadership moves beyond more traditional leadership and management ideas to acknowledge that change is needed, that leaders now, more than ever, must be authentic, ethical, financially aware, strategic, and ambitious for their organisation. All of which has been considered within IT Sligo's new Masters in Professional Leadership.

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The MA in Professional Leadership covers both core and elective learning. Learners will get the opportunity to gather core knowledge, skills and competencies in Leadership; Organisational Psychology; Strategy; Financial Management and Research Methods. The learner can also choose one elective each term. The award will cumulate in a Research Thesis where students are given the opportunity, under supervision, to explore and examine ways to implement their learning within a real-life context.



# CAREER PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

The Masters in Professional Leadership will be relevant to those whose professional life already involves making and executing decisions, as well as those who are striving to enhance their career options. In addition to their study of core organisational, financial, and strategy subjects, students will undertake a significant body of supervised research.

MODULES	
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	
Understanding Leadership	05
Organisational Psychology	05
Financial Management	05
Corporate Governance [E]	05
Entrepreneurship [E]	05
<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	
Strategy and Practice	05
Research Design & Development	05
Corporate Social Responsibility [E]	05
Digital Transformation [E]	05
<b>SEMESTER 3 &amp; 4</b>	
Research Thesis	55



## PROGRAMME KEY FACTS

### Entry Requirements

Applicants should normally hold a 2.2 honours degree award in any discipline. It is preferable applicants will have a minimum of 3 years of postgraduate experience.

For applicants with no formal third level qualification but who have significant experience of leadership in organisations then IT Sligo's formal RPL process can be used to assess the suitability of applicants for entry into the programme.

### Total Fees

€8,000. May be paid in instalments.

### Duration

2 years

### Funding

Sligo Chamber Skillnet may be able to partially fund programme fees for you or your employees. For further details please contact [gcourtenay@sligochamber.ie](mailto:gcourtenay@sligochamber.ie)

I had a genuine interest in Leadership, saw the modules on the course and it really excited me. From Understanding Leadership to Financial Management, Corporate Governance, Digital Transformation and Research Methods, I've found that I've had to think academically for the first time in 25 years. I've really enjoyed challenging myself. I've been working on projects with people from Canada, Italy and Wales. The fact that the course is online, I have been able to marry my studies with my home life, without disruption.

### Fintan Kennedy,

Branch Manager,  
FBD Insurance



## LECTURER PROFILES

### Dr. Breda McTaggart



Head of the Department of Social Sciences at IT Sligo, Breda is research active and published in the areas of widening participation in education, educational policy, and professionalism in practice.

### Dr. Leonard Taylor



Lecturer in Law, Human Rights, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Professional Ethics. Researcher with expertise in the conceptual history and normative framework of human rights.

### Valerie McTaggart



Lecturer in Global Business Services. Valerie is research active in the areas of Digital Transformation in Traditional Organisations, IS enabled change, impact of legacy IS in organisations, Remote Working, Business Process Reengineering and Professional Leadership.

### Dr Christopher McLaughlin



Lecturer in Business & Data Analytics, Organisational Psychology, Contemporary Management, Marketing Practice, Data Analysis and Research Methods. Chris has published within national and international journals and conferences. His research areas are in psychology, work, consumer behavior, marketing and applying statistical modeling techniques.

## Esther Quinn



Lecturer in Corporate Governance, Compliance, Regulation and Business Law. A solicitor with expertise in financial services, banking and finance. She has worked as an in-house counsel in the Irish Funds Industry for the past 10 years. She spent several years in London with a large corporate law firm providing support to a wide range of international clients including leading banks and corporations. She is a graduate of University College Dublin and University College London.

## Sandra Hallinan ACMA CGMA



Lecturer in Financial management. A qualified Chartered Global Management Accountant. Sandra has over twenty years of experience across Manufacturing, Technology, Accountancy Practice and the Health Sector, with fifteen of those years holding the posts of Finance Director and Managing Director.

**The supports available from IT Sligo are fantastic. The small group size means there is strong interaction between lecturers and other participants. The course offers a broad spectrum of learning across all areas of management and leadership, allowing you to highlight your own skills and progress in your chosen career path.**

**Niamh Harkin,**

Staff Officer, Finance Department, Sligo County Council

**I wanted to progress my own understanding of the different leadership theories, gaining insights into why people lead, how people lead and develop my own skillset and toolkit for leadership.**

**Rory Concannon,**

Management Consultant

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