FAQ

Funding Eligibility

Applicants must be **working in a private or commercial semi-state organisation registered in the Republic of Ireland** (Business, Consultant, Freelancer) to avail of the grant-aided fees. As a government-funded training network, we can only support those meeting these criteria.

Applicants who do not meet our funding criteria may in some cases be able to apply privately/directly to the college and pay the full fee of per annum if there are places available. Contact info@ictskillnet.ie for more information.

Academic Eligibility

There are 2 avenues to access this programme.

1- Applicants must hold a **level 8, 2nd Class Honours Grade 2**, in computer science, financial services or in a cognate discipline.

2- Candidates who do not meet this requirement but who possess relevant skills and learning may be considered under the **University's Recognition of Prior Learning** procedure.

All applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of English language proficiency. **IELTS Academic 6.0 (No less than a 5.5 in any one band).** English language tests must be undertaken no more than two years prior to the start of a programme. Please review the information HERE and contact us with any further queries.

ICT Skillnet will assess your eligibility for funding. The college will assess your academic eligibility and is the final arbiter in who is offered a place on this course. Each application will be judged on its own merits.

What documents will be required for my application?

ICT Skillnet -

Up-to-date CV ensuring your current employer is stated clearly & your highest NFQ qualification.

MTU -

Completed MTU application form

Copy of your highest qualification

IELTS results where applicable

Provide a GNIB Status if a Non-EU Citizen

Fees 2023:

Course fee for non eligble per annum: €3,875

Skillnet grant per annum: €925

Student fee per annum: **€2,950***

*Part-funded fees are only available to eligible applicants.

Class details:

This programme is delivered online and part-time over four semesters i.e. from Y1 September to June and Y2 from September to May. The capstone project is completed in the student's own time during the period of Y2 May to August.

Online Classes take place two nights per week per semester from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Delivery will be a blend of tutor-led classes, live Q&A sessions, and pre-recorded lessons.

Please note these dates and class times are indicative and subject to change by MTU who will confirm the course schedule with students directly at orientation.

Are the classes recorded:

Yes. Although students do need to engage, any recording will not include breakout sessions. Lecturers will endeavour to provide recordings where students cannot attend on an ad-hoc basis, but recordings should not be expected to replace regular class attendance.

What modules are covered:

Digital Transformation

Service Design for Financial Strategy

Data Analytics in Fintech

Financial Information Analysis

Leveraging Cloud Technologies

Innovating through an Entrepreneurial Mind-Set

Development Operations for Process Management

Organisational Culture & Leadership

Financial Service Regulation

Research Methods and Consultancy Project

Electives: Cyber Security or Management Law

Further details available HERE

How is the course assessed:

10 taught modules in core FinTech topics (60 ECTS)

Year 1 100% continuous Assessment

Year 2 100% continuous Assessment

A Capstone Project (30 ECTS - Thesis)

Research Methods and Consultancy Project:

The capstone project will require the participant to apply their learning from the other modules in a real-time context, designing an innovative FinTech solution for an organisation of choice by the participant. Participants will be provided with a masterclass on research methods covering all stages of research from formulating the research question to the methodology to writing the final project.

What qualification will I receive:

MSc in FinTech Innovation (Level 9)

What software/programmes will be required:

The class will be held on Canvas (MTU's Online Learning Portal) and the course material will also be available on Canvas.

Industry speakers

This course offers students the opportunity to learn from global and national experts across the three key pillars of finance, technology, and innovation.

Students get to meet a number of these experts through the dedicated seminar series for the MSc and also through panel membership and 1-1 mentoring sessions.

Schedule

Year 1 September to June

Year 2 September to May

The capstone project is completed in the student's own time in Year 2 during the period from May to August.

Classes are on 2 nights per week from 6-9 pm

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Where can I get further information:

Please review our brochure/website or reach out to gillian.ogrady@ictskillnet.ie with your query.

You can also learn more HERE on the MTU website.

Student Application Process:

1- Please submit your CV [HERE](#) to begin your application. Alternatively, you can email info@ictskillnet.ie directly with your CV.

2- ICT Skillnet will assess applicants for funding eligibility upon receipt of a CV. MTU will complete an initial screening of the CV. The review can take 3-5 working days.

3- Funding eligible students will be supplied with an MTU application form which they will need to complete and email directly to MTU with the required documentation.

4- Following a review of the application and documents by MTU for academic eligibility, successful applicants will be contacted by ICT Skillnet and offered a place on the course.

5- Successful applicants will be issued a registration link and payment request from ICT Skillnet. Applicants who wish to accept their place should complete the registration link immediately.

6- Once a payment or an official purchase order is received by ICT Skillnet, MTU is notified that you have registered and have accepted your place on the course.

7- MTU will contact students in advance of the orientation to register on their portal as a student.

8- Students will then engage with MTU directly regarding the course/class specifics.

9- ICT Skillnet evaluations are required to be filled in upon completion of each semester in accordance with the grant-aided fee conditions.

Please note regarding payment:

-Your place on the course is only confirmed once payment has been received. Please note payment is due in full by the designated date provided to you by the Programme Lead. A minimum of 3 weeks before the course commences for late acceptance. Due to limited numbers per class, we do advise early payment to secure your place as we will have to honor those who have made payments first.

-If your company is funding your application you will need to notify them in advance of the payment due date for fees. Please note your company may require a notice period before issuing a PO number for the invoice.

- Paying via EFT/Cheque is recommended as credit card payments incur an additional processing charge.

-The commencement of all MSc courses is contingent upon the enrollment of a sufficient number of participants.

The above information is provided to the best of our knowledge but is subject to change. MTU will engage with students directly regarding course specifics.