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Being part of the ULearning Skillnet is important to the continued professional development of our employees.

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As well as financial support, ULearning enables us to select accredited modules which best suit our needs.

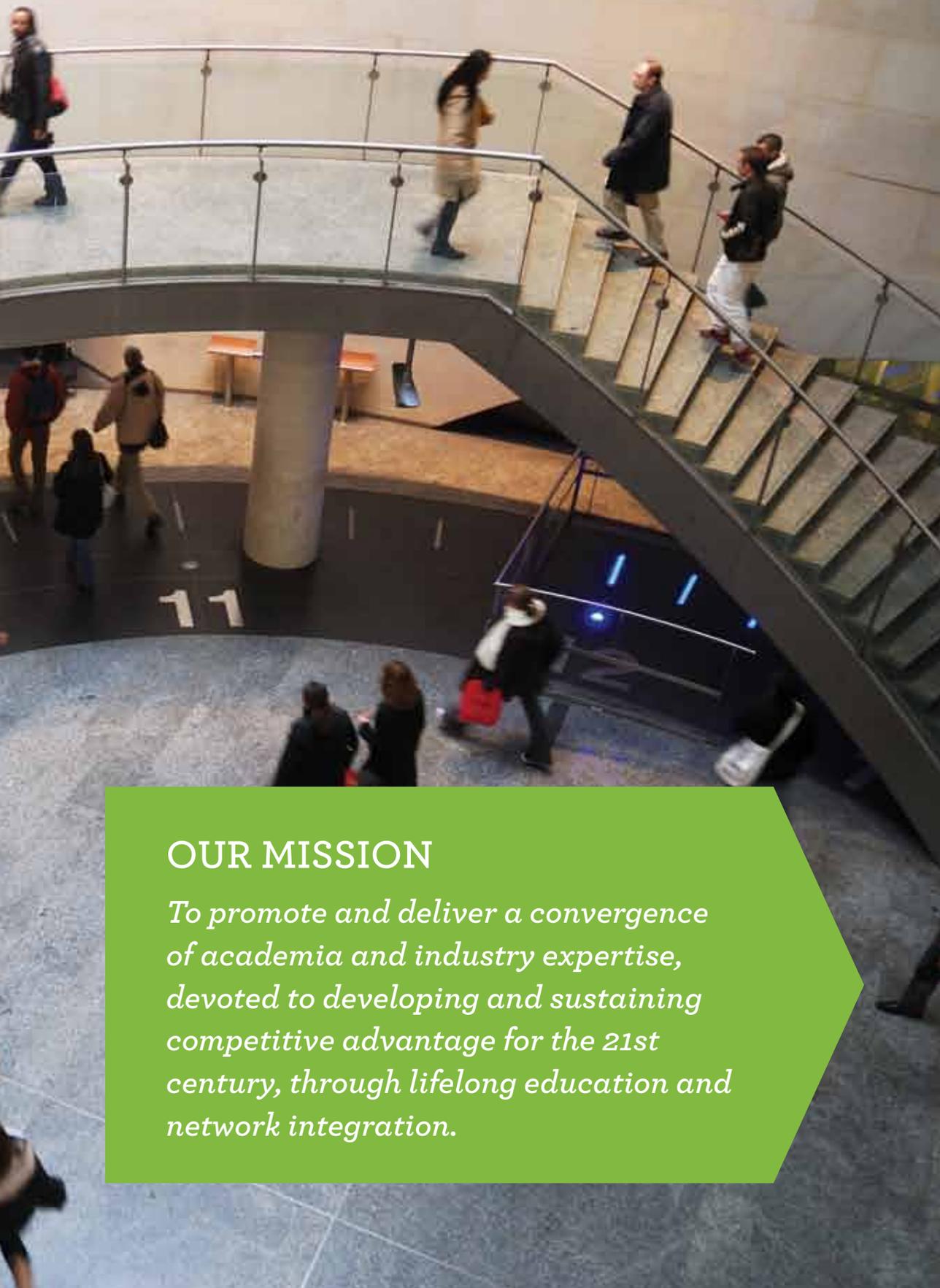
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OUR MISSION

To promote and deliver a convergence of academia and industry expertise, devoted to developing and sustaining competitive advantage for the 21st century, through lifelong education and network integration.

WHAT IS ULEARNING SKILLNET?

The ULearning Skillnet is a collaborative network devised to assist our members with up-skilling their employees. Comprising of representatives from academia and industry, we continually identify key skills and competencies required for next generation employability.

ULearning is the only University based skillnet. Our primary goal is to provide members with financial support for accredited programmes.

We offer:

- 1. Financial support across a wide range of accredited programmes.*
- 2. Increased employability through innovative individualised learning.*
- 3. A flexible education framework meeting the needs of both employers and individual learners.*

WHO IS ULEARNING SKILLNET FOR?

ULearning Skillnet exists for SME's and Multinational companies.

Our members are from various sectors although mostly manufacturing, aviation, bio-pharmaceutical and medical device.

Whilst our key focus is on the needs of member companies, we also offer a limited number of free places to those who are unemployed and seeking to increase their employment prospects through upskilling and networking.



*For the full list of our
University accredited
courses please visit:
www.ulearning.ie*

BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

As a member of ULearning Skillnet you will avail of:

- *Financial support with accredited courses*
- *Actively contribute to the structure of courses for your staff*
- *Free access to the many events we host*

Our courses are accredited and most are blended, with a strong emphasis on distance learning.

Seminars and lectures are frequently given by Industry representatives who possess many years of experience.

OTHER SERVICES

ULearning Skillnet regularly host & sponsor national and regional events with themes important to both our member companies and also unemployed professionals.

Recent events have included:

- *Winning Global Business Conference*
- *Education & Industry Conference*
- *Mid-West Jobshop Event*

With high profile speakers from both industry, government and academia we provide discussion forums for delegates to explore the latest opportunities and challenges to industry.

For further information visit our website www.ulearning.ie

U**LEARNING SKILLNET TRAINING PROVIDERS**

U**Learning Skillnet** contract a select number of third level training providers to deliver accredited (and non-accredited) training programmes. The purpose of these are to assist individuals (both employed and unemployed) with their continued professional development. These training providers include:



www.aua.ie

Atlantic University Alliance

The Atlantic University Alliance (AUA), is a consortium of three Universities on the Atlantic coast of Ireland - NUI Galway, the University of Limerick and University College Cork. The AUA aims to pool the individual expertise and resources of its constituent Universities making them available through a number of joint projects in the area of training, education and R&D.



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University of Limerick

The University of Limerick is an independent, internationally focussed university with over 13,000 students and 1,400 staff. It is a young, energetic and enterprising university with a proud record of innovation in education and excellence in research and scholarship. Its mission is to promote and advance learning and knowledge through teaching, research and scholarship in an environment which encourages innovation and upholds the principles of free enquiry and expression.



www.nuigalway.ie

National University of Ireland, Galway

With over 17,000 students and more than 2,200 staff, NUI Galway has a distinguished reputation for teaching and research excellence in the fields of engineering and informatics; arts, social science, and celtic studies; business, public policy and law; medicine, nursing and health sciences; and science.



www.itsligo.ie

Institute of Technology, Sligo

The Institute of Technology, Sligo (IT Sligo) is one of Ireland's most successful third level educational institutions. A regional leader in education, innovation and economic and social development, IT Sligo provide courses with the real-world skills that students need to thrive in the modern workplace.

*Note: U**Learning Skillnet** training programmes are decided by our member companies. Through consultation and annual Training Needs Analysis surveys, we revise our course offerings accordingly.*



Skillnets actively supports and works with businesses in Ireland to address their current and future skills needs.



ULearning Skillnets is one of many Skillnets operating all over Ireland, each devised to provide support with new skills development. We fund groups of companies in the same region/sector and with similar training needs, through training networks that deliver subsidised training to Irish businesses.

Employer needs are addressed through both the preservation and growth of jobs, focusing on skills to maintain businesses and protect jobs as well as the enhancement of new skills to create new jobs.

The needs of unemployed people are addressed through activation and conversion by focusing on integrated training with employees and dedicated conversion courses and work placement in areas of employment potential.

Skillnets was established in 1999 and is funded from the National Training Fund (NTF) through the Department of Education and Skills (DES).

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