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# **EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS ENGINEER (MEng)**



The Irish Manufacturing Sector is in transition from Industry 3.0 to Industry 4.0/5.0. To be successful, we must master the task of efficiently integrating complex cyber technologies into physical manufacturing equipment. With this in mind, University of Limerick, in conjunction with the ESE Academy have developed a suite of modules for manufacturing sector employees, which form the Masters level Equipment Systems Engineering (ESE) apprenticeship.

#### For Professionals who wish to

- Procure, design, manufacture, commission, support or optimise Industry 4.0./5.0 equipment for the high-tech manufacturing sector in Ireland.
- Collaborate with others to broaden their overall access to emerging research, technologies and best working practice to meet the challenges of Industry 4.0/5.0.
- Improve their problem-solving techniques in the high-tech manufacturing equipment domain.
- Be recognised as technical leaders in a topic relevant to Equipment Systems Engineering.
- Possess the skills to implement Industry 4.0/5.0 technologies in manufacturing.

NFQ Level	Level 9 Major Award	
Qualification upon completion	Masters in Engineering (MEng)	
Duration	2 years	
Industry Lead	The ESE Academy	
<b>Education Provider</b>	University of Limerick	
Delivery	<ul> <li>1 day per semester on campus</li> <li>Weekly online lectures</li> <li>A dedicated Masters thesis supervisor</li> <li>Participation in a Community of Practice</li> <li>Support from an Industry Mentor within the company</li> <li>Completion of a company project</li> </ul>	
Applications by	July for a September start	

#### Benefits to the Employer

- Developed by industry for industry
- Improves staff retention and productivity
- · Addresses and tackles skills shortage
- Government subsidised qualifications

#### **Benefits to the Apprentice**

- Gain a Masters while working
- Develop career enhancing skills
- Learn best-practice from other organisations
- Excellent career progression prospects

#### **Course Content**

Year 1			
Autumn	Spring	Summer	
Manufacturing Equipment Cyber Technologies	Cyber-Physical Equipment Procurement	Equipment Systems Engineering Project Review (Project Charter)	
Automated System Design	Cyber-Physical Manufacturing Solutions	Apprenticeship Personal and Professional Portfolio 1	
Year 2			
Autumn	Spring	Summer	
Equipment Systems Engineering Research 1 (Project scoping)	Equipment Systems Engineering Research 2 (Project execution)	Equipment Systems Engineering Research 3 (Project submission)	
		Apprenticeship Personal and Professional Portfolio 2	

By participating on the Equipment Systems Engineering (ESE) apprenticeship program you will be provided with:

- An overview of relevant commercially available cyber technologies.
- Access to a learning platform with key learning assets from leading cyber technology providers.
- The tools and techniques to manage your equipment procurement processes which ensure that you are implementing appropriate cyber technologies in accordance with current best practice.
- The latest cyber-physical manufacturing equipment solutions, which are currently in development, to solve real-world challenges.
- The opportunity to have your work peer reviewed and published, using a Creative Commons (CC) licensing model, for the benefit of the manufacturing ecosystem.

### **Entry Criteria**

- Employers must be willing to complete an approval process by UL & SOLAS, and commit to support the apprentice throughout the programme.
- Support from an industry mentor within the company throughout the apprenticeship.
- Apprentices should hold a NFQ level 8 at minimum level 2.2 in a relevant area. Applicants who have completed a level 8 apprenticeship in a related field are also eligible to apply.
- Applicants with a lower qualification may also be considered provided they can prove to have considerable industrial experience as well as evidence of the ability to study at Masters Level.

## **Funding**

Fees for Executive Apprenticeships are highly subsidised for approved applicants and represent 80-90% saving on programmes fees.

Further Information or to apply to the programme: <a href="mailto:email:apprenticeships@ul.ie.">email:apprenticeships@ul.ie.</a>
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