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Department of Accounting and Finance

Visiting International Professor Programme

2026/2027



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A Message from the Executive Dean



The Kemmy Business School (KBS) is committed to empower, enlighten and enrich through education, research and public engagement in order to sustainably transform the lives of individuals, communities and society.

What makes the KBS unique is its strong commitment to its local communities, national priorities and international ambitions, rooted in the Kemmy legacy. The school is named after Jim Kemmy, former parliamentarian and Mayor of the City of Limerick, whose public life focused on a concern for the common good, a belief in education as key to accessing opportunities, and the pursuit of a society built on principles of fairness and dignity.

The University has been a key catalyst for the exceptional regional and national economic growth over the last half-century. As we face the next 50 years, we seek to develop new and innovative ways of thinking about transforming education, to generate learners who are ambitious yet globally responsible.

The Visiting International Professor (VIP) program is a cornerstone of our ambition to develop sustainable internationalisation links with universities around the world. Our ambition has already resulted in significant developments, particularly in relation to outgoing student mobility and the development of dual degrees. The VIP is our next step to foster international connectivity and competitiveness.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Kemmy Business School.

Professor Michael Morley
Executive Dean, Kemmy Business School

A Word from the VIP Co-ordinators

The Kemmy Business School is one of Ireland's leading business schools, providing a first-class education designed to prepare graduates for successful and rewarding careers. To maintain our reputation for excellence in business education, our mission is:

- Curate transformative educational experiences that shape our learners into responsible global citizens
- Deliver research excellence and impact through a prioritisation of sustainability, social responsibility and action-oriented interdisciplinary research
- Cultivate a mindset of sustainable internationalisation and global mobility
- Synergise efforts between university activities and our local city and region
- Continually improve our academic delivery to empower and enrich our key stakeholders

In pursuit of our mission, our school is proud to offer a forward-looking visiting international professor (VIP) program to international faculty. The VIP program highlights our commitment to embracing the future and transforming education for our learners, while promoting research excellence and strengthening our research collaboration networks for our wider city and region.

We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful riverside city of Limerick, where you will play a crucial role in enhancing our internationalisation efforts at home.



Assoc. Prof. Caroline Murphy
Assistant Dean International



Assoc. Prof. Darren Shannon
Course Director, MSc. Finance, MSc. Insurance and Risk Management

Department Research Centres and Clusters

The CERS (Centre for Emerging Risk Studies) address the complexities of a rapidly evolving risk landscape fuelled by new and emerging technologies.

Four major Research Areas:

- AI in Finance and Insurance
- Risk Management
- Behavioural Finance
- Insurability of Emerging Risks



Prof. Martin Mullins
Director of CERS

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Centre for Emerging Risk Studies

The ARC (Accountability Research Cluster) places focus on accountability, power and trust within an over-arching frame of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Three major research areas:

- Critical Accounting
- ESG & Sustainability
- Responsible Education





Assoc. Prof. Ruth Lynch and Assoc. Prof. Orla McCullagh
Co-Directors, ARC

Accountability Research Cluster

Recent Publications at the KBS

- **Sampson, P., Sheehan, B., Shannon, D.,** Cartwright, A., Seifert, J., Cartwright, E. and Meurs, T., 2026. Bridging the gaps in cyber risk assessment: a comprehensive systematic review of standards, frameworks and quantification methods. *The Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance-Issues and Practice*, pp.1-38.
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- **Owens, E., Sheehan, B., Mullins. M., Cunneen, M.** and O'Connell, B. 2025. On the Transposition of FAIR Data Principles to Financial Services: An Adapted FAAIR Guideline, *Accounting, Finance & Governance Review*, 34.
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- Cremer, F., **Sheehan, B.** and **Mullins, M.** 2024. Enhancing cyber insurance Strategies: Exploring reinsurance and alternative risk transfer approaches. *Journal of Cybersecurity*, 10(1), pp.27.
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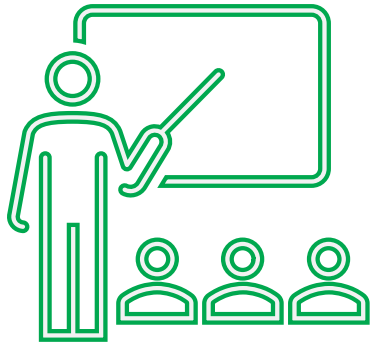
Call for Applications



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The VIP Program at a Glance



Teach a 1-week intensive graduate-level course involving 20 contact hours (in English)

Dates: 25th – 29th January, 2027
Topic: Emerging Challenges in Finance and Insurance
Theme(s):

- AI in Finance/Insurance,
- Cyber Risks in Finance/Insurance, or
- Geopolitical Risks in Finance/Insurance



Present your Research to our department, and discuss overlaps between our areas of expertise and yours



Collaborate with core faculty as part of a welcome lunch and 1-to-1 meetings with individual faculty

While your teaching activities are paramount to the delivery of a successful VIP program, the primary objective of your stay is to initiate or build on collaborative research projects with KBS faculty (e.g. joint research paper, international research project applications, joint PhD supervision.

Physical presence on campus is therefore essential for the 1-week stay.

Who Should Apply?

The Visiting International Professor (VIP) program is open to applicants holding a PhD in finance, economics, insurance, business analytics, risk management, or related domains, and who work as an assistant, associate, or full professor in an academic institution outside of the Republic of Ireland.

Applicants should have distinguished research accomplishments in their field of expertise and are expected to have an international background in teaching and a keen interest in collaborating on international research activities.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be reviewed by faculty members, in conjunction with the KBS Assistant Dean International, to generate a score for each applicant. This score is based on the applicant's teaching experience, research trajectory, publication record, and alignment with the Kemmy Business School's research agenda. The quality and fit of the proposed course outline will also be considered. The course will be first awarded to the applicant with the highest score.

All applicants will receive an email informing them of whether their application was accepted, refused, or wait-listed.

The deadline to submit an application is November 30th, 2026.
All applicants will hear from us by mid-December.

Remuneration and Reimbursement

Visiting professors earn €150 per teaching hour. In addition, accommodation is provided and travel expenses are reimbursed. Expenses must be vouched for using appropriate receipts. Unvouched expenses will not be reimbursed. Air travel expenses incurred without the prior approval of the Kemmy Business School will not be reimbursed. Please be advised that payment and reimbursement are processed at the end of the stay and can take up to 2 months.

Accommodation:
A room will be reserved for you at the 4* Castletroy Park Hotel, with bed and breakfast included. Situated a 1-minute walk from the University of Limerick campus, visiting professors can enjoy a range of in-house facilities and local amenities during their stay at the Castletroy Park Hotel. Your 1-week stay is paid directly by the school. However, should this residence be unavailable, alternative accommodation will be sourced in the local area.

Travel:
Visiting Professors will have their flight and public transport costs reimbursed on a fully-vouched basis. Travel arrangements are to be organised and finalised in conjunction with the Kemmy Business School by Monday, 21st of December, 2026.

Summary Structure

Days 1-5	Day 1	Day 3	Days 4-5
Teaching	**Welcome**	**Research**	**Collaboration**
10am-1pm: Morning Session	**9-10am:** Guided Tour of Campus	**1-2pm:** Research Presentation + Discussion with core faculty	**9-10am:** Individual faculty meetings *(where requested)*
3-4pm: Afternoon Session	**1-2pm:** Welcome Lunch with school representatives		**4-5pm:** Individual faculty meetings *(where requested)*









Detailed Overview of Stay

Day 1 (Monday):

You will be welcomed by VIP representatives at 9am in the KBS foyer, who will take you on a guided tour of the campus grounds. This is followed by your first 10am-1pm morning teaching session. From 1-2pm, you will be introduced to KBS school representatives during a roundtable lunch. Your afternoon teaching session takes place from 3-4pm, following which you have the evening free.

Day 2 (Tuesday):

Your first engagement is your second 10am-1pm morning teaching session. 1-2pm is left free for you to have lunch at the KBS Cube Café. 3-4pm is reserved for your second afternoon teaching session.

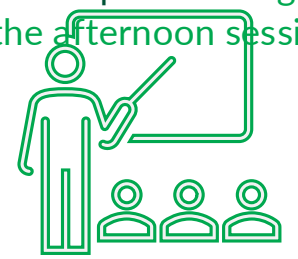
Day 3 (Wednesday):

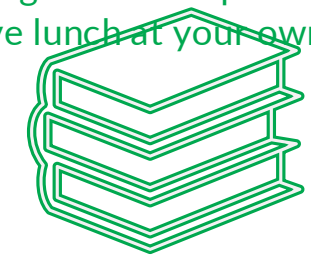
The primary engagements of Day 3 are the 10am-1pm (morning) and 3-4pm (afternoon) teaching sessions. 1-2pm is left free for you to have lunch at your own convenience. From 2-3pm, you will deliver a 30-minute overview of your ongoing research work, followed by a 'research discussion' with core KBS faculty. This research hour is an opportunity for you to present your research agenda to core KBS faculty, allowing for collaboration opportunities to emerge among those with similar research interests, and to spark ideas for further research pathways.

Days 4 (Thursday) and 5 (Friday):

Day 4 again involves the 10am-1pm (morning) and 3-4pm (afternoon) teaching sessions. 1-2pm is reserved for your lunch. 9-10am and 4-5pm are reserved for meeting slots with KBS faculty seeking further engagement on your research, and to solidify research plans following your stay in Limerick.

Day 5 is reserved for administering the assessment associated with the VIP course. You are free to administer the assessment in a manner you deem fit (across the 10am-1pm morning session and 3-4pm afternoon session), so long as it takes place in-class and grading is fully completed and reported by the close of the afternoon session at 4pm. 1-2pm is reserved for you to have lunch at your own convenience.





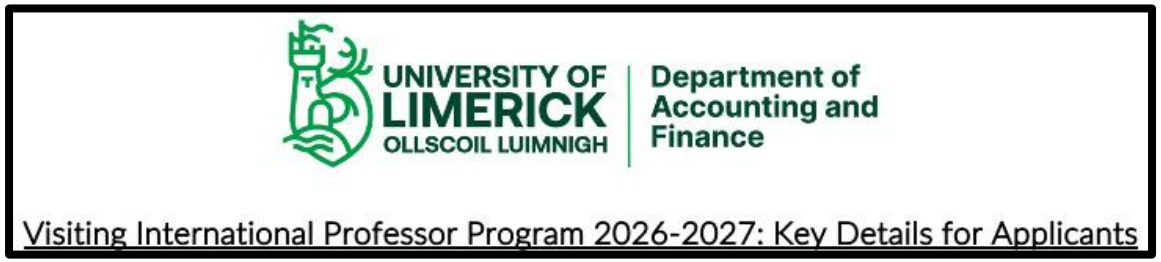

Application Procedure

To apply please send the following to exchange.kbs@ul.ie by November 30th, 2026:

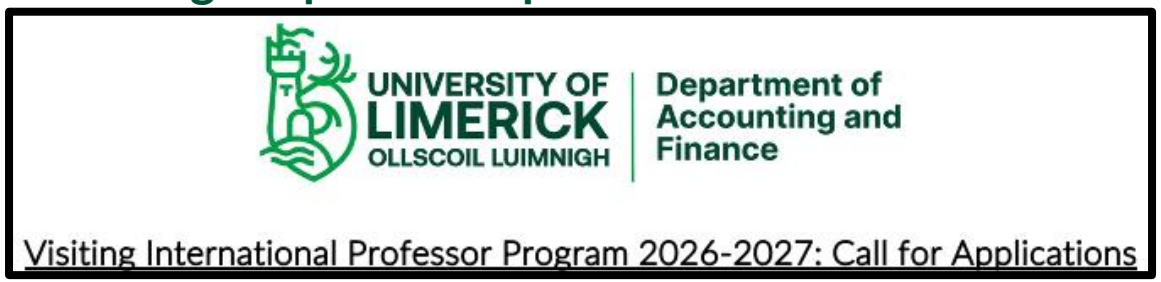
- 3-5 Page **Curriculum Vitae**
- A **sample syllabus** of the course, including the indicative topic content and reading material
- A **sample assessment** procedure

A **template** and **information sheet** have been provided to enable you to outline your teaching proposal in detail

Information Sheet



Teaching Proposal Template



Your VIP Team at the School



Prof. Michael Morley
Executive Dean, Kemmy Business School



Assoc. Prof. Caroline Murphy
Assistant Dean, Internationalisation



Assoc. Prof. Barry Sheehan
Head of Department, Accounting and Finance



Assoc. Prof. Darren Shannon
Program Director



Mags Dunne
Department Administrator

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Key Figures

3,000+
students

20%
International students

200+
international exchange students

No. 1
Irish Erasmus-study destination

100+
university exchange agreements in 30+ countries

8+
research centres and clusters

1%
Among 1% of triple-accredited business schools worldwide (EQUIS, AACSB, AMBA)



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The Kemmy Business School

Mission

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Vision

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“A Sustainable and Equitable Future for All”

The University has been a key catalyst for the exceptional regional and national economic growth of the past half-century. We will continue to catalyse change, even when faced with new global challenges that have arisen from climate change, intensifying geopolitical tensions, technological innovation and disruption, and growing inequality. Our VIP program is one step toward generating new and innovative ways of thinking about our world to enable a just transition and create more sustainable and equitable futures for all.

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About Us

University of Limerick (UL), is located in the Wild Atlantic Gateway city of Limerick on the west coast of Ireland. Established in 1972, the University of Limerick is an independent, internationally focused university with over 18,000 students and approximately 2,000 staff. It is a young, energetic and enterprising university with a proud record of innovation in education and excellence in research and scholarship.

Erasmus and Co-op

With the largest Erasmus+ programme in Ireland, UL is Ireland's European university with international reach. A survey of Irish students recently voted UL as Ireland's most popular university with a satisfaction rating of 85%. UL's Cooperative Education programme – one of the largest of its kind in the EU – places over 2,000 students in paid and semi-paid work experience each year. Our graduate employment rate is 15% higher than the national average.

Campus

The University is recognised as possessing one of the most spectacular and environmentally sympathetic campuses in the world. The campus has unrivalled sports and cultural facilities including Ireland's first Olympic-size swimming pool, an indoor sports arena, a boathouse with a state-of-the-art indoor rowing tank, the 1,100-seat University Concert Hall, the Irish Chamber Orchestra Building, the Irish World Academy and an impressive range of visual art. The campus is located 5km from Limerick city and 20km from Shannon International Airport.

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Best
Irish Student Campus 2025

549
university partner institutions in 68 countries

5-star
QS-ranked University

76th
overall in THE Impact Rankings 2025

19,000+
students

>140,000
worldwide alumni

1,700+
international exchange students



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Our City

Ireland's third largest city and first City of Culture, Limerick City is over 1,000 years old, having first been founded as a Viking settlement. Over the centuries it became a medieval walled town, a Georgian city, and is now a modern, vibrant metropolitan area with a rich and historic hinterland







Culture

Limerick is a cultural hotbed known for its warmth and home town feel. It has a strong connection with traditional Irish and modern music.

Limerick is renowned for its many archaeological and historic wonders, some dating back over 800 years, and for being the home of Munster Rugby.

Economy

Limerick is considered the economic core of the Mid-West of Ireland. Many major industrial operations are based out of Limerick, including in ICT, biopharma/medical technology, and aerospace. These operations, enabled by local entrepreneurs and Foreign Direct Investments, are supported by the high quality graduates supplied by strong educational institutions like the University of Limerick.

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