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Springboard+ Quick Guide

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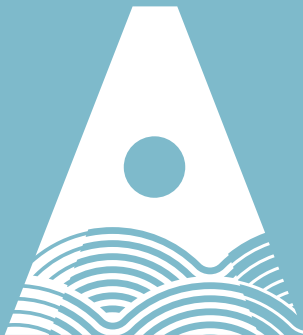
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Welcome

We are truly delighted to share our Springboard+ funded programmes at Atlantic Technological University. ATU is one of the largest multicampus universities on the island, bringing together students, enterprise and communities spanning a unique geographical region across the West and North-West.

At ATU, we have over 40 free or part-funded programmes open for application through Springboard+ supporting individuals who are seeking to upskill or retrain and helping to meet the skills demands in key growth areas within our economy.

Our programmes are fully accessible with online or blended delivery methods, a part-time course structure and lecturing typically scheduled in the evenings.

Our dedicated team will ensure that ATU students succeed in their journey with us, with support from lecturers, student advisors, and full access to online services such as our libraries and student support services.

We will help you succeed in your chosen career path.

Peter Butler

Steven O'Donnell

Louis Walsh



Springboard Co-ordinators

At ATU, we have regional Springboard co-ordinators who are available to help you with your application should you have any questions.

Peter Butler

Galway-Mayo

Peter Butler, Springboard Co-ordinator on the Galway-Mayo campus, has been supporting applicants on Springboard, ICT Skills and HCI Pillar 1 courses for the past 10 years. He previously worked in ATU Galway City in lecturing roles and holds an Honours Degree in Engineering from UCD and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from University of Galway. He also has many years of experience working in the private sector in various multinational companies.



Steven O'Donnell

Donegal

Steven O'Donnell, Springboard and Online Programme Co-ordinator at ATUs Donegal campus, comes from a dynamic background spanning education, technology and management. Steven holds a Masters Degree in both Education and Training Management (eLearning) DCU, a Masters in Physiology from Trinity College Dublin and an undergraduate degree from UCD. Steven earned accolades such as the School of Computing Entrepreneur of the year at the National College of Ireland and has contributed to the field of sports science with publications in esteemed journals.



Louis Walsh

Sligo

Louis Walsh is the Springboard+ Programme Co-ordinator on the Sligo campus. He brings a strong background in business development, online learning, and stakeholder engagement. Louis has held key roles within ATU's Online Learning and Professional Development teams, supporting programme recruitment, industry collaboration, and learner engagement. Before joining ATU, he spent over twenty-five years in the financial services sector in senior management, credit management, and business development roles.



Key Facts and Figures



Donegal Letterkenny

Donegal Killybegs

Sligo

St Angelas

Mayo

Connemara

Mountbellew

Galway City Dublin Road

Galway City Wellpark Road





Why study at Atlantic Technological University

Collaborative Strength

Students at ATU will join a student population of over 30,400 learners, spanning 840+ academic programmes from pre-degree to doctoral level. ATU's strength lies in our collaborative ethos, realising our shared goals by elevating and championing success.

Academic Excellence

ATU offers a new higher educational experience. Building on the foundations of applied learning, our university will grow through research informed teaching. We will empower learners to realise their full potential, developing responsible citizens, critical thinkers, innovators and problem solvers equipped for life-long learning.

Research, Engagement and Innovation

We will continue our proud tradition of industry engagement, through collaborative research and providing courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels that meet employers' skills requirements. As the leading higher educational institution in the region, our students, staff and communities will be intrinsically linked to regional employers, building sustainable employment opportunities, and driving growth in the west and north-west.

Global Opportunities

Students will develop as global citizens, recognising and building awareness of the opportunities and roles we play in developing sustainable global economies. From collaborative international research to overseas study and work placement opportunities, ATU students will be part of a global community with a mindset that reaches far beyond our shores.



Springboard+ Course List

The Springboard+ upskilling initiative in higher education offers free and funded courses at certificate, degree and masters level leading to qualifications in areas where there are employment opportunities in the economy. All Springboard+ courses must be completed in a 12-month period of study.

Course Name	Award	Delivery	Credits	Level	Duration	Start Date	Campus	Fee*	Part-time
Business									
Analytics	Higher Diploma in Business	Online	60	8	1 year	Sept	Galway City	€620	✓
Business Analytics	Postgraduate Diploma	Online	60	9	1 year	Sept	Galway City	€600	✓
Culinary Skills	Certificate	Blended	60	6	1 year	Sept	Galway City	FREE	✓
Culinary Skills	Certificate	On-campus	60	6	1 year	Sept	Killybegs	FREE	✓
Digital Marketing Practice	Certificate	Online	20	6	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	€925	✓
Management and Leadership	Certificate	Online	40	7	1 Year	Sept	Letterkenny	€445	✓
Social Media & Web Marketing for the Tourism Sector	Certificate	Online	30	7	1 Year	Sept	Letterkenny	€220	✓
Engineering									
Construction Contracts Management	Bachelor of Science (Hons)	Online	60	8	1 Year	Sept	Letterkenny	€540	✓
Electric Vehicle Technology	Bachelor of Science	Blended	60	7	1 Year	Sept	Letterkenny	€680	✓
Fire Safety Engineering	Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)	Blended	60	8	1 Year	Sept	Letterkenny	€515	✓
Industrial Engineering	Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) – Add On	Online	60	8	1 Year	Sept	Galway City	€660	✓
**Lean Sigma Quality (Green Belt)	Certificate	Online	15	7	1 year	Sept	Sligo	€800	
Manufacturing Engineering	Bachelor of Engineering – Add On	Blended	60	7	1 Year	Sept	Galway City	€660	✓
Mechanical and Electrical Quantity Surveying	Postgraduate Certificate	Online	30	9	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	€360	✓

** Micro-credential: 50% funded course for all categories of learners

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Course Name	Award	Delivery	Credits	Level	Duration	Start Date	Campus	Fee*	Part-time
Revit & 4D BIM	Certificate	Online	30	7	1 Year	Sept	Letterkenny	€285	✓
Validation Technologies	Certificate	Online	30	6	1 year	Sept	Sligo	Free	✓
Computing									
Applied Data Technologies	Diploma	Online	60	7	1 year	Sept	Letterkenny	€730	✓
Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence (AI)	Postgraduate Diploma	Online	60	9	1 year	Sept	Letterkenny	€670	✓
Computing (1 year)	Higher Diploma	Online	70	8	1 year	Sept	Letterkenny	€745	
Computing (Software Development)	Higher Diploma	Online	75	8	1 year	Sept	Galway City	€675	
Computing in Cloud Technologies	Postgraduate Diploma	Online	60	9	1 year	Sept	Letterkenny	€670	✓
Computing in Cybersecurity	Postgraduate Diploma	Online	60	9	1 year	Sept	Letterkenny	€670	✓
Computing in DevOps	Postgraduate Diploma	Online	60	9	1 year	Sept	Letterkenny	€670	✓
Contemporary Software Development	Bachelor of Science (Hons)	Online	60	8	1 year	Sept	Letterkenny	€660	✓
Cybersecurity Risk & Compliance	Higher Diploma	Online	60	8	1 year	Sept	Mayo	€620	✓
Digital Skills	Certificate	Online	60	6	1 year	Sept	Letterkenny	Free	✓
Network Cybersecurity	Bachelor of Science	Online	60	7	1 year	Sept	Mayo	€670	✓
Blockchain Technology	Postgraduate Diploma	Online	60	9	1 Year	Sept	Letterkenny	€711	✓
Environmental Science									
Applied Marine Conservation	Master of Science	On-Campus	90	9	1 year	Sept	Galway City	€1,200	✓
Data Analytics for Offshore Wind Energy Management	Postgraduate Certificate	Online	30	9	1 year	Sept	Letterkenny	€338	✓
Marine Spatial Planning	Postgraduate Certificate	Online	40	9	1 Year	Sept	Galway City	€400	✓
Supply Chain Analytics	Postgraduate Diploma in Science	Online	60	9	1 Year	Sept	Letterkenny	€690	✓
Water and Wastewater Operations	Certificate	Online	30	6	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	Free	✓
Water Services Management	Postgraduate Certificate	Online	30	9	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	€440	✓

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Life Sciences									
Advanced Biopharmaceutical Science	Postgraduate Diploma	Blended	60	9	1 Year	Sept	Galway City	€620	✓
**Aseptic Biopharmaceutical Operations — NIBRT	Certificate	Online	30	6	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	Free	✓
Biopharmaceutical Science	Certificate	Online	30	8	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	€360	✓
**Biopharmaceutical Processing — NIBRT	Certificate	Online	30	6	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	Free	✓
Biopharmaceutical Processing	Certificate	Online	30	7	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	€365	✓
BioProcess Engineering	Certificate	Online	30	7	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	€365	✓
**Commissioning, Qualification and Validation for Biologics Manufacturing — NIBRT	Postgraduate Certificate	Online	30	9	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	€550	✓
**Medical Device Regulatory Affairs and Operations — University of Galway	Certificate	Online	30	8	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	€350	✓
Medical Device Regulatory Affairs and Quality	Certificate	Online	30	8	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	€365	✓
Health									
Building Digital Healthcare Communities	Certificate	Online	30	8	1 Year	Sept	Mayo	€300	✓
Health Project Management	Postgraduate Certificate	Online	30	9	1 Year	Sept	Sligo	€250	✓

****Apply to NIBRT or University of Galway as the course provider on Springboard+ website**

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For courses on the Galway and Mayo campuses, please email **springboard.galwaymayo@atu.ie** or call **+353 (0)917 42328**

For courses on the Donegal campus, please email **springboard.donegal@atu.ie** or call **+353 (0)74 9186000**

For courses on the Sligo campus, please email **springboard.sligo@atu.ie** or call **+353 (0)71 55222**

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Student Testimonials





Geoff Carolan

Postgraduate Diploma in
Computing in Cybersecurity
ATU Donegal

“Before commencing Springboard+ I was a full-time parent with some previous industry experience and a number of smaller IT certifications. I chose a Springboard+ course to re/upskill for better job opportunities and to better understand emerging technologies like AI and Blockchain.

What stood out most was the support from the ATU lecturers, they were professional, knowledgeable, and always able to answer my questions or share real-world insights. Their support made me feel encouraged and supported throughout the course which greatly contributed to my success.”



Renata Bieniek

Certificate in Quality for the
Medical Device Industry
ATU Galway-Mayo

“Before starting the Springboard course, I was working in various medical device companies, usually on the production floor as a Product Builder and I really wanted to progress. Zimmer Biomet at the time gave me an amazing opportunity to work as a Document Control, and I decided to take that challenge, but I felt I didn't have enough knowledge and I really wanted to fulfil the role as best as I could. In order to do that I felt like I needed further education, and this is why I looked into the courses for Regulatory Affairs, and I came across the course in ATU.

I was very nervous when I started, but ATU gave me so much support. My lecturers absolutely inspired me and supported me to complete the course. It was such a nice atmosphere, and I really enjoyed being a part of it. It was the best decision that I ever made and the best life adventure that I have had so far.”



Paul Ryan

Certificate in Biopharmaceutical
Processing
ATU Sligo

“At 17 I began working as an Apprentice Plumber but was never fully satisfied. Later I took a job as site security in a biotech facility, where I was introduced to Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing for the first time. My curiosity grew, the more questions I asked, the more interested I became. I decided to study biopharma, discovered Springboard+ and registered for L6 Biopharmaceutical Processing course. The course content was fascinating. With one certificate I was now heavily invested in career change and further study so I registered for L7 Biopharmaceutical Processing and soon after I secured a role in Biologics. My work/life balance has improved dramatically, with increased pay, and work in an amazing industry with great people. Discovering Springboard has changed my life and will continue to do so going forward.”



Karol Skowronski

Level 7 Bachelor of Engineering in
Manufacturing Engineering
ATU Galway-Mayo

“I have got my master’s degree in electrical engineering abroad twenty years ago. I have been working in and around that area since then, but my curiosity about science, especially the world of engineering has made me to continuously look for, and learn new skills, from other disciplines. When I found the Bachelor of Engineering in Manufacturing Engineering course at ATU Galway, I felt that this might satisfy my needs. Moreover, it is a Part-Time course, delivered in blended format. I was able to continue my full-time work, have my family life, and study at the same time. All lectures were delivered online, and recorded, for those who could not attend the class, or wanted to watch them again at convenient time. Laboratories were organized on-site, on Saturdays, every five weeks. Studying for that degree involved hard work and commitment, but it was an incredibly worthwhile year. I hope to pursue with Honours Bachelor of Engineering in Industrial Engineering at ATU Galway in the next academic year”.



James McDonnell

Level 8 Certificate in
Biopharmaceutical Science
ATU Sligo

“After years of working in various roles unrelated to science, I took a bold step to pursue a scientific education and was fortunate to study pharmacy at Trinity College Dublin. Though uncertain about my career path, I soon became captivated by biopharmaceutical science, a field of pharmaceuticals that draws on biology for medicinal innovation, with a focus on protein studies and product development.

During my pharmacy degree, I discovered the perfect opportunity to delve further: the Level 8 Biopharmaceutical Science programme at ATU Sligo, in collaboration with NIBRT, offered through Springboard. This engaging course expertly addressed the complexities of delivering quality, safe, and effective bioproducts while adhering to regulatory standards. The dedicated lecturers from ATU Sligo and NIBRT made the online learning environment both flexible and structured.

Throughout the course, the staff at ATU Sligo, NIBRT, and Springboard provided unwavering support, solidifying my passion for a career in biopharmaceuticals. For anyone looking to enter or advance in this field, I wholeheartedly recommend the Biopharmaceutical Science programme at ATU Sligo.”



Sarah Brown

Level 6 Certificate in Culinary Skills
ATU Donegal

“The Springboard+ Certificate in Culinary Skills is a fantastic stepping stone for an exciting career as a chef. Through the course, I gained a summary of the basic practical and theoretical skills associated with both dessert and hot kitchen work. We also covered basic computer skills, writing for academic work and presentation skills. These have all helped massively as I have progressed further in my academic learning. Taking a part-time course made my career transition less overwhelming and made working full-time alongside the course entirely feasible.”



How to apply

All applications must be made through the Springboard website: <https://springboardcourses.ie>.

If you have further questions, visit the Springboard+ FAQ section:

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Are you eligible?

Springboard+ applicants must meet all residency and nationality/visa requirements, including the applicant has been ordinarily resident in an EU/EEA/UK/Swiss state for at least three of the five years preceding their entry to the programme.

Springboard+ applicants must meet all of the Springboard+ eligibility requirements relevant to the category of application. Further information on applicant categories and the relevant eligibility criteria can be found at <https://springboardcourses.ie/eligibility>

Bringing flexible learning to life

With over 20 years of experience in online and blended learning, we will give you the flexibility you need to invest in yourself and your career while also balancing life commitments, such as family, work, or caring responsibilities. Our focus has always been to deliver a flexible learning experience designed to suit you and your life.

Online learning

Learn online with ATU by attending live lectures through our online learning environment. Simply log on from work, home, anywhere and be part of weekly lectures. Engage in discussions, live chat, and interact with fellow students and lecturers. Unable to attend? Recorded sessions are available within hours, so students can watch back at a time that suits them.

Blended learning

Blended learning is a flexible way of completing your course of study, combining online aspects with in-classroom experience to allow for an accessible learning style. In a blended course, students may view lectures, access readings, ask questions and complete assignments online, so time in the classroom can focus more on discussion and activities.

Experiential learning

Students will learn and experience all the practical elements in the learning outcomes. Guest lectures, tutorials and residential workshops are accessible to all online students either via live streaming or as recorded sessions.

Peer-to-peer learning

Working collaboratively is part of the college experience and online and blended learning is no different. Group learning and assignments encourage peer support and small classroom sizes ensure students are supported throughout the learning journey.

Assessments and examinations

Assessments in the form of quizzes and assignments are used to gauge students' understanding of a module throughout the semester. Where applicable, examinations take place at the end of each semester. ATU students can attend exam centres in a number of locations in Ireland, or under certain circumstances a student can apply to avail of an online proctoring service where examinations are taken online and invigilated virtually.

Career Guidance

My Career Path

If you are unsure of what you would like to study or your career direction, **MyCareerPath** is an excellent online 1-to-1 mentoring service available from ATU. Designed for people in the workplace, returners to education, entrepreneurs seeking to upskill and people looking to accelerate their career and progress within their organisation.

You will receive advice and career guidance on the learning pathways available to you and how to achieve your career objectives or improve your employability.

For further information and how to subscribe to **MyCareerPath**, please visit www.mycareerpath.ie



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