

Frequently Asked Questions for MSc in Strategic Leadership for Agri-Food – September 2026 intake

Q1. Who is the course for?

The MSc in Strategic Leadership for Agri-Food is designed for recent graduates looking to enhance their skills, as well as professionals already working in industry who wish to progress into leadership or management roles or undertake Continuing Professional Development (CPD) while remaining in employment.

Q2. Can I study part-time?

Yes. The programme is offered full-time and part-time, making it suitable for those balancing study with work or other commitments. The full-time Master's course is offered over one calendar year of study. Part-time students complete the course over three years of evening study.

Q3. Is the course practical and relevant to industry?

Yes. Teaching is applied and work-focused, using real-world case studies, industry speakers, workplace projects and a practice-based research project. Many students undertake research linked directly to their own organisation or sector.

Q4. How will I be assessed?

Learners study six taught modules as well as completing a research project. Modules are assessed through a combination of assignments, projects and presentations. There are no written exams.

Q5. What support is available to students?

Students benefit from a dedicated year manager and tutorial support, careers guidance and professional development workshops, access to CAFRE and QUB libraries, IT and wellbeing services.

Q6. What kind of additional learning support is available during my course?

To register for support from Accessible Learning Support you will need to contact QUB. If you disclosed your disability or long-term condition on your University application, you will automatically be invited to this meeting when you accept your

firm offer. If you didn't disclose this information on your University application please contact Accessible Learning Support on 028 9097 5250 or accessiblelearning@qub.ac.uk

Q7. Entry Requirements

A 2.2 Honours degree or above or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in any discipline (please check the suitability of your qualification with Queen's Admissions).

Q8. How do I apply?

Applications should be submitted online via the [Queen's Portal](#).

Q9. When is the application deadline?

Applicants are advised to apply as early as possible and ideally not later than 31st July 2026. In the event that any programme receives a high number of applications, the University reserves the right to close the application portal prior to the deadline stated on course finder. Notifications to this effect will appear on the application portal against the programme application page.

Q10. Who do I pay my course fees to?

Fees are paid directly to CAFRE, Loughry campus. Tuition fee information can be found [here](#).

Q11. What are the career prospects following completion of the course?

Our graduates progress into a wide range of leadership and professional roles across industry, government and the wider public sector. Career pathways include business, marketing and communications; research and development; consultancy and policy development; technology and innovation; organisational change and sustainability leadership roles. Many graduates go on to run their own businesses, progress within their current organisation through Continuing Professional Development (CPD), or continue to further study, including progression to PhD level.

Graduates are employed across government departments, representative organisations and some of Northern Ireland's largest agri-food, manufacturing and rural organisations.